

# Legal precision in privacy, data security and data protection

Expert legal advisers in Africa

# Precious resources need meticulous care

The challenges arising from data are countless and inescapable in our maturing technological landscape. To future-proof your organisation, and unlock opportunity from your data, you need alert and experienced lawyers who will deliver practical advice. Our team of experts includes former regulators who have been right at the heart of the development of the legal landscape in this critical area.

**One-stop-shop**

Clients turn to CMS to advise on global data privacy, protection and information security projects. Leading multinational companies, many of which hold large amounts of sensitive data and are heavily regulated, instruct us to advise on multi-jurisdictional projects.

**Global AND local**

Our teams are flexible in that they handle both large multinational projects but can also deep-dive for niche, country-specific advice. The teams are on the ground in the most dynamic regional hubs in Africa, speak the local language and understand the local laws – but crucially in a global context.

**Pragmatism and business acumen**

CMS has a knack for turning legal advice into practical solutions that make sense not just to your legal teams, but to your other employees, such as the HR function, or software engineers.



# Selected experience

CMS is highly experienced in delivering data protection and information security projects for large multinationals and growing businesses alike. In addition to our extensive geographical scope across Africa and a pragmatic and commercial mindset, CMS is well-placed to turn legal advice into practical solutions for your business.

**An American medical technology provider**

On their compliance with the requirements of South Africa's data privacy legislation and localising their Global privacy policies (which had been drafted to comply with the EU GDPR).

**A leading technology platform provider**

On data breach and notification/reporting obligations under data protection legislation in Kenya.

**The World Bank**

On digital ID authentication legal and regulatory frameworks in Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Madagascar and Sudan.

**The World Bank**

In Eswatini and Bolivia as regards to matters of privacy, data protection, data sharing, cybersecurity, interoperability, non-discrimination and inclusions, and the recognition and equivalence of digital transactions.

**A South African fibre and mobile network construction solutions provider**

On a highly sensitive and confidential investigation into a cybercrime incident with resultant economic losses. Based on the investigative procedures performed, we advised on securing its IT systems & registration of a criminal case.

**Kenyan Corporates**

On the full spectrum of data protection issues arising from Kenyan data protection legislation particularly on the statutory obligations of data controllers and processors.

**International online platform**

On the design and implementation of a solution for the platform's data subject access request process, including resource, process and technology.

**A global beauty & cosmetic brand**

On the application of South Africa's Data Privacy Legislation to the rollout of electronic and automation systems specifically focusing on sales (invoicing customers), purchases (receiving invoicing from suppliers) and storage of information.


**A listed South African telco**

In relation to its compliance with South Africa's Data Privacy Legislation, the Protection of Personal Information Act No 4 of 2013.

**Multinational pharmaceutical provider**

On several complex Ad Tech projects, including its sophisticated data-sharing arrangements and centralisation of its data management platforms.


# Data protection tools and insight



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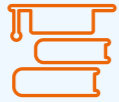
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*Legal 500, Angola*

» Market observers report that it is “a practice of very good quality”.

*Chambers and Partners Global Guide*

» Customer service, availability, dedication and knowledge of the subject and local legislation.

*Chambers and Partners Global Guide*

» Prominent player offering multifaceted expertise and significant experience across the OHADA region.

*Chambers and Partners Global Guide*

# Our coverage

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# CMS Africa at a glance



## Legal 500

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6 leading lawyers, 2 Hall of fame

## Chambers

Ranked in 5 categories (1 band 1)  
9 ranked lawyers (2 band 1)



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