



**Background:** The International Trade and Investment Law in Africa Master’s Program (LL.M.) was established in 2003. It offers top graduates from African countries the opportunity to gain a world-class education in Africa, focused on the needs of Africa in the fields of international investment, trade and tax law. Graduates of the program are leaders in the field of business in a wide range of African countries and international organisations. Association with the program provides direct access to a wide network of the continent’s business leaders.

**Objective:** The LL.M. program focuses on international trade and investment law issues from an African perspective, and it seeks to contribute to the development of South Africa and other African countries in this area of specialisation.

Many of the program’s alumni play an important role in their respective countries – in government agencies and international organisations and businesses – to promote international trade and investment law in Africa.

**Activity description:** The AAPF sponsored four individuals to undertake an LL.M. degree in International Trade and Investment Law in Africa, at the University of Pretoria. The University of Pretoria’s Centre for Human Rights, in partnership with the University of the Western Cape, coordinated the one-year program.



**Results**

**Activity outcomes:** In September 2012, all four AusAID-sponsored students graduated from the International Trade and Investment Law in Africa Master’s Program.

**Participation by country and gender:**

Country	M	F	Total
Cameroon	1	0	1
Democratic Republic of Congo	1	0	1
Namibia	0	1	1
Tanzania	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>

**Feedback from participants:** Francky Lukanda (Democratic Republic of Congo) said: “I did this master’s because I wanted to have international exposure. I wanted to broaden my experience to gain more knowledge with regard to trade and investment law because I noticed that my country, DRC, has a lot of resources, but they don’t know how to negotiate contracts that benefit ordinary people.”

Upon completing the program, Erick Tim (Cameroon) said: “It was a joy to go through the program and an absolute pleasure to have had it sponsored. My course at UP (University of Pretoria) was a great step in my career and I thank AusAID immensely for making it a success. I can now apply some of my knowledge to contracts to be signed out for iron ore exploitation in the east of Cameroon and I am currently writing a project to help bring in one of the South African banks to invest in Cameroon with the help of the South African High Commission to Cameroon.”

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