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ARBITRATION IN AFRICA: EXPANDING THE SCOPE

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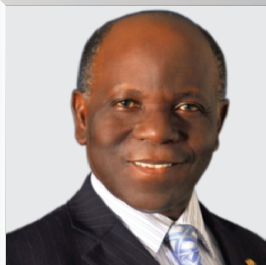
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# PROGRAMME

## 03 JUNE 2021

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

**Welcome Addresses:**

**Mrs. Funmi Roberts, C.Arb**  
Chairman Planning Committee

**Ms. Diamana Diawara**  
Director ICC Africa

**Mr. Alexis Mourre**  
President, ICC International Court of Arbitration

**Mr. Babatunde Savage**  
Chair ICC Nigeria

**Keynote Address:**

**Otunba Adeniyi Adebayo**  
Minister for Industry, Trade and Investment

**Session Coordinator:**

Mr. 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**
**Summary of  
Session:**

Although there has been robust increase in Africa-related arbitration, this has not translated to an increase in the use of Africa as a seat of Arbitration. The session seeks to do the following:

1. Explore the practical considerations which investors, state parties, arbitrators and other users consider while negotiating the underlying contracts that provide for Arbitration
2. Discuss the use of Arbitration as a developmental tool in Africa, proffering solutions for infrastructural reform and improved efficiency of the arbitral process in Africa
3. Consider whether the consolidation of Arbitral Institutions on the Continent might strengthen the position of arbitration in Africa and promote its expansion
4. Review issues such as changes in governmental attitude towards: appointing African Nationals in resolving their disputes, making Africa their choice of Arbitral Seat, and promoting ease of cross-border business
5. Propose means of continuous training and development of the judiciary and other interested users of Arbitration

**Session Coordinator:**

Mrs. Folashade Alli, C.Arb

**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)

**Moderator:**

Godwin Omoaka, SAN  
Partner, Templars (Nigeria)

11.10 – 12.10

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS I & II (TO RUN CONCURRENTLY)****Summary of Session:****1. Africa as the new el dorado of arbitration – creating an avant-garde legal landscape**

This session examines the legal frameworks of key African jurisdictions from the perspective of how they impact, for good or bad, initiatives to expand the scope of arbitration in Africa. The legal framework of a particular jurisdiction includes its Constitution, its statutes, its judicial organisation (including the philosophy, policies, procedures and practices of its courts) and its international law (customary international law, bilateral and multilateral treaties).

**Session Coordinator:**

Mr. Tunde Fagbohunlu, SAN

**Moses Idriko SC**

Managing Partner, MMAKS Advocates

**Githu Muigai SC**

Senior Partner, Mohammed Muigai Advocates

**Dany Khayat**

Partner, Mayer Brown

**Daniel Wilmot**

Partner, STEWARTS

**Laurie Achouk-Spivak**

Counsel, Cleary Gottlieb

**Moderator:****Sami Huerbi**

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

**Summary of Session:****2. Judicial Innovation within Jurisdictional Limits – Practical Considerations**

This session will examine judicial participation in Arbitration. Mindful of the important role that a pro-arbitration friendly court system takes in promoting arbitration, this Panel discussion will feature a cross-pollination of ideas on how, within individual jurisdictional constraints, the domestic and treaty based regional courts in Africa can innovate to enhance the integrity of the arbitral process and resultant awards.

**Session Coordinator:**

Mr. Seyilayo Ojo, FCiArb

**César Appolinaire****Président of CCJA – OHADA, (Côte d'Ivoire)****Paulman Chungu**

Co – Managing Partner, Ranchhod, Chungu Advocates (“RCA”), Incoming Chair CiArb (Zambia)

**Hon. Justice Adebola Adefope-Okojie, JCA, Nigeria**

**Moderator:****Abimbola Akeredolu, SAN**

Partner, Banwo &amp; Ighodalo, Nigeria

12.10 – 12.40

**NETWORKING BREAK**

12.45 – 13.45

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS III & IV (TO RUN CONCURRENTLY)****Summary of Session:****1. Emerging Areas in Arbitration: Moving with the Trend**

Discussion on the Session topic will focus on emerging areas in arbitration such as:

- \* arbitration of climate change related disputes;
- \* mining and energy disputes;
- \* online dispute resolution mechanism; and
- \* issues surrounding expanding the scope of arbitration in Africa into these new and emerging areas.

