DECISION

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Rules of the "CJCA Doctoral Dissertation Prize"

Competition

Second edition

The President of the Conference of African Constitutional Jurisdictions – CJCA;

-Having regard to the Statute of the CJCA, in particular Article 3 (e) thereof;

-Having regard to the decision of the Executive Board of the CJCA, at its 12th session held in Luanda (Angola), on 24 January 2021, on the creation of the CJCA Thesis Prize;

-Having regard to the Decision of the President of the CJCA, of 31 May 2023, on the creation of the CJCA Thesis Prize;

-Taking into account the remarks and observations made by the members of the Executive Board, during its 15th session held in Kinshasa (DRC), on February 10, 2023;

-In accordance with the decision of the Executive Bureau of the Conference at its nineteenth session held in Algiers - Algeria - on 22 January 2026, on the launch of the Doctoral Thesis Prize of the Conference in its second edition;

DECIDED

Article 1 — The purpose of this Decision is to regulate the modalities of organization of the "***CJCA Doctoral Thesis Prize" Competition****, in its second edition.*

Article 2.- The CJCA awards a prize to the best doctoral theses developed by African students and researchers, during the last three (03) years, in the four (04) working languages of the Conference, namely:

- Prize for the best doctoral thesis developed in English;
- Prize for the best doctoral thesis developed in Arabic language;
- Prize for the best doctoral thesis developed in French;
- Prize for the best doctoral thesis elaborated in the Portuguese language;

Article 3.- Doctoral theses dealing with one of the areas of competence of the Supreme Courts and African Constitutional Courts and Councils and dealing in particular with constitutional justice, its history, political institutions, constitutional law and electoral disputes are eligible.

Article 4.- The competition for ***the CJCA Doctoral Thesis Prize*** is made public by means of posters on the media provided for this purpose, by insertion on the CJCA website and by any other appropriate means.

Article 5.- The Prize is endowed with a total sum of **Ten thousand (10,000) Euros,** divided equally among the four theses prepared in the four working languages of the Conference, at the rate of **two thousand five hundred (2,500.00) Euros** for each thesis. This endowment is left at the free disposal of the winner.

Article 6.- The application file includes:

- an electronic version of the thesis (PDF file);
- a report on the thesis prepared by the supervising professor or the president of the defense committee;
- a summary of the thesis of three (03) pages;
- the certificate of defence or the doctoral diploma;
- an application form completed and signed by the candidate;
- a sworn statement according to the model provided by the General Secretariat of the CJCA, and downloadable from the website, attesting that the works produced constitute an authentic and personal work, and do not in any way infringe the copyrights relating to scientific productions.

Any candidate for the ***CJCA Doctoral Thesis Prize*** competition who, before it is awarded, has received another prize leading to the publication of his or her thesis, must immediately notify the Permanent General Secretariat of the CJCA and withdraw.

Applications are sent by e-mail no later than the date set in the call for applications to the General Secretariat of the CJCA, located in Algiers.

The documents provided by the candidates will not be returned.
Any incomplete application will not be reviewed.

Article 7. The General Secretariat proposes to the President of the Conference, a committee of the headquarters country, composed of eminent professors of constitutional law, chaired by the Secretary

General of the Conference, responsible for evaluating and choosing the best thesis. The results of the competition will be submitted to the Executive Bureau for approval.

The list of winners will be announced on the Conference website.

Article 8.- The jury's deliberation is done behind closed doors. It is carried out in accordance with the following procedures:

- The jury is sovereign and does not have to justify its decisions;
- Each member of the jury has one vote, that of the President being casting in the event of a tie vote;
-The jury may decide either to share the prize or not to award it; in the latter case, the CJCA may exceptionally relaunch the applications within a period of one year;
- The jury may, if necessary, award special mentions to the selected but non-awarded theses.

Article 9.- The presentation of the thesis prize will take place on the sidelines of the CJCA Congress.

Article 10.- The winners may claim the title of laureate of ***the "CJCA Doctoral Thesis Prize"*** when presenting their work in conferences, colloquia or scientific publications.

The winners authorise the CJCA to use their first names, surnames and images by means of quotation, mention, reproduction or representation during internal or external communication actions. These actions may not give rise to remuneration or any advantage for the benefit of the winners other than the award of the prize mentioned as provided for in this decision.

Article 11.- Participation in ***the CJCA Thesis Prize*** implies acceptance of these Rules.

Article 12.- The General Secretariat of the CJCA is responsible for the execution of this Decision which will be published by insertion on the website of the CJCA.

Done in Algiers, on: March 1, 2026.

Hon. Mr. Luke Malaba
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President of the Conference of African Constitutional Jurisdictions - CJCA