The Mandela Institute is pleased to announce that it will be convening a conference on 5 and 6 May 2011 at the School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. This academic conference is intended to facilitate the launch of the African International Economic Law Network, affiliated with the Society of International Economic Law.

The conference theme is ‘Africa and the Global Economy: Trade, Investment and Development’.

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Call for Papers - Second Call
This call is open to scholars, practitioners, experts and students from around the world. The unifying theme of this conference is the African continent. Its goal is to bring together work-in-progress on all aspects of trade, investment and finance relating to Africa. Proposals for papers may be on any international economic law topic relating to Africa, recognising the fact that this conference will mark the official launch of the African International Economic Law Network.

Paper proposals must be submitted electronically to Julie.Dunsford@wits.ac.za by 14 February 2011. Proposals should include an email with the author’s name and full contact information, and a Word attachment with an anonymous abstract of no more than 300 words. Abstracts will be considered by a process of double-blind reviews and decisions on proposals will be sent by 28 February 2011. Selected presenters will need to submit their papers (maximum 8 pages) for inclusion in the conference materials by 21 April 2011.

Despite the broad theme of the conference we will attempt to provide space in the program for African teaching and capacity-building in relevant subjects. We would also hope to accommodate PhD students from various disciplines.

This conference also offers the opportunity to visit landmark sites in the country including tours of the Constitutional Court, Soweto and the Apartheid Museum. The conference will take place at the well-appointed Chalsty Centre in the School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg on 5 and 6 May 2011. The registration fee for conference participants will be announced shortly. Information on a range of accommodation options in the vicinity of the campus will be provided in due course. Conference participants will be responsible for arranging and paying for their own transport and accommodation.