**Moderator:**

**Sally El Sawah** - Deputy Secretary General at African Arbitration Association (Egypt)

**Session Coordinator:**

Mr. Tunde Fagbohunlu, SAN

**Thierry Tomasi**

Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills

**Ijeoma Ononogbu**

Member, ODR, Task Force International Mediation Centre

**Ucheora Onwuamaegbu**

Consulting Attorney International Trade Practice, Arent Fox, Washington, DC, USA

**Summary of Session:****2. The role of arbitration in the development of new areas of Intellectual Property**

Intellectual Property (IP) is arguably the bedrock on which the rivers of technology, sports and entertainment flow. With the rise in investments in these industries in Africa and Africa's share of the world markets, there is an urgent need to strengthen dispute resolution mechanisms. Drawing from international best practices, the panel will suggest possible workable regimes that can be introduced to deal with internet, sports, franchise, licensing and IP related disputes to emerging issues of biodiversity, Traditional Knowledge and cultural property. Given that some IP rights are granted pursuant to national registration systems, this panel will analyse and suggest how the region can address the arbitrability of the right to registration with the concurrence of the Registrars or Comptrollers.

**Session Coordinator:**

Mr. Seyilayo Ojo, FCiArb

**Michel Brizoua**

Bi, Partner, Bilé-Aka, Brizoua Bi & Associés (Ivory Coast)

**Prof. Stavros Brekoulakis**

Professor in International Arbitration, Queen Mary University (UK)

**Priscilia Ogwemoh**

Managing Partner, Kevin, Martin & Ogwemoh (Nigeria)

**Moderator:****Prof Bankole Sodipo**

Senior Partner, G.O. Sodipo & Co.

13.50 - 14.00

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Mrs. Folashade Alli, C.Arb

## 04 JUNE 2021

9.00 – 9.15

**OPENING REMARKS****Claudia T. Salomon**

New President,  
ICC International Court of Arbitration

9.15 – 10.20

**2ND PLENARY SESSION****Summary of Session:****Sustaining the Value of International Arbitration through the Tool of Ethics: A Word from the Stakeholders**

International arbitration has attracted an array of participants—counsel, arbitrators, experts, and funders—from diverse cultural and legal backgrounds. This has, consequently, given rise to the subject of ethics, in its various contexts, which has become a practical problem of high importance in the administration of international arbitration.

The session will address issues arising from ethics in international arbitration, including but not limited to:

**Session Coordinator:**

Mrs. Folashade Alli, C.Arb

**Mr. José Feris**

Partner, Squire Patton Boggs, Paris;  
Former Deputy Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration)

**Prof. Gbolahan Elias, SAN**

Partner, G. Elias & Co, Lagos

**Mr. Patrick Taylor**

Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, London

**Ms. Antonia Birt**

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

9.15 – 10.20

**2ND PLENARY SESSION****Summary of Session:**

1. the development and importance of ethics, in its various facets, in international arbitration,
2. the complexities of various ethical issues that arise in international arbitration from the perspectives of counsel, arbitrators, experts and funders,
3. the ethical duties of counsel, arbitrators, experts, and funders in international arbitration,
4. the applicability of existing national ethical guidelines in cross-border arbitration proceedings and the need or otherwise of establishing enforceable ethical norms, particularly in circumstances where counsel and arbitrator(s) from different jurisdictions are involved in the same proceedings, and
5. the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, if any, on the subject of ethics in international arbitration.

