

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KAS' AFRICAN GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE



KAS' African Group of Experts on International Criminal Justice met from 29 August to 1 September 2019 in Arusha, Tanzania for their annual workshop to *inter-alia* peer-review their respective articles to be published in the 2019 report under the title 'International Criminal Justice in Africa'; as well as take stock of the latest developments in international criminal justice in Africa in particular and the world in general. The group comprises scholars,

researchers and legal practitioners drawn from various parts of Sub-Saharan Africa working in the field of international criminal law.



The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Beitel van der Merwe and graced by Lady Justice Dr. Sybille Kessal-Wulf from the German Federal Constitutional Court

who shared on 'Extradition to countries with problematic detention conditions within the European

Union, using the example of Romania'. She also discussed relevant case law of the Constitutional Court. Her presentation offered some valuable lessons from Europe which could be considered by Africa and African transnational structures.

Various presentations pertinent to international criminal justice were made by the participants followed by reviews and lively discussions revolving around different topics from an African perspective. Some of the topics that were discussed and which will form part of the 2019 edition of the 'International Criminal Justice in Africa' include:

- Power, Autonomy and Impunity: International Criminal Justice at the crossroads in Africa?
- Traditional African philosophy – Alternative path for Accountability!
- Transitional justice in Central African Republic and South Sudan;
- Retrospectivity of law in relation to the Rome Statute with the DRC as an example;
- South Africa's influence on international criminal justice;
- Opportunities for and challenges to a hybrid transitional justice system in Burundi.