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Topic: Prospects and pitfalls of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP's) in Namibia: A Law and economics perspective



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About the Lecture:

The Government of the Republic of Namibia recently passed the Public Private Partnership Act of 2017. The Act seeks to provide a regulatory framework for all matters related to Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects in Namibia. PPPs have attracted much attention in recent years as a possible means to handle large and costly projects. They are a means for the public sector to complete infrastructure projects using the skills and experience of the private sector.

Employing a law and economics perspective, and without promoting or denouncing PPPs, the Lecture will seek to analyse and emphasise the anticipated prospects and pitfalls of PPPs in Namibia. It also aims at pointing out that as much as they are notable benefits from PPPs, there can be no PPPs without risk-sharing and an approach that takes overall account of the infrastructure and services in a transparent and stable contract drawn up within the framework of stable, appropriate and respected legislation.

About the Presenter:

Tapiwa Victor Warikandwa holds a Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Fort Hare in South Africa. He is currently a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the University of Namibia. He specialises in International Trade Law, Labour Law, Indigenisation Laws, Mining Law and Constitutional Law amongst other disciplines.

Dr Warikandwa has written books on labour law in South Africa, women's rights in Namibia, mining law in Africa, as well as publishing articles on a broad range of law and economics issues in accredited peer reviewed journals. He also has a forthcoming book on transnational land grabs and de-militarisation in Africa. He has research interests in law and economics issues impacting on development in Africa.

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