**Moderator:****Mrs. Doyin Rhodes-Vivour, SAN, C.Arb**

Managing Partner,

Doyin Rhodes-Vivour &amp; Co;

Member, ICC Court of Arbitration

10.20 – 11.20

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS V & VI (TO RUN CONCURRENTLY)****Summary of Session:****1. COVID-19: Accelerating the use of technology in arbitration in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities?**

This session seeks to examine the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the Arbitration and dispute resolution process including:

1. The necessity of deploying online dispute resolution technology to accelerate access to ADR especially in e-commerce, smart contracts, block chain, artificial intelligence and what lessons the pandemic has taught us as practitioners and parties.
2. The challenges of taking ADR practice online and applying virtual platforms to conclude proceedings virtually on the African continent.
3. The opportunities that arise for practitioners in the use of technology in accelerating the practice of Arbitration in the resolution of cross-border disputes particularly within Africa and the benefits arising thereof.
4. An examination of the use of technology in Arbitral institutions especially looking at the common challenges and opportunities of such bodies across the continent.

**Session Coordinator:**

Dr Adeyemi Agbelusi

**Anish Wadia FCIArb**

Independent Arbitrator and Mediator with the Dubai International Arbitration Center

**Nania Owusu-Antifikomah MCIArb**

Partner - Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa &amp; Ankomah

**Obioma Ofeogo**

Associate, Quinn Emanuel (Paris)

**Ashwita Ambast**

Legal Counsel at the

Permanent Court of Arbitration

**Rukia Baruti**

Secretary General,

African Arbitration Association

**Moderator:****Dr Ademola Bamgbose**

Member, International Arbitration Group at Hogan Lovells and Founder Africa Arbitration Academy



10.20 – 11.20

**Summary of Session:****2. AfCFTA investment protocol: a tool for a common African position on international investment law?**

Trading under the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) Rules commenced on the 1st of January 2021. The Free Trade Area will cover more than 1.2 billion people and over \$3 trillion in GDP. It establishes the largest free trade area in the world since the creation of the world trade organization in 1995. It is estimated that if the Agreement is implemented fully, it could boost the regional income by 7% or \$450 billion, speed up the wage growth of women and lift 30 million people out of extreme poverty by 2035.

The AfCFTA Investment protocol which is currently being negotiated under Phase 2 of the AfCFTA negotiations would be about intra-Africa investment and the regime that would govern such investments. This session seeks to explore the potential impact the protocol will have on African disputes; issues that the protocol should address and how it may change the existing African investment governance landscape.

**Session Coordinator:**

Foluke Akinmoladun

**Beatrice Chaytor**

Senior expert,

Trade in Services (Technical) Department of the Trade and Industry Africa Union

**Dr. Petina Gappah**

Principal Legal Advisor,

Office of the Sec-Gen AfCFTA Secretariat

**Leyou Tameru, I-Arb**

Legal Consultant and

the Founder of I-Arb Africa

**Moderator:****Mrs Funke Adekoya, SAN**

Founding Partner, AELEX

11.20 – 11.50

**NETWORKING BREAK**

11.50 – 12.50

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS VII & VIII (TO RUN CONCURRENTLY)****Summary of Session:****1. Third Party Funding - Pros and Cons**

Third-party funding (3PF) is an established form of litigation costs risk management. There has been a slow and steady rise in litigation funding in the region due to the region's development of local infrastructure that support both litigation and arbitration.

Given that Africa is projected to be one of the fastest growing economies in the next decade, ushering a myriad of investments on the continent, it is expected that there would be an increase in Investment Treaty Arbitration which typically focuses on commercial losses occasioned by expropriatory actions of a host State. This session will discuss the pros and cons of the 3PF in the African region in assisting with arbitration claims.

