

SUMMARY OF TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

1. Update on the Hague Children's Conventions, and work of the Hague conference on parentage/surrogacy

Philippe Lortie (The Hague Conference)

Rachel Kelsey (Scotland, IAFL)

South African Judge

Lord Justice Andrew Moylan (England)

Associate Justice Brana Obradovic (Federal Circuit Court, Australia)

Akos Keybue Mantey (Ghana)

Namibia

Hezi Margalit (Israel)

Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE, QC (Dawson Cornwell, England)

SA Judge

2. Trafficking

Expert from Ireland

Diahann Gordon-Harrison (National Rapporteur on Trafficking, Jamaica)

3. International Association of Youth Magistrates and Judges session

[NOTE: Items 1, 2 and 3 above will take place on 11 March 2020 and items 4 to 15 on 12 & 13 March 2020]

4. Mediation and arbitration in family and child law disputes

Dr Robert Simon (USA)

Darren Mort (Australia)

Stacy Heard (USA)

Mary Vidas (USA)

Vincent Papaleo (Australia)

Judith van Ravenstein (Liaison Judge, the Netherlands)

Jaap Scholten

Janet Bytheway

Dr Larrisa Panieri-Pieter
South African Law Reform Commission representative
Craig Schneider and Astrid Martalas

5. LGBTQI rights and family law, as well as Alternative Reproduction

Prof Julia Sloth-Nielsen
Rachel Sloth-Nielsen
Prof Jens Scherpe (Cambridge)
Dr Anastacia Tomson
Gender Dynamix
Stephen Page (Australia)
Barbara Connolly QC (UK)
Prof Pierre de Vos (SA) (to be confirmed)

6. Young Speakers Forum

Gayatri Malhotra

7. Juvenile Justice

8. Reform of South African marriage law, ADR in regard to family law matters and developing family law

Muslim marriage update
Towards a Unified Marriage Act
Cohabitation
An interactive session in regard to the recent Issue Papers of the Law Reform Commission
Ananda Louw and Professor Wesahl Domingo (Law Commission)
Procedural reform
Adv Barbara Gassner SC (SA)

9. Comparative Family Law SA and elsewhere

Rahima Nato-Kalfane (BWG Associates, Paris)
Hirotaka Honda (Honda Law Office, Japan)
Marcus Dearle (Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, Hong Kong)

Nancy Zalusky Berg (Minneapolis, USA)

Jaqueline Julyan SC (SA and UK)

10. Proprietary claims, offshore assets and structures and discovery

Stephen Baker (Baker & Co, Jersey)

Adv Pincus SC (Cape Town)

11. The expert witness in court in family law disputes

Robert Simon (Psychologist)

Faye Hall (Accountant, UK)

SA Accountant & psychologist

12. Children's rights

Children's rights and mirror orders: international and comparative perspectives

Hearing the voice of the child

13. Ethics and family law practice

14. Customary law (Chair Prof L Mwambene)

Justice Ngozika Okaisabor (Judge of the Customary Court of Appeal, Nigeria)

Dr Anthony Diala (UWC), 'Rethinking Customary Law and women's rights in Nigeria'

Prof Lea Mwambene (UWC) & Dr Nkanyiso Sibanda (UWC), 'Custody disputes and African customary law in South Africa'

Dr Jane Diala (UCT) 'Rethinking the gender-culture-law nexus through the lens of child marriage and bridewealth payment'.

15. General

Developing family law

Law reform and digital media (South Africa Law Reform Commission)

The rights of the girl child and access to sanitary equipment (Danielle Kotze)

Children of imprisoned mothers (Magdalena Arczewska, Poland)