

Regional Workshop on Treaty Law and Practice for African States

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the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa*

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(Large Briefing Room)
20-22 May 2025*

PROGRAMME

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

[Day 1 – 20 May 2025]

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Registration of participants
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony – statements by representatives of the host Government and partners <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amb. Reta Alemu, Director General of International Legal Affairs Directorate General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia• Amb. Gregor Schusterschitz, Legal Adviser, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs• Mr. David Nanopoulos, Chief of the Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs• Prof. Hajer Gueldich, African Union Legal Counsel and Director for Legal Affairs, African Union Commission• Mr. Marcel Bolboaca, Chief of publication and conference management services, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Introduction of trainers and participants
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Introduction to the International Treaty Framework and overview of the Mandate of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs 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.	Treaty-making process at the African Union 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.	The Registration of Treaties under Article 102 of the UN Charter 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.	The Registration of Treaties under Article 102 of the UN Charter (continued) 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 Ms. Mtendere Gondwe, Legal Officer, 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 <i>Treaty Series</i> 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

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 pm

Lunch

[End of Day 3]