**Session Coordinator:**

Mr. Kolawole Mayomi, FCiArb

**Ned Beale**

Partner, Hausfeld &amp; Co LLP, London

**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 &amp; London

**Moderator:****Prof Koyin Ajayi SAN**

Managing Partner, Olaniwun Ajayi LP, Lagos

11.50 – 12.50

**Summary of Session:****2. In-house arbitration:  
Examining the use of arbitration  
in employment disputes**

The use of arbitration in the resolution of employment disputes represents a revolutionary change in the landscape of employment dispute resolution. Advocates and critics alike have debated whether the growth of arbitration in employment dispute represents a more efficient and equitable mechanism for resolving disputes that would otherwise clog the courts, or an imposition of a mandatory arbitration mechanism on unwitting employees that undermines the statutory rights designed to protect them.

The session seeks to address issues arising from use of arbitration in employment disputes, including:

- the practical applicability of the use of arbitration in an employment dispute context;
- the enforceability of agreements to arbitrate employment disputes and judicial attitude of foreign courts on the application of arbitration in resolution of employment disputes;
- the selection of the arbitral procedure and determination of other outstanding issues such as cost of arbitration etc. in view of the perceived unequal economic power of employers and employees; and
- the benefits and limitations of the use of arbitration in resolution of employment disputes.

**Session Coordinator:**

Oyinkan Badejo-Okusanya

**Prof. Offornze Amucheazi, SAN, FCI Arb**

Principal Partner, Amucheazi, Ozioko & Co;  
Professor of Arbitration & Employment Law,  
Nnamdi Azikiwe University

**\*Anne Abeja**

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

**Mr. Folabi Kuti**

Partner, Perchstone &amp; Graeys

12.50 – 13.50

**DEBATE-STYLE SESSION****Summary of Session:**

The debate will seek to highlight the positive impact of regional initiatives on the growth of arbitration in Africa, while identifying the flaws in the existing initiatives, and, importantly, proposing solutions to identified problems.

**Session Coordinator:**

Messrs. Hamid Abdulkareem  
& Fidelis Adewole

**Timi Balogun**

Curtis Mallet-Prevost, Colt &amp; Mosle LLP

**Luisa Cetina**

Anjarwalla &amp; Khanna, Kenya

**Priyesh Daya**

Webber Wentzel, South Africa

**Talkmore Chidede**

Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa

**Moderator:****Samantha Nataf**

De Gaulle Fleurance &amp; Associés (Paris)

13.50-14.00

**CLOSING REMARKS**

By Chair, 5th ICC Africa Conference on International Arbitration

# SPEAKERS

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**Adebola Adefope-Okojie**, Justice, Court of Appeal, Nigeria

**Ademola Bamgbose**, International Arbitration Lawyer, Hogan Lovells International LLP & Director, Africa Arbitration Academy, Nigeria

**Adesua Dozie**, Executive Director & General Counsel, Mobil Producing, Nigeria

**Anish Wadia**, Independent Arbitrator and Mediator, Dubai International Arbitration Center, United Arab Emirates

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

**Antonia Birt**, Partner, Curtis Mallet-Prevost Colt & Mosle LLP, United Arab Emirates

**Ashwita Ambast**, Legal Counsel, Permanent Court of Arbitration, India

**Babatunde Savage**, Chairman, ICC Nigeria, Nigeria

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**César Appolinaire**, President, CCJA – OHADA, Ivory Coast

**Daniel Wilmot**, Partner, Stewarts, United Kingdom

**Dany Khayat**, Partner, Mayer Brown, France

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

**Dominic Ayine**, Partner, Ayine & Felli, Ghana

**Doyin Rhodes-Vivour**, SAN, Managing Partner, Doyin Rhodes-Vivour & Co., Nigeria

**Folashade Alli**, Principal Partner, Folashade Alli & Associates, Nigeria

**Funke Adekoya**, SAN, Founding Partner, AELEX, Nigeria

**Funmi Roberts**, Chairman, Planning Committee, 5th ICC Arbitration Conference Founder & Principal Partner, Funmi Roberts & Co., Nigeria

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**Zuko Nonxuba**, Chief Executive Officer, NonxubaInc, South Africa

