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09.00 - 09.55 OPENING SESSION - WELCOME AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Welcome Addresses
Babatunde Savage, FCA, Chairman, ICC Nigeria & Reginal 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, FCIArb, Director, Rankin Engineering Consultants, Zambia

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

1. Africa as the New Eldorado 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 Achtouk-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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1. Third Party Funding - Pros and Cons

Session Coordinator
Kolawole Mayomi, FCiArb

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.CIarb

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

Speakers
Prof. Offornze Amucheazi, SAN, FCIArb, 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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