

# African Review of International Law - Inaugural Issue & Call for Contributions



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The birth of a new academic journal is always good news, especially when its stated aim is “to become one of the leading scientific publications on international law” and when it is “primarily intended as a forum for African international lawyers’ reflection and research on issues of interest to Africa.” This is precisely the ambition pursued by the newly launched ***African Review of International Law (ARIL) / Revue africaine de droit international (RADI)***, published by the **African Society of International Law (AfSIL)**.

The inaugural issue features several very interesting contributions, not only on the practice of international law in Africa and Africa’s contribution to international law, but also on private international law. Notable contributions include:

- **Giuditta Cordero-Moss**, “The Legal Framework for Arbitration in Africa: Issues of Applicable Law”;
- **Yuko Nishitani**, “Private International Law and Child Protection from the Perspective of Africa”;
- **Grégoire Jioque**, “La réception des règles de droit international privé français en Afrique noire francophone”.

Another contribution of particular relevance from a private international law perspective is by **August Reinisch** and **Maria José Escobar Gil**, “The Wealth of Regional Courts in Africa: An Outsider’s Perspective”. This piece is especially timely in light of ongoing discussions concerning the recognition and enforcement of decisions rendered by regional and international courts in Africa, and the adaptability of domestic regimes on foreign judgments to such decisions.

**The full table of contents** also includes contributions by Maurice Kamto, Makane Moïse Mbengue, Yves Daudet, Bing Bing Jia, Mario J. A. Oyarzábal, Namira Negm, Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Nilüfer Oral, Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos, and Dire Tladi, covering a wide range of themes in contemporary international law.

The inaugural issue concludes with a **call for papers inviting submissions, in both English and French**, in the fields of public international law, private international law, and comparative law.

These contributions are intended for publication in the **first regular issue**, scheduled for release **in the second half of 2026**.

Proposed articles, case notes, and book reviews must be submitted by **September 2026** via the Review’s email address: **aril.info25@gmail.com**.

**The full table of contents**, detailed information on the **call for contributions** (in English and French), as well as **the Review’s stylistic guide** (in English and French), are available in the **inaugural issue**.

Needless to say, African private international law scholars, as well as scholars interested in African private international law, are very warmly encouraged to take advantage of this new forum and to contribute to making it a successful one, for the benefit of all.