## SPEAKERS' PROFILE



**MRS. ADEDOYIN  
RHODES-VIVOUR**

**Mrs.** Adedoyin Rhodes-Vivour, SAN, C.Arb, FCI Arb (UK), CEDR UK Accredited Mediator is the Managing Partner of Doyin Rhodes-Vivour & Co. She was called to the Nigerian bar in 1981, nearly 40 years ago. She is a British Chevening Scholar, a prestigious international award. She holds the LLB (Hons) and LLM degrees in law and a Masters of Arts degree with merit in International Peace and Security (King's College London, University of London). She also holds a Practice Diploma in International Arbitration Law, by The Law Society of England and Wales/ International Bar Association. In recognition of her leadership qualities, she was nominated by the United States Information Services (USIS) to participate in the 'Young African Leaders Programme' in 1990.

She has acted as arbitrator and counsel in a vast number of cases and has extensive experience under institutional rules including the UNCITRAL, International Chamber of Commerce [ICC] and London Court of International Arbitration [LCIA] and Kigali International Arbitration [KIAC] Rules and in ad-hoc proceedings.

She is a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and the ICC Arbitration & ADR Commission. She is a Vice President of the LCIA African Users' Council. She is a member of the International Law Association International Committee on International Commercial Arbitration and pioneer Chair of the Nigerian Branch Committee of the

International Law Association [ILA]. She is a member of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Users Council. She is a member of the World Bank Group Sanctions Board and was a member of the Court, Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), The Hague, Netherlands. She is a member of Arbitral Women and Co-Chair of the Equal Representation in Arbitration [ERA] Pledge African Sub-committee.



**MOSES ADRIKO**

**Moses** is a Partner of the Firm and Co-head of the Firm's Litigation Team.

His practice focuses mainly on Corporate and Commercial Law, Civil Litigation, Intellectual Property and International Criminal Law.

He is a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England of Wales and Senior Counsel, Uganda. Moses is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb) and serves as Board Chairman Sanlam Uganda. He holds a LLB (Hons) degree from the University of East Anglia and has a Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre.

Moses is a past president of the Uganda Law Society and has chaired the African Forum of the International Bar Association (IBA). He has served as a Council Member on the IBA Human Rights Institute.

Moses is a certified adjudicator accredited by Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration.

Moses has served as a member of the Public Appeals and Procurement Authority Tribunal (PPDA Tribunal) and as a member of the Transitional Justice Issues Committee of the government of Uganda.

Moses serves as the chairman of the standard chartered provident fund



**MACK MICHAEL Z.  
NONXUBA**

**Mack Michael Z. Nonxuba** is an admitted practicing attorney in South Africa. He is a qualified Mediator, Arbitrator and ICC member. He holds a LLM in International Commercial Law and Graduate Diploma in International Commercial Law from Salford University Manchester, UK.

Furthermore, he also holds a Certificate in Commercial Law from the Irish Law Society and BProc Degree from Fort Hare University.



## SPEAKERS' PROFILE



**PROF. GBOLAHAN  
ELIAS, SAN**

**Gbolahan Elias, SAN** is a partner in G. Elias & Co., a leading Nigerian business law firm that is a member of the Africa Legal Network (ALN), the premier alliance of independent African business law firms. His practice is wide-ranging. He has advised on seminal mergers and acquisitions, large and complex foreign currency financings, transformative long-term commercial arrangements, pioneering infrastructure projects, critical arbitrations, and impactful law reform efforts – all across industries including banking, energy, telecommunications, consumer products, healthcare and transport.

Large arbitrations constitute a major aspect of his practice. He has both represented disputants before an arbitral tribunal and served as an arbitrator himself. In his capacity as representing parties before an arbitral tribunal, he has, amongst others, successfully represented an international logistics company engaged in clearing and forwarding business in an arbitration relating to rail transport in some African countries, represented Chinese investors in an investment arbitration at the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Dispute (ICSID) against the Federal Government of Nigeria following the investors' ejection from the Ogun Guangdong Free Trade Zone in Nigeria which it developed in partnership with the Ogun State Government in Nigeria, and

represented the Nigerian subsidiary of a foreign construction company in the arbitration arising out of an advance payment guarantee for the development of a mall. As a panelist, he has, amongst others, served in a three-member arbitral panel in relation to a gas contract dispute, served as an arbitrator in relation to oil field development agreements, and has served in an arbitral panel in relation to a construction dispute.

