

African Law Library: Privacy Policy

1. Respect for the private sphere

Please take the time to read the following charter in order to familiarize yourself with the uses made of the personal data that you submit when registering as a participant and when using the resources available on the site www.africanlawlibrary.net. We reserve the right to modify this charter if needed as a result of new developments. You will be notified by email in such instance.

2. This charter informs you of the following:

- legal responsibility;
- the type of personal information that will be requested of you;
- what cookies are used and how;
- the uses made of the information you submit;
- who is able to consult your information;
- to whom your information might be disclosed;
- in what ways you can influence how your information is collected, used and further distributed;
- how you can access, update or erase your information;
- what security measures are taken to combat the loss, fraudulent use or deterioration of your information; and
- everything you should know about the confidentiality of your data once it is available on the network;

3. What types of personal information is collected and who can see it?

When you register to use the African Law Library, you are asked to give information about yourself such as your name, email address and subjects of interest. This information is not visible to visitors of the website but to other registered participants ("members") after login in order to build the network through the possibility of being able to contact others in the network. Furthermore, advertisers and external websites linking to the site will not have access to your personal data.

4. What are cookies and how are they used?

In order to be able to provide you with customized and customizable services, cookies are used to record and sometimes also follow-up your personal data. A cookie is a small block of data sent to your navigator by a web server and stored on your computer's hard disk.

5. As a general rule, we use cookies to:

- Ensure that we have the possibility of identifying you and accessing any information related to your account (as the information stored on our own servers) with the aim of providing you with a better service that is as personalized as possible. This cookie becomes activated as soon as you register or connect to a service and is changed when you disconnect from our services; and
- Measure specific navigation patterns, identify those pages that are visited and, more generally, determine the visiting habits of users. We make use of this research to analyse similarities or differences in the visiting habits of our users in order to better anticipate your expectations. We make use of this information to better customize our content, banners and special offers, for example. These data are visible for the website provider only in an anonymous way with statistical data.

Remote advertising servers and/or advertisers' networks that download advertisements directly onto the African Law Library site can also make use of their own cookies.

IP addresses are also collected when you register. This enables us to provide the relevant authorities with the necessary information should the system be abused and allows us to provide you with content from commercial publishers for which the African Innovation Foundation pays the subscription fee.

6. What use is made of my personal information?

When you register, you authorize de facto that your information be processed. The data that you provide are also used for statistical purposes in relation to the amount of visits to specific sections within the www.africanlawlibrary.net.

7. To whom is it likely that my personal information might be disclosed?

The African Law Library undertakes never to disclose your personal data, unless you have provided express authorization to the contrary, or in quite specific circumstances, such as outlined below:

- Confidential information may be disclosed in quite specific circumstances, i.e. when disclosure is necessary in connection with judicial or administrative proceedings against any individual suspected of damaging or undermining (whether intentionally or not) the rights or property of the African Innovation Foundation, of other users of the African Law Library, or of any other persons at risk of being disadvantaged by the same activities.
- Finally, personal data may be disclosed in cases where the African Innovation Foundation is legally or judicially bound to do so (in particular following submission of a complaint).

8. In what ways can I influence how my data is collected, used and distributed?

You will receive direct mail, e.g. newsletters, notices about forthcoming events, etc., only from the African Innovation Foundation. If you do not wish to receive these messages, you only need to unsubscribe when you receive such a message. You also have the possibility of influencing the way in which cookies are used. Within your navigator preferences, you can accept all cookies, choose to be warned whenever a cookie is activated, or reject all cookies. Should you choose this last option, you will however not be able to use the African Law Library services for which you are required to register.

9. Am I authorized to update, correct or erase my personal information?

In any case and in accordance with applicable legislation, you have the right and possibility to access, rectify and remove your personal data. You can correct and remove data directly, after login, on your personal page. To delete your account you can send the request by e-mail to infoweb@africanlawlibrary.net

10. What security measures are used to combat the loss, fraudulent use or deterioration of my information?

Your profile is password protected in such a way that only you can change your personal data. The website African Law Library administrator can remove or modify your data on your request or in the case of abusive or incorrect data. We recommend that you avoid disclosing your password to any third parties. The African Innovation Foundation will never ask you for your password by calling or e-mailing you if you have not requested this communication. Furthermore, do not forget to disconnect from your account and to close the navigator window when you leave your work session. This will ensure that any other users with whom you share your computer cannot gain access to your personal information and correspondence. This also applies if you work in a public area such as a library or internet café. Unfortunately it is very difficult to guarantee 100% secure data transfer on the Internet. Therefore, although we take all possible measures to protect your personal data, the African Innovation is unable to guarantee that the information you submit either directly or through our on-line products and services is 100% secure. You therefore submit all information at your own risk. As soon as we receive your data, we endeavour to ensure that it is secure within our own system.

11. Is there anything else I should know about the protection of my private sphere?

You should always bear in mind that each time you voluntarily provide personal information online (in chat groups, by e-mail or within discussion groups, for example), this information can be collected and used by third parties. To sum up, therefore, if you make personal information available on-line such that it can be accessed by the public, you risk receiving undesired messages from third parties.

Finally, you should know that you alone are responsible for preserving the confidentiality of your passwords and/or any other information that concerns your account. Please act with prudence and responsibility each time you work online.

For all questions related to this charter, please send an e-mail to: infoweb@africanlawlibrary.net

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