

5TH ICC AFRICA CONFERENCE

ARBITRATION IN AFRICA: EXPANDING THE SCOPE

1 - 4 JUNE 2021 | LAGOS, NIGERIA

PROGRAMME GUIDE

ICC's Annual Africa Regional Conference on International Arbitration has as its theme "**Arbitration in Africa: Expanding the Scope**". The Conference is the key forum for understanding international commercial arbitration in Africa. It provides an indispensable update in the region and is becoming the most important gathering for the African arbitration community. Not only does it offer a line-up of top-class speakers, topical discussions and relevant news, but also an excellent opportunity to network.

Venue
Virtual/Online

Language
English/French

PROGRAMME

03 JUNE 2021

NATIONAL ANTHEM

09.00 - 09.55 **OPENING SESSION - WELCOME AND KEYNOTE-ADDRESS**

Welcome Addresses

Babatunde Savage, FCA, Chairman, ICC Nigeria & Regional Coordinator for Africa, Lagos

John Denton, Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce, Paris

Alexis Mourre, President, ICC International Court of Arbitration

Dorothy Ufot, SAN, Ag. Chairman, ICCN Arbitration & ADR Commission, Lagos

Keynote Address

Otunba Adeniyi Adebayo, CON, Nigeria's Minister for Industry, Trade and Investment

Conference Overview

Funmi Roberts, C.Arb, Chairman, Conference Planning Committee

Session Coordinator

Sola Ephraim-Oluwanuga C.Arb

10.00 – 11.05 **1ST PLENARY SESSION**

From Walls to Bridges: A Practical Approach to Expanding the Scope of Arbitration in Africa

Session Coordinator

Folashade Alli, C.Arb, Principal Partner, Folashade Alli & Associates, Nigeria

Moderator

Godwin Omoaka, SAN, Partner, Templars, Nigeria

Speakers

Kamal Shah, Partner, Head of the Africa & India Groups, Stephenson Harwood LLP, India

Mouhammed Kebe, Managing Partner, Geni & Kebe, Senegal

Thomas Snider, Partner, Head of Arbitration, Al Tamimi & Co., UAE

Suzanne Rattray, FCI Arb, Director, Rankin Engineering Consultants, Zambia

11.10 – 12.10 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS I & II (TO RUN CONCURRENTLY)**

1. Africa as the New El dorado of Arbitration – Creating an Avant-garde Legal Landscape

Session Coordinator

Tunde Fagbohunlu, SAN

Moderator

Sami Houerbi, Director of ICC Dispute Resolution Services for Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East & Africa, Tunisia

Speakers

Moses Adriko SC, Managing Partner, MMAKS Advocates, Uganda

Githu Muigai SC, Senior Partner, Mohammed Muigai Advocates, Kenya

Dany Khayat, Partner, Mayer Brown, France

Daniel Wilmot, Partner, STEWARTS, United Kingdom

Laurie Achetouk-Spivak, Counsel, Cleary Gottlieb, France

2. Judicial Innovation within Jurisdictional Limits – Practical Considerations

Session Coordinator

Seyilayo Ojo, FCiArb

Moderator:

Abimbola Akeredolu, SAN, Partner, Banwo & Ighodalo, Nigeria

Speakers

Marietta Brew Appiah Opong, Former Attorney General and Minister for Justice, Republic of Ghana

Hon. Justice Adebola Adefope-Okojie, JCA, Nigeria

Paulman Chungu, Co-Managing Partner, Ranchhod, Chungu Advocates ("RCA"), Incoming Chairman, Zambia

Jimmy Kodo, Technical Adviser to the President, OHADA, Ivory Coast

12.10 – 12.40

NETWORKING BREAK

12.45 – 13.45

BREAKOUT SESSIONS III & IV (TO RUN CONCURRENTLY)

3. Emerging Areas in Arbitration: Moving with the Trend

Session Coordinator

Akin Ajibola & Odinaka Okoye

Moderator

Dr. Sally El Sawah - Founding Partner & Principal, El Sawah Law, France & UK and Deputy Secretary General at African Arbitration Association, Kigali, Rwanda

Speakers

Thierry Tomasi, Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills

Ijeoma Ononogbu, Member, ODR, Task Force International Mediation Centre

Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Consulting Attorney International Arbitration Practice, Arent Fox, Washington, DC, USA

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Adeyemi Agbelusi, FCiArb

Chairman, Logistics & Publicity, 5th ICC Africa Conference on International Arbitration

4. The role of arbitration in the development of new areas of Intellectual Property

Session Coordinator

Obosa Akpata, FCarb

Moderator

Prof. Bankole Sodipo, Senior Partner, G.O. Sodipo & Co., Nigeria

Speakers

Pauline Macharo, Deputy Chief Negotiator Kenya-USFTA Agreement, Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Development

Stavros Brekoulakis, Professor in International Arbitration, Queen Mary University, United Kingdom

Priscilia Ogwemoh, Managing Partner, Kevin, Martin & Ogwemoh, Nigeria

13.50 - 14.00

CLOSING REMARKS

Folashade Alli, C.Arb

Chairman, Sub-Committee on Programs, 5th ICC Africa Regional Conference on International Arbitration

