



# Highlights

Month of May



## 1 May 2023

South Africa honoured its workers by celebrating Workers' Day.



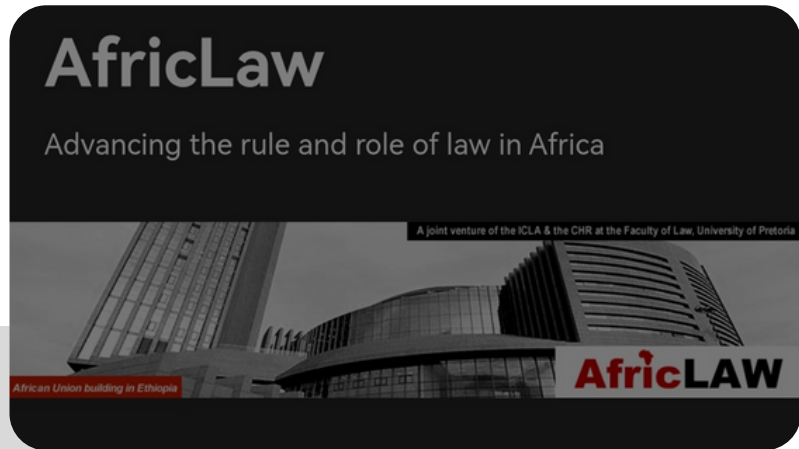
## 17 May 2023

Gugu S presented in South Sudan at a conference on Transitional Justice Mechanisms.



## 11 May 2023

Bobuin from the advocacy team published an article titled: *Judicial Independence and Transitional Justice in Cameroon: A Pathway to Sustainable Peace in the Ongoing Anglophone Crisis*: Find it here: <https://t.ly/5AS7P>



## 15 May 2023

CSV participated in a dialogue hosted by the Berghof Foundation. The Dialogue focused on a people-centred approach to dealing with the past and how that could lead to sustainable peace.



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### 18 May 2023

The research team launched a video on the CSVSR YouTube Channel. The video shows how sexual violence has historically been a central part of the conflict in Africa. It advocates for survivors to be participants in decision-making for peacebuilding initiatives that seek to address their experiences.

Watch it here: <https://youtu.be/pgWXQhrzCXs>


YouTube

### Nigeria



Under military rule, from 1966 to 1999, Nigerian security forces used systematic rape to stifle resistance to state repression. Women were humiliated, silenced, and often confined to the home, while their bodies became a site of conflict.

For example, in the Niger Delta, Ogoni women who opposed exploitative oil extraction were subjected to violence because of their ethnic and gender identity, often combined with traditional beliefs about women belonging only in the private sphere.



### 24 May 2023

Annah Moyo-Kupeta was a member of the panel discussion for the report Launch of *A Short History of Organised Violence and Torture in Zimbabwe (1972 to 2020)*.

### Report Launch



**24 May 2023**  
From 15:00 to 16:30 CAT

Meeting ID: 998 4369 7131  
Passcode: 389829

 **zoom**



Coverage: Madeline Ochiu  
(Director, RAI)



Moderator: Mavis Mwa  
(Director, Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum)

**Discussants:**



Executive presentation:  
Tony Beatty (Chair, Zimbabwean RAI)



Executive report:  
Madeline Ochiu (Director, Zimbabwean RAI)



Executive report:  
Annah Moyo-Kupeta (Director, Zimbabwean RAI)



Executive report:  
Mavis Mwa (Director, Zimbabwean RAI)

### 19 May 2023

CSVSR was part of an inception meeting with the leadership of The Initiative for Transitional Justice in Africa Consortium. The meeting included our key partners ATJLF and ICTJ. The meeting focused on key discussions of the implementation plan for the EU-funded project, Initiative on TJ in Africa.



### 25 May 2023

The CSVSR research team in Partnership with Youth Lab hosted a screening of the 40-minute audio-visual documentation of the voices of women and young people involved in public employment initiatives such as CWP to surface the constraints and potential of community efforts toward safer communities.





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### 27 May 2023

Khayelitsha (CPT) hosted a community project that aimed to address the shadow pandemic of SGBV in South Africa. Sibonelo and Athini represented CSVR at this event.



### 31 May 2023

The MHPSS team published a blog post titled: *Men & Mental Health*. The article argues that stereotypes and misconceptions have proven to be a barrier for men to talk about mental health. Find it here: <https://t.ly/ZlggP>

