



María

María Martínez is the IFRC Disaster Law Coordinator for Africa, currently serving as Head of Delegation a.i., Country Cluster Delegation for the Indian Ocean Islands. María works with National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies supporting Governments enhancing their national legal and institutional frameworks for effective disaster risk management. These Regional Economic Communities and the African Union on this topic.

Prior to joining the Africa Region, María was the IFRC Legislative Advocacy Coordinator for the Americas where she engaged in various disaster management policy reforms, including the negotiation of key agreements with regional and sub regional organizations on Disaster Law. María holds an LLB in law and political science and an LLM in International Human Rights Law from Northwestern University.



Stella

Stella Ngugi is the Senior Disaster Law Officer for Africa, currently serving as the Disaster Law Coordinator for Africa a.i. at the IFRC Regional Office in Nairobi. She is an experienced legal affairs professional with a demonstrated history of working in government, the private sector and the humanitarian sector. Stella is an expert in International Law with a keen focus in Disaster Law, Refugee Law, and Migration. She holds an LLB from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa and BA in International Relations from the United States International University - Africa. Stella also holds an LLM in International Law and International Relations from the University of East London. During her LLM studies, she authored a chapter titled 'An Examination of the Transformation of the border to define states obligations in refugee protection' in 'Essays in International Refugee Law edited by Robert W Reed.' Stella is also an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya.



Jeanique

Jeanique Serradinho is a Disaster Law Senior Officer based at the Southern Africa Cluster Delegation in Pretoria. Jeanique holds an LLB, LLM (international law with a specialisation in international humanitarian law and human rights in military operations) and LLD degrees from the University of Pretoria. During her LLD studies Jeanique worked as a researcher at the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa at the University of Pretoria and as a legal assistant to the ILC Special Rapporteur on the Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflict during the ILC sessions in Geneva. Prior to joining the IFRC in 2020, Jeanique worked in private practice at a law firm in Johannesburg.



Reece

Reece is a Disaster Law Officer based at the Southern Africa Cluster Delegation in Pretoria. Reece holds an LLB and LLM from the University of Pretoria. Reece is also an admitted advocate of the High Court of South Africa and a student member of the Honourable Society of Lincolns Inn in London, the United Kingdom. He has 8 years of experience in legal practice. In addition to that, he dedicated his academic life to researching international law and specifically the potential criminal liability of children in armed conflict. With this research he has criticised the gaps left open by the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and has recommended a blueprint framework for the amendment of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.



Gaïa

Gaïa Febvre obtained a Master's degree in applied international law and politics from the University of Sherbrooke in Quebec in 2020. As a research assistant at the the Indian Ocean Regional Intervention Platform (PIROI), she realized out a comparative inventory of the normative frameworks applicable to international disaster response in the countries of the southwestern Indian Ocean,

In addition, she has done work on the just ecological transition as a delegate of her university to the COP-25 in 2019. Today, as a continuation of this work, she has just joined *The Climate Reality Project Canada* organization and is coordinating activities related to COP-26.