

## ***Letter from the Editor***

In this issue, the *International Journal of Not-for-Profit Law* devotes a special section to the challenges facing civil society in Africa. **Matildah Kaliba**, Lecturer and Researcher at the University of Zambia's Department of Developmental Studies, examines the relationship between the government and civil society organizations (CSOs) in Zambia. **Audace Gatavu**, an Attorney at Nibitegeka & Associates in Bujumbura, Burundi, analyzes Burundian law on assemblies and public demonstrations: its origins, its requirements, and its potential reform. **Dr. Maria Nassali**, a Lecturer at the School of Law at Uganda's Makerere University, provides an overview of the regulatory framework governing CSOs in Uganda. **Eghosa Osa Ekhator**, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Hull in England, explains the role of CSOs in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative in Nigeria. **Daniel Messele Balcha**, a Ph.D. student at Charles University in Prague, assesses the impact of CSO regulations on organizations addressing HIV/AIDS issues in Ethiopia.

We feature two other articles as well. **Ignacio Uresandi**, Law Professor and Researcher at Universidad Argentina de la Empresa Investigation Institute in Buenos Aires, highlights provisions of labor law that diminish the effectiveness of CSOs in Argentina. Finally, a prominent social entrepreneur and policy expert discusses regulation of CSOs in Ecuador, in an interview with **Susan Appe**, assistant professor of Public Administration at the College of Community and Public Affairs, Binghamton University, part of the State University of New York system.

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