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## NOTES AND NEWS

THE CENTRE FOR AFRICAN LEGAL DEVELOPMENT  
CENTRE DE DEVELOPPEMENT JURIDIQUE AFRICAIN

The Centre for African Legal Development—Centre de Developpement Juridique Africain—was established within the Faculty of Law, Haile Selassie I University, Addis Ababa, in 1966. The programme of the Centre includes:

1. The build-up of a comprehensive collection of African legal materials.
2. Putting the resources of the collection at the disposal of interested persons.
3. The production of selective documentation on the development of African law in various fields.
4. Seminars for law teachers on comparative legal development.
5. Courses at the post-graduate level in African comparative law.

In order to realise effectively the last three points of this programme, the Centre had, first of all, to acquire the documentation on the basis of which all further stages of the programme could be developed. For that purpose, the financial assistance of the Ford Foundation (for an amount of U.S.\$10,000) and of the Belgian Government (for an amount of U.S.\$100,000.) was requested and granted.

This enabled the Centre to hire the necessary scientific and technical staff and also to equip a complete microfiche laboratory. The latter is currently functioning in the Institut de Sociologie, Brussels University, under an agreement between Haile Selassie I University and the Free University of Brussels.

The library of the Centre for African Legal Development is located in Addis Ababa and includes (apart from all currently published books and periodicals on African Law) the most important legal periodicals published in Europe and the United States. This core of printed materials is extended by microfiche all bibliographical data on African Law which come to the knowledge of the Centre and all official gazettes of African countries.

The results of this documentary activity is embodied in the African Law Bibliography 1947-66 which has just been published by the Centre; it is planned to publish further bibliographies including the pre-1947 period.

In this respect it must be noted that all data mentioned in the Bibliography will be put by the Centre at the disposal of any interested person in the form of photo-copy, microfilm or microfiche. All information which concerns the Centre can be obtained from the Director:

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