

Book Review by Mwati Muriithi*

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The book entails a collection of papers on Environmental Justice in Kenya and Africa. Some of the papers have been published in peer-reviewed Journals and book chapters.

The author, Dr. Kariuki Muigua, PhD, was declared the first ever winner of the CIArb (Kenya Branch) ADR Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honour given by the Institute to one member for his immense contribution to the growth of practice, research and scholarship of ADR in Kenya and across Africa. The award came barely a week after he had won the coveted Law Society of Kenya ADR Practitioner of the Year Award at the 4th Edition of the Nairobi Legal Awards for his outstanding practice in ADR and especially arbitration and his role as a mentor to many lawyers venturing into the area.

He was also awarded the ADR Publisher of the Year for his scholarship, authorship and editorship of leading research and publications on ADR in Africa including the Journal of Conflict Management and Sustainable Development and the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Journal.

He was the winner of the African Arbitrator of the Year 2022 award at the 3rd African Arbitration Awards held at Kigali Rwanda beating other competitors from Egypt, Mauritius, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Kenya. The African Arbitrator of the Year award is the highest and most prestigious ADR and Arbitration Award in Africa.

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He was also awarded the ADR Practitioner of the Year Award 2022 at the AfAA Awards. The award which was presented by the African Arbitration Association is awarded to the Arbitrator/ADR practitioner who is adjudged to have made outstanding achievements in, or contribution to, the development of Arbitration/ADR in Africa.

He was recognized and awarded for his role as the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Africa Trustee from 2019 to 2022 by CIArb Kenya Branch at the CIArb Kenya Branch ADR Excellence Awards 2022.

His book, *Settling Disputes through Arbitration in Kenya, 4th Edition*; Glenwood publishers 2022, was awarded the Publication of the Year Award 2022 by CIArb Kenya Branch at the CIArb Kenya Branch ADR Excellence Awards 2022.

He is a member of the National Environment Tribunal which was awarded as the best performing Tribunal in Kenya for handling the most cases.

This book was necessitated by the desire to merge the author's work in Environmental Justice. The papers address some of the salient and pertinent concerns facing the attainment of Environmental Justice in Kenya and Africa. They further cover the author's reflections and recommendations towards Attaining Environmental Justice for Posterity.

Dr. Kariuki Muigua has demonstrated his prowess and sound understanding of Environmental Justice. He notes that Environmental Justice is a fundamental right in Kenya and Africa at large. The environment is critical to the well-being and survival of human beings.

Key themes covered in the book include: the nexus between Sustainable Development and Environmental Justice; the right to a clean and healthy environment; the role of Conflict Management in attainment of Environmental Justice; Human Right Concerns in Environmental Justice; Environmental Impact Assessment; Heritage Impact Assessment; Biodiversity Impact Assessment; Public Participation; Environmental Security and the role of good governance in fostering Environmental Justice.

The book also addresses emerging concerns such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the concept of Environmental, Social and Justice (ESG) and their place in the Environmental Justice discourse.

Dr. Kariuki Muigua offered the book for free download in his law firm Kariuki Muigua & Co. Advocates website.