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9.00 – 9.05

OPENING REMARKS

Diamana Diawara, Director, ICC Africa

9.05 – 9.15

CONVERSATION BETWEEN CLAUDIA T. SALOMON AND DIAMANA DIAWARA

Claudia T. Salomon, Incoming President, ICC International Court of Arbitration

9.15 – 10.20

2ND PLENARY SESSION

Sustaining the Value of International Arbitration through the Tool of Ethics: A Word from the Stakeholders

Session Coordinator

Stanley U. Nweke-Eze

Moderator

Doyin Rhodes-Vivour, SAN, C.Arb, Managing Partner, Doyin Rhodes-Vivour & Co; Member, ICC Court of Arbitration, Nigeria

Speakers

José Feris, Partner, Squire Patton Boggs, Paris, France; Former Deputy Secretary General, ICC International Court of Arbitration

Prof. Gbolahan Elias, SAN, Partner, G. Elias & Co, Lagos

Patrick Taylor, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, London, UK

Antonia Birt, Partner, Curtis Mallet-Prevost Colt & Mosle LLP, Dubai

10.20 – 11.20

BREAKOUT SESSIONS V & VI (TO RUN CONCURRENTLY)

1. COVID-19: Accelerating the Use of Technology in Arbitration in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities?

Session Coordinator

Dr. Adeyemi Agbelusi, FCIArb

Moderator

Dr. Ademola Bamgbose, International Arbitration Lawyer Hogan Lovells LLP and Director Africa Arbitration Academy, United Kingdom

Speakers

Anish Wadia, FCIArb, Independent Arbitrator and Mediator, Board Member - Chinese European Arbitration Association (CEAA), Germany

Nania Owusu-Ankomah, MCIArb, Partner - Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah, Ghana

Obioma Ofeogo, Associate, Quinn Emanuel, Paris, France

Ashwita Ambast, Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration, Mauritius

2. AfCFTA investment Protocol: A Tool for a Common African Position on International Investment Law?

Session Coordinator

Foluke Akinmoladun, C.Arb

Moderator

Funke Adekoya, SAN, Founding Partner, AELEX, Nigeria

Speakers

Beatrice Chaytor, Senior expert, Trade in Services (Technical) Department of the Trade and Industry Africa Union, Ethiopia

Dr. Petina Gappah, Principal Legal Advisor, Office of the Sec-Gen AfCFTA Secretariat, Ghana

Leyou Tameru, I-Arb, Legal Consultant and Founder, I-Arb Africa, Ethiopia

11.20 – 11.50 **NETWORKING BREAK**

11.50 – 12.50 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS VII & VIII (TO RUN CONCURRENTLY)**

1. Third Party Funding - Pros and Cons

Session Coordinator

Kolawole Mayomi, FCI Arb

Moderator

Prof. Koyin Ajayi, SAN , Managing Partner, Olaniwun Ajayi LP, Lagos, Nigeria

Speakers

Ned Beale, Partner, Hausfeld & Co LLP, London, UK

Zuko Nonxuba, Chief Executive Officer, Nonxuba Inc, South Africa

Ryham Ragab, Group General Counsel, Samcrete for Engineering Investments, Egypt

Tunde Ogunseitan, Partner, Ogunseitan Arbitration, Lagos & London, United Kingdom

2. In-house Arbitration: Examining the Use of Arbitration in Employment Disputes

Session Coordinator

Oyinkan Badejo-Okusanya, M.Clarb

Moderator

Sola Adegbonmire, Managing Partner, Sola Ajijola & Co., Lagos

Speakers

Prof. Offornze Amucheazi, SAN, FCI Arb, Principal Partner, Amucheazi, Ozioko & Co;

Professor of Arbitration & Employment Law, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nigeria

Anne Abeja, Company Secretary/ Head of Legal and Compliance, Housing Finance Bank, Uganda

Mr. Folabi Kuti, Partner, Perchstone & Graeys, Nigeria

Mr. Muyiwa Olulaja, Head, Talent Management, First Bank of Nigeria Ltd

12.50 – 13.50 **DEBATE-STYLE SESSION**

3. “Have Regional Initiatives Expanded the Scope of Arbitration Practice in Africa?”

Session Coordinator

Hamid Abdulkareem & Fidelis Adewole, F.Clarb

Moderator

Samantha Nataf . De Gaulle Fleurance & Associés, Paris, France

Debate Participants

Timi Balogun, Curtis Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP, USA

Luisa Cetina, Anjarwalla & Khanna, Kenya

Priyesh Daya, Webber Wentzel, South Africa

Talkmore Chidede, Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa

13.50-14.00 **VOTE OF THANKS**

Bunmi Osuntuyi, Secretary General, ICC Nigeria

CLOSING REMARKS

Funmi Roberts, C.Arb, Chairman, 5th ICC Africa Regional Conference on International Arbitration

CONFERENCE WRAP UP

Diamana Diawara, Director for Africa, ICC Arbitration and ADR, Paris

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