



The [Journal of African Law](#) invites submissions for a special issue on Covid-19 and the Law in Africa.

Covid-19 is a pandemic affecting the lives of people, societies, economies, and the regional and international order, at first in Asia, Europe and the Americas but now also increasingly in Africa.

Covid-19 has prompted a series of responses to what constitutes a major health crisis and has laid bare a series of structural shortcomings in countries around the world. While the pandemic is still believed to be in its early stages, we consider that it is an opportune time to reflect on emerging themes and their impact at the national, sub-regional and regional level across the continent.

We are particularly interested in receiving submissions critically interrogating one or several (combined) of the following themes but would also consider submissions that address other relevant aspects of Covid-19 and the Law in Africa:

- Covid-19 and the right to health/health laws
- Covid-19, emergency laws and law enforcement
- Covid-19 and human rights law (particularly freedom and the security of the person, freedom of expression, assembly, movement and residence, trade, occupation and profession, the right to education, right to privacy and access to information)
- Covid-19 and governance/public institutions, particularly the role of courts, oversight institutions and parliaments
- Covid-19 and its impact on marginalised/vulnerable persons, such as persons living in poverty
- Covid-19 and its gendered dimension, with a particular focus on women's rights
- Covid-19, law and the economy
- Covid-19 and public procurement
- Covid-19 and legal education
- Covid-19 and border controls/immigration
- Covid-19 and the African Union/Regional Economic Communities.

We invite submission of substantive articles of around 10,000 words that situate developments within the wider field of the thematic focus, including by setting out further research agendas. We also welcome shorter articles of up to 6,000 words that follow the Journal's format of recent developments, such as a detailed legal analysis of relevant emergency legislation and/or jurisprudence.

The deadline for the submission of manuscripts is **30 September 2020**.

Manuscripts are to be submitted at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jal>, marking it as a Special Issue submission.

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