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Dr. Yvonne Nana Afua Idun is a Senior Lecturer in Law and Chairperson of Public Law at the Kenyatta University School of Law in Nairobi, Kenya. Her previous experiences include being a Programme Officer at the UN University-International Leadership Institute in Jordan and an Environmental Policy Analyst at the UN University-Institute for Natural Resources in Africa, based in Ghana. She has also lectured and conducted research at the Africa Institute of South Africa, the Universities of Cape Town and the Witwatersrand in South Africa and Yale Law School in the USA.

She has undertaken consultancy assignments with the UN Office for Women in the Dominican Republic, the UNDP Offices in USA, Benin and Liberia, the UNIDO and IUCN Offices in Ghana as well as the UNECA in Ethiopia. As part of these professional experiences, she has translated policy briefs, reports and legal documents from French into English.

Dr. Idun holds a BA in Law and French from the University of Ghana, a Certificate in French Language Proficiency and Civilization from the Institut Supérieur Privé in France, an LLM in the Law of International Trade from the University of Cape Town and a PhD in International Environmental Law and the Law of International Trade from the University of Cape Town.

Her current activities include being a founding member of the Alliance for Migration, Leadership and Development NGO in Senegal. She is also an Editorial Advisor of the Board of Advisors of the African Journal of Clinical Education and Access to Justice; a member of the *Réseau de Femmes Africaines et Espagnoles pour un Monde Meilleur* in the Canary Islands; the Mother's Mercy Home Orphanage project in Limuru, Kenya; and the Population Environment Research Network at CIESIN, Columbia University in the USA.

Dr. Idun has authored books and articles within the field of Gender, Trade and Environment. She has a keen interest in rural development, refugee protection and poverty alleviation.

Research, Publications and Presentations

Textbooks include:

Free Trade and Environmental Protection: Lessons for Formulating A Hazardous Waste Law in Developing Countries, United Nations University-International Leadership Institute, Amman (2007).

Co-author. *Leadership for Sound Waste Management*, United Nations University-International Leadership Institute, Amman (2007).

Regulating Hazardous Waste Trade in South Africa, Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire: A Comparative Review of Municipal Legislation, United Nations University-Institute for Natural Resources in Africa, Woeli Publications, Accra (2010).

The Role of African Regional Mechanisms in Controlling Toxic Waste Trade, United Nations University-Institute for Natural Resources in Africa, Woeli Publications, Accra (2010).

Co-author. *Compendium: International Colloquium on Women's Empowerment, Leadership Development, Peace and Security*, UNESCO, Dakar (2010).

Articles include:

Chapter in Book, “Promoting Women’s Activism in Environmental Governance: Perspectives from Africa”, available in *Ecofeminism*, UN Women, Santo Domingo (2011)

Chapter in Book, “The Role of UNU-INRA in Promoting Climate Change Adaptation Networks”, available in *Higher Education for Climate and Ecosystems Change Adaptation: Africa* The United Nations University, Tokyo (2009) (Published Conference Proceedings).

“Promoting Women and Youth Leadership in Solid Waste Management: Recommendations for a Project in Jordan’s Weidhard Refugee Camp”, available at <http://www.articlesbase.com/environment-articles/> (17/12/2008).

Co-author, “Côte d’Ivoire’s Toxic Tragedy: Any Lessons for Africa?”, *African Future* (Number 20, December 2008), *Afrol News*, SL, 34-36.

“Institutional Autonomy and Academic Freedom in African Universities”, *UNU-ILI Newsletter* (2007).

“General Legal Challenges in the Safe Injection and Safe Disposal of Hazardous Waste”, *BCRC-Pretoria* (2005). (Based on paper presented at the Workshop of the Basel Regional Centre-Pretoria on Injection Safety and Healthcare Waste Management, Pretoria, March 2005).

Selection of Conference/Workshop Papers:

“Environmental Law and The Future”, at Seminar with Final Year Students, University of Cape Coast, 2011.

“Youth Leadership, Waste Management and Climate Change in African Schools”, at Seminar Series on “Training Africa’s Youth in Waste Management and Climate Change”, UNU-INRA, Elmina, Cape Coast, Kumasi, Accra, 2010.

“Women’s Promotion of Climate Change Adaptation Methods in Rural and Urban Liberia”, at Workshop on “Women and Climate Change in Liberia”, Oxfam International, Monrovia, 2009.

“Free Trade and Environmental Protection: Lessons for a Hazardous Waste Law in Developing Countries”, at 4th International Conference on Law, Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens, 2007.

“Environment, Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development”, at the Workshop on “Towards a Non-Toxic Environment in Africa”, BCRC-Pretoria, Swedish Chemicals Agency, UNU-ILI, SBC, ECZ, SIDA, Lusaka, 2007.

“Promoting Leadership for Sound Waste Management: The Approach of Latin America and the Caribbean”, at Workshop on “Leadership for Sound Waste Management”, UNU-ILI, Amman, 2006.

“Institutional Autonomy and Academic Freedom in African Universities”, at Workshop on “Leadership and Management of Universities in the 21st Century”, UNU-ILI/UNESCO-Iraq, Amman, 2006.

“A Review of Equatorial Guinea’s Policies in the Oil Industry”, at “Training Workshop for South African Ambassadors”, Pretoria, May 2005.

