

## Regional Workshop on Treaty Law and Practice for African States

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United Nations Office of Legal Affairs*

*In cooperation with the Office of the Legal Counsel of the  
African Union Commission and  
the United Nations Commission for Africa*

*Addis Ababa, 20-22 May 2025*

### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

(Time is allotted after each topic for questions and answers)

#### **[Day 1 – 20 May 2025]**

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| 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.   | Registration of participants  |
| 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  | <b>Opening Ceremony – statements by representatives of the host Government and partners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [Government of Ethiopia]</li><li>• [Government of Austria]</li><li>• [UN Office of Legal Affairs]</li><li>• [African Union Office of the Legal Counsel]</li><li>• [UNECA]</li></ul> |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | <b>Introduction of trainers and participants</b>  |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | <b>Introduction to the International Treaty Framework and overview of the Mandate of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs</b><br>Mr. David Nanopoulos, Chief of the Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs   |
| 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Coffee break  |
| 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  | <b>Treaty-making process at the African Union</b><br>Prof. Hajer Gueldich, African Union Legal Counsel and Director for Legal Affairs, African Union Commission   |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.   | Lunch break   |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.   | <b>The Registration of Treaties under Article 102 of the UN Charter</b><br>Ms. Moujan Shirazi Moayed, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs   |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.   | Coffee break  |
| 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.   | <b>The Registration of Treaties under Article 102 of the UN Charter (continued)</b><br>Ms. Moujan Shirazi Moayed, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs   |

[End of Day 1]

**[Day 2 – 21 May 2025]**

- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **The Role of the Secretary-General as Depositary of Multilateral Treaties**  
Mr. David Nanopoulos, Chief of the Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:30 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. **The Depositary Practice of the Secretary-General of the United Nations**  
Ms. Moujan Shirazi Moayed, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch break
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **The Depositary Practice of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission**  
TBD, Office of the Legal Counsel, African Union Commission
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **The Publication of Treaties under Article 102 of the UN Charter: the *Treaty Series***  
Ms. Corinne Delcour, Editor, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs

[End of Day 2]

**[Day 3 – 22 May 2025]**

- 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Practice on Reservations to Treaties in line with the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties**  
Mr. David Nanopoulos, Chief of the Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs  
Amb. Gregor Schusterschitz, Legal Adviser, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs
- 10:45 a.m.– 11:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Resources of the United Nations Treaty Collection website**  
Ms. Corinne Delcour, Editor, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs
- 12:00 p.m.– 12:30 p.m. **Closing Ceremony and Handing Over of Certificates**

[End of Day 3]