

# ***Law Reform: Challenges and Opportunities Today***

Law Reform Agencies Day:  
Sunday 11 September 2005

## **Programme**

- 9.30: Registration and coffee**
- 10.00: Welcome and introduction:** Justice Elton Singini SC
- 10.05: Session 1:**  
**topic:** What types of law are/should be priorities for law reform?  
**title:** "Reform, reform: are not things bad enough already?" (Mr Justice Astbury)  
**coverage:** the types of law which are/are not suitable for law reform, in mind the very different experience of different Law Reform Agencies (LRAs); setting programmes of law reform work.  
**speaker:** Mr Justice Roger Toulson  
**commentator:** Bernard Colas
- 11.05: Coffee break**
- 11.15: Session 2:**  
**topic:** Law reform: communication/ public relations  
**title:** "The medium is the message" (Marshall McLuhan)  
**coverage:** how LRAs communicate with the public, Non-Governmental Organisations, professional associations, consultees, the media, government and politicians; how LRAs use technology to communicate  
**chair:** Justice Kayode Somolu  
**speakers:** Joshua Rozenberg; Justice Roslyn Atkinson  
**commentator:** James Sandbach
- 12.15: Session 3:**  
**topic:** Smaller LRAs  
**title:** "Small is Beautiful" (E.F.Schumacher)  
**coverage:** particular opportunities and challenges, both for smaller LRAs and for larger LRAs in cooperating with them.  
**chair:** Ronald Mackay  
**speakers:** Madam Justice Jean Permanand; Mrs Janet Banda;  
**commentator:** Betty Mould-Iddrisu
- 1.15: Lunch and conference photograph**
- 2.00: Session 4:**  
**topic:** Training for law reform  
**title:** "Train up a [law reformer]in the way he should go" (with apologies to the Book of Proverbs)  
**coverage:** training for staff (ranging from long term legal staff to short term research staff), both in-house, more academic and elsewhere; internships; assistance for LRA members.  
**chair:** Professor Joseph Kakooza  
**speakers:** Professor Marcia Neave; Professor Karen Rothenberg; (Laura McGowan)

**3.00:        Session 5:**  
***topic:*** Commonwealth Association of Law Reform Agencies (CALRAs)  
***title:*** "CALRAs: Challenges and Opportunities Today"  
***coverage:*** necessary formalities; priorities; general discussion.  
***chair:*** Justice Elton Singini SC  
***speakers:*** other officers of CALRAs

**4.00/5.00:    Close**

**Additional speakers** (*at convenient time*): Doctor Elizabeth Leao and Rodrigo Santos