



The College of Law and the Institute For Dispute Resolution in Africa (IDRA)

invite you to attend

LAWYERS AS PEACEMAKERS CONFERENCE

14-15 October 2015, Kgorong Function Hall, Unisa Main Campus, Pretoria

UNISA's Institute for Dispute Resolution in Africa is pleased to host this exciting conference on the trends, models and approaches that are transforming the legal profession into a peacemaking, problem-solving and healing profession. In times of challenge, systems change and ecological crisis, the world needs a legal system that strives to resolve core problems, acts as a catalyst for societal transformation, promotes access to justice and engenders lawyer and client satisfaction. Legal models need to be developed that reflect our interconnectedness and create a culture of harmony.

The conference brings together leaders in the international Integrative Law Movement, including many South African innovators. The objective is to educate, inspire, encourage, and support judges, magistrates, attorneys, advocates, law academics, mediators, policy makers and other legal professionals in gaining perspectives on the progressive shift from adversarial to non-adversarial lawyering. The central theme of the conference explores the potential for lawyers to become peacemakers, healers, helpers and friends.

This should prove to be a cutting edge conference since the various papers presented and forum discussions will grapple with the possibilities of synthesising the non-adversarial and humanistic values of African Jurisprudence with the developing fields of Therapeutic Jurisprudence, Restorative Justice, Integrative Law, Proactive Law, Collaborative Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution as well as problem-solving approaches to negotiation.