

## **Recovery of Maintenance Awards in Commonwealth African Countries**

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This paper examines the recovery of foreign maintenance awards in Commonwealth African countries. It discusses the law in fifteen countries - Botswana, the Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe (hereafter, the countries under study). In academic terms, it is a comparative study of the legal regimes – common law and statutory – for recognising and enforcing foreign maintenance awards in the countries under study, as well as for transmitting awards made in the countries under study for enforcement abroad. It is also meant to be a reference guide – a first stop – on the law in the countries under study. The paper begins by situating the issue of recovery of maintenance awards in the socio-economic and historical context of the countries under study. It provides a country by country discussion of the law on recovery of maintenance awards. The regimes in the countries under study are comparatively assessed on various issues, their limitations are exposed and discussed, and proposals for reform are made. The paper also explores the participation of the countries under study in international regimes on recovery of maintenance awards.

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