Gbolahan Elias was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1981 and the New York Bar in 1990, and has been a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (Nigeria's equivalent of the United Kingdom's Queen's Counsel) since 2005. He had been an associate at Cravath Swaine & Moore, a renowned New York law firm, in late 1989 to early 1993, and is the first African member of the International Association of Defence Counsel (IADC).



**MRS. OLUFUNMILAYO  
AJIKE ROBERTS LL.M.,  
C.Arb., FCI Arb., FNICarb.**

**She** became a Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria having graduated top of her class both at the University of Ife, Ile Ife in 1981 and at the Nigerian Law School in 1982. It was also in the University of Ife, Ile Ife that she earned her Masters of Laws Degree, during which she was awarded the University of Ife Alumni Fellowship.

Funmi's tenacity and refusal to be defined or limited by her environment, have enabled her to build one of the leading value-driven legal and ADR law firms in Nigeria, Funmi Roberts & Co, registered in 1989. She is also the founder of Funmi Roberts & Co. Nominees Limited, a company that offers cutting edge company secretarial services to several blue-chip companies in Nigeria. The two firms operate from Ibadan, Oyo State and Lagos State, with a focal point at the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

Funmi Roberts belongs to several professional organizations such as the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), where she served in various capacities including being a member of the National Executive

Council, the highest decision-making organ of the NBA.

Funmi is a Chartered Arbitrator of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (U.K) and Fellow of the Nigerian Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (NICarb) and of the Institute of Construction Industry Arbitrators (ICI Arb). She is a member of the Global Panel of

Mediators of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution CEDR, (U.K) and tutor and assessor of both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution CEDR, (U.K).

She is a member of Arbitral Women, the Arbitration Committee of International Bar Association, London Court of International Arbitration, Guild of Adjudicators of Nigeria, Co-Chairman of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre. Funmi recently completed her term as member of the Board of Directors of Lagos Court of Arbitration, and continues to serve on the Governing Board of the Oyo State Multidoor Courthouse. She received global recognition for her dispute resolution expertise when, she was appointed as a member of the International Chamber of Commerce Arbitration and ADR Commission.

Funmi serves as a member of the Dispute Resolution Panel of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) and also is a member of the panel of neutrals of several multidoor courthouses, and the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration. Funmi Roberts is the co-visioner of the Covid-19 ADR Initiative (CADRI), ([www.cadri.org.ng](http://www.cadri.org.ng)). Funmi Roberts is well published and has delivered presentations at both local and international conferences.

## SPEAKERS' PROFILE



**DANY KHAYAT**

Admitted to the Paris Bar, Dany Khayat is the head of the Litigation and International Arbitration practice in Paris and the co-leader of the Middle-East dispute practice with the Firm. He has been involved in numerous arbitration proceedings conducted under the Rules of the ICC, ICSID (including Additional Facility), UNCITRAL, SIAC, LCIA, DIAC, CRCICA, BCDR-AAA, LMAA, GAFTA, RSA, AFA, CMAP as well as in ad hoc arbitration proceedings.

He has extensive experience in commercial arbitration and has acted as lead counsel in dozens of cases under a variety of applicable laws. He has particular experience in disputes in the following industries: construction, intellectual property, defense, infrastructure, Joint Venture agreements with a particular regional focus on Africa and the Middle East.

He also has substantive knowledge of investment treaty arbitration and the protection of foreign investments and has been involved, as lead counsel, in more than a dozen investor/State disputes, representing both States and investors. He has written extensively on ICSID awards and decisions for fifteen years. He is the co-author of the 700-page "Recueil des Commentaires des Décisions du CIRDI (2002-2007)" (Bruylant 2009) in which all ICSID awards, decisions and orders published between 2002 and 2007

are commented upon and has continued to publish regularly since in the *Revue québécoise de droit international* and *The Law & Practice of International Courts and Tribunals*.

