

African Legal Support Facility launches new certification programme

The African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) has created a flagship initiative called ALSF Academy Project, which is a three-level capacity building and certification programme.



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The programme will be conducted through an interactive online portal, starting with an inception phase consisting of a series of in-person workshops. It is a tool that will produce, collect and disseminate knowledge, as well as provide tailor-made training solutions for African lawyers and professionals.

The ALSF is implementing the Academy Project in partnership with the East Africa Law Society (Eals), the Southern African Development Community Lawyers Association (SADCLA), the International Training Centre in Africa for Francophone Lawyers (CIFAF), the African Business Law Firms Association (ABLFA) and the capacity building organisation, ILFA.



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The ALSF will hold an introductory level in-person training workshop in Kigali, Rwanda from 15-20 October 2018 for Anglophone African lawyers selected by the SADCLA and the EALS. Subsequently, the ALSF Academy Project will organise a similar introductory level in-person training workshop for Francophone African lawyers from 12-17 November 2018, in Cotonou, Benin in collaboration with the CIFAF and the ABFLA.

Additionally, the Facility plans to launch the ALSF Academy's online portal in partnership with ILFA by the end of 2019. This online portal will centralise the ALSF Academy's e-learning programmes and the related learning materials and offer other online resources such as model agreements, guides and sector-specific publications, as well as a networking and discussion platform for participants and experts.

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