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PREFACE

In a continent where customary law is an exceptional legal order, largely oracular in a written world and struggling to come to terms with the impact of constitutionalism, this book of essays responds to a dearth of materials of engagement. Like colonialism, constitutionalism is an epoch with much meaning for Africans because of its juridical potential. In sum, constitutionalism in general and a human rights framework afford us great opportunity to determine the legal content of African plural legal systems. Constitutions are cultural documents to the extent that they shape our values, ideals, beliefs institutions and understanding. We can bemoan what constitutionalism has done to customary law, or we can embrace it to the advantage of the latter. Our essays engage with perspectives of citizenship where customary law and constitutionalism intersect.

I want to thank the contributors to this book. Our journey began with responses to a panel proposed for panel 2 of the 2018 conference of the Commission for Legal Pluralism holding at the University of Ottawa Canada titled "Citizenship and Customary Law in Africa. We were unable to attend the conference but continued with the development of our proposed presentations and papers. The presentations underwent double blind peer review and much editing. The decision to opt for open access is to ensure that these papers fully contribute to the much-needed conversation of the management of Africa's plural legal regime.

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