He has also been involved in arbitration-related proceedings before French courts including annulment proceeding as well as in disputes involving State immunities and seizure of State-owned assets, and in other contractual and commercial matters heard before French courts. He also acts as arbitrator (president, co-arbitrator or sole arbitrator) in ICC, DIAC, CRCICA, BCDR-AAA, DIFC-LCIA, WIPO and ad hoc proceedings conducted in French, English or Arabic.

He has also appeared at numerous conferences as a speaker on international arbitration, investment treaties and investment disputes and lectured on international arbitration, arbitration in the Arab countries and investor-State disputes at the University of Paris I (Pantheon—Sorbonne), University of Paris-Sud and the University of Poitiers.

Prior to joining Mayer Brown in 2008, he was an attorney in the International Arbitration group of a large international firm in Paris where he worked since 2000. He is fluent in English, French and Arabic and has a reading knowledge of Spanish



**SAMANTHA NATAF**

Samantha Nataf focuses her practice on international arbitration and related court proceedings, with an emphasis on disputes arising in relation to Africa and the Middle East.

Samantha advises multinational companies, States and State entities in the resolution of high stakes international disputes. She has acted as counsel in over 50 international arbitrations taking place under the major arbitration rules (ICC, ICSID, LCIA, DIAC, UNCITRAL, etc.) and governed by various procedural and substantive laws in a wide range of sectors including: agribusiness, aviation, construction, defense, energy, infrastructure, mining, new technologies, satellites, telecommunications, transportation and logistics.

Samantha's practice extends to international litigation and the strategic coordination of multi-forum proceedings in civil law and common law jurisdictions.

Samantha also acts as arbitrator. She is on the Arbitrators' List of the ICC French National Committee and is a Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

She is also a Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, the French Arbitration Association (AFA), the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) and Arbitral Women.

Samantha has taught international arbitration to students and practitioners from all over the world and is regularly invited to speak at lectures on international arbitration.

Languages: French, English, Hebrew, Spanish, Portuguese

## SPEAKERS' PROFILE



**SAMI HUERBI**

**S**ami Huerbi acts regularly since 2006 as arbitrator under ad hoc and institutional international arbitrations under the ICC Rules, DIAC, ADCAC and CRCICA...Moreover; he has proven experience in the implementation procedures of international awards. Sami Huerbi is the founding partner of Huerbi law firm, where he developed a recognized expertise in the fields of construction and technical installation, international contracts, international sale of goods, as well as financial matters, including Islamic Finance.

Sami Huerbi regularly organizes and participates in training seminars and conferences in within field of arbitration and construction contracts.

Sami Huerbi is the author of several publications in the field of international arbitration. He is the Secretary General of the ICC Arab Arbitration Group.

Finally, Sami Huerbi is responsible for the educational program of ICC Young Arbitrators Forum in the MENA.

Furthermore, he is a member of the IBA, the German Institution of Arbitration, International Arbitration Institute of the French Commit.



**LUISA CETINA**

**L**uisa is a Director in ALN Kenya | Anjarwalla & Khanna, in the Dispute Resolution and Forensics & Investigations teams, focusing on complex investigations, international arbitration, antitrust and white-collar crime. She is also a key member of the firm's growing International Trade practice. She previously spent almost a decade as a corporate litigator at White & Case in New York where she represented clients in multi jurisdictional civil and criminal antitrust matters, complex business disputes and international arbitration proceedings. In 2020, Legal 500 recommended Luisa as "an experienced international litigator." Luisa was also previously.

ALN's Head of Business Development, Marketing and Communications. Luisa is admitted to the New York State Bar as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.



**FUNKE ADEKOYA, SAN**

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Her appointments have been both ad hoc and institutional under the LCIA, ICC and ICSID Rules, where she has acted as sole, party appointed or chaired arