

*Conference of Constitutional
Jurisdictions of Africa*

(CJCA)



*Conference of Constitutional
Jurisdictions of the Portuguese-
speaking Countries*

(CJCPLP)



"COOPERATION AGREEMENT"

Come in

Conference of African Constitutional Jurisdictions

AND

*Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of the Portuguese-
speaking Countries*

PREAMBLE

The Conference of African Constitutional Jurisdictions (CJCA) and the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CJCLP)

- As regional and linguistic organizations specializing in constitutional justice;
- Considering the historical and differentiated relations between its Member States, and being linked, in particular, by their attachment to freedom and the construction of the rule of law;
- Whereas the two organisations converge, insofar as they are integrated by courts that are simultaneously part of both the regional and linguistic areas.
- Taking into account the principles, values and objectives contained in the specific statutes of each organization;
- Having in common the objective of monitoring the evolution of constitutional justice, at the regional, linguistic and global levels;
- Considering the importance of constitutional justice in building the rule of law, consolidating democracy, good governance and protecting human rights;
- Aware of the importance of cooperation, the sharing of experiences in the field of constitutional justice, the strengthening of the bonds of friendship between the constitutional courts and councils of the Member States, with a view to deepening the concept of constitutionality, in particular for the protection of public rights and freedoms and the enrichment of constitutional knowledge;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1:

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to define a framework for consultation, cooperation and coordination between *the Conference of African Constitutional Jurisdictions* and the *Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Portuguese-speaking Countries*, hereinafter referred to as "**Parties**".

2. Despite the terminology used throughout the text, this agreement does not create legal rights and legal obligations to the signatories.

3. Any financial contribution necessary to the execution of this agreement shall be negotiated by the signatories.

Article 2:

Cooperation between the two sides focuses on the following areas:

- To encourage collaboration between the institutions of constitutional justice of the Member States of the two organizations through the sharing of knowledge, experiences, documentation and information;
- Development of legal research and studies related to constitutional review, in particular those related to human rights and the establishment of the rule of law;
- Joint organization of scientific events on mutually agreed themes;
- Reciprocal invitations to attend or participate in the work of the congress and scientific meetings.

The two parties may agree on other areas of cooperation.

Article 3:

Both parties agree to hold consultations on issues of common interest discussed in the regional, linguistic and global contexts of constitutional justice.

Article 4:

- This Agreement shall enter into force from the date of its signature by both parties and shall cease to be valid three months after its written termination by either party;
- This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of both Parties;

- In the event of termination of the agreement, the cooperation actions already undertaken shall continue until their completion.

In witness whereof, the representatives of both Parties signed this Agreement on November 1st , 2024, in Victoria Falls-Zimbabwe, in duplicate in the Arabic, French, English and Portuguese languages, each copy being equally authentic.

H.E. JOSÉ MANUEL AVELINO
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