



WORKING TO BUILD A STRONGER AFRICA

New Perimeter is a nonprofit organization that provides long-term pro bono legal assistance in under-served regions around the world to support access to justice, social and economic development and sound legal institutions.

Founded in 2005 by global law firm DLA Piper as part of a commitment to support legal advancement worldwide, New Perimeter draws on the skills and talents of DLA Piper lawyers around the world. To maximize its impact, New Perimeter sends teams of lawyers in-country to work alongside its partners and clients.

In Africa, New Perimeter has delivered more than a dozen projects since 2005 and has assisted with short-term legal research relating to numerous Africa-specific topics at the request of international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as Oxfam, the Greenbelt Movement, CARE and PILPG.

The following are select examples of New Perimeter's in-country work in Africa.



SOUND LEGAL INSTITUTIONS

THE LAW SCHOOL OF TANZANIA

Teaching the Next Generation of African Leaders

DLA Piper has sent teams of lawyers to teach graduate law students legal drafting skills at the Law School of Tanzania in Dar es Salaam. The global team of lawyers worked alongside senior in-house counsel from our partner and client, General Electric, and Africa-based DLA Piper Group firms, IMMMA Advocates and IKM. Initiated by the International Senior Lawyers Project, the program trained Tanzanian law students in legal drafting and helped build the Law School's capacity. In addition, DLA Piper's local group firms have delivered Africa-focused workshops on regional commercial and legal issues.

From 2010 through 2014, the project trained nearly 1,350 Tanzanian law students.



EAST AFRICAN GOVERNMENT LAWYER TRAINING

Expanding the Knowledge of Government Lawyers

New Perimeter is partnering with the East African Development Bank (EADB) to deliver a series of regional workshops for government lawyers and law professors from Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi. The training modules are designed to build the capacity of public sector lawyers involved in negotiating transactions and drafting agreements for extractive and other industries. Since 2014, international teams of lawyers have delivered trainings in Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

ZAMBIA LEGAL EDUCATION PROJECT

Teaching the Next Generation of African Leaders

Since 2013, New Perimeter has provided a week-long course on legal writing and analysis for law students at the University of Zambia (UNZA) School of Law. The project is carried out in collaboration with DLA Piper's Zambian Group firm, Chibesakunda & Co. Advocates, as well as with senior in-house counsel from DLA Piper clients, Boehringer Ingelheim and Stanbic Bank. New Perimeter developed the training specifically for UNZA. The course focuses on the fundamentals of legal writing and crafting sound legal arguments. The New Perimeter team also trained the UNZA law faculty on interactive teaching methods.

UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA AND UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN CAPE TRAINING

Teaching Africa's Future Economic Policy Makers

Since 2011, New Perimeter has sent teams of lawyers from our global offices to teach Master of Laws (LL.M.) students from across Africa on the use of special economic zones as a tool for attracting foreign direct investment and increasing development. The course aims to equip students with the knowledge and tools necessary to act as future trade and investment policy advisors.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS

NAMIBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Assisting a Namibian NGO Promoting Women Artisans

DLA Piper lawyers, through New Perimeter, worked with the Omba Arts Trust (Omba), a Namibian nonprofit that offers product development, training, mentoring and sales and marketing support to 600 Namibian art and craft producers, most of whom are women in small, remote rural communities. Omba provides these women with a link to national, regional and international markets to which they would otherwise not have access. New Perimeter led a multi-disciplinary team of experts, including US and Namibian lawyers and accountants, through an intensive corporate restructuring as part of Omba's operations. New Perimeter also helped Omba with licensing agreements, governance documents and helped secure textile royalties for the Bushmen communities with which Omba works.

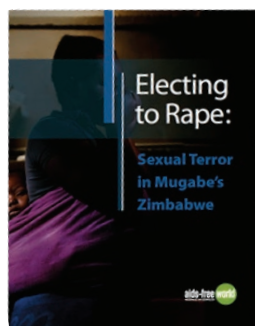


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CARE FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Increasing Rural African Women's Access to Financial Services

New Perimeter assisted international development NGO CARE in carrying out a pilot advocacy project in Africa to help increase poor, rural African women's access to financial services. A team of New Perimeter lawyers evaluated the legal and regulatory schemes and policy strategies in place in Malawi, Rwanda and Mali and assessed how they impact women's ability to access savings and credit services in those countries. New Perimeter lawyers travelled to Malawi and Rwanda to present their findings and to help local CARE office staff identify financial inclusion advocacy opportunities.



ZIMBABWEAN WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Working to Document and Help Combat Politically Motivated Sexual Violence in Zimbabwe

New Perimeter assisted AIDS-Free World (AFW) to document and publicize politically motivated human rights abuses against Zimbabwean women. With the assistance of Zimbabwe and Southern Africa-based NGOs, AFW interviewed Zimbabwean women who had been brutally beaten and raped because of their support for the country's opposition political party. As the principal law firm involved in this effort, DLA Piper, through New Perimeter, sent a team of nine lawyers on four trips to Southern Africa to take testimony from the victims. New Perimeter helped produce AFW's report on the atrocities: *Electing to Rape: Sexual Terror in Mugabe's Zimbabwe*.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND LAW REFORM

NAMIBIA ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Bringing Access to Justice to Marginalized Namibian Communities

Together with the University of Maryland School of Law's International and Comparative Law Clinic, New Perimeter provided support to the Namibia Paralegal Association (NPA) as it works to address critical gaps in access to justice. In Namibia, access to justice is severely limited by economic and geographic boundaries, creating a critical need to increase access to legal services and advice for thousands of rural Namibians who have little opportunity to obtain information about their legal and political rights. To support the NPA, a New Perimeter team researched, drafted and produced the *Namibia Access to Justice Paralegal Manual* and conducted in-country training workshops to build the capacity of NPA volunteers.



SOUTHERN AFRICA LITIGATION CENTRE

Helping to Create and Support a Human Rights Litigation Organization in Southern Africa

Joined by the International Bar Association and the Open Society Institute of Southern Africa, New Perimeter helped establish the Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC) to fill a void in human rights training, support and resources across Southern Africa. SALC currently supports under-resourced human rights lawyers in ten Southern African countries.



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