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Speaker: **Dr. Muna Ndulo, Cornell Law School**

Topic: ***Constitution Making in Africa, Inclusiveness, Accountability, and Development***

Date: **Thursday, February 11th, 2021**

Time: **12:00 – 1:30 PM (EST)**

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Muna Ndulo is William Nelson Cromwell Professor of International and Comparative Law at Cornell Law School. He is an internationally recognized scholar in the fields of constitution making, governance and institution building, international criminal law, African legal systems, human rights, and international law and foreign direct investments. He has published 19 books, 29 book chapters and over 100 articles in academic journals. He is Honorary Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, Extraordinary Professor of Law, University of the Free State South Africa, Extraordinary Professor of Law, University of the Western Cape, South Africa, and was formerly Professor of Law and Dean of the School of Law at the University of Zambia. He has been an arbitrator under International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Legal Adviser to the United Nations Assistance Mission to EAST Timor (UNAMET), Legal Expert to the United Nations Mission to Kosovo (UNAMIK), and Legal Expert to the United Nations Mission to Afghanistan (UNAMA). Professor Ndulo has served as a Legal Officer in the International Trade Law Branch of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), Political and Legal Adviser with the United Nations Mission Observer Mission in South Africa (UNOMSA) and to the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General to South Africa. Professor Ndulo is founder of the Southern African Institute for Public Policy and Research (SAIPAR) and member of its Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Board of the African Association of International Law, the Advisory Committee of Human Rights Watch Africa, and he formerly served as Chairperson for Gender Links, a South African NGO.

ABOUT THE TALK

In a number of African countries, the issue of the appropriate constitutional arrangements to govern a country are a topic of continuing discussion. The debates take place in the context of demands for democratic systems of governance and the need to rebuilt political institutions that have been distorted by political manipulation, corruption and conflict. The development of democracy in Africa is among other things, predicated on the development of constitutional orders that promote inclusivity, accountability and guarantee viable institutions in which to conduct the business of governance. In my talk, I will seek to address the challenges faced by countries in developing new constitutions; the issues that need to be addressed; and examine the best practices in dealing with issues of inclusiveness and accountability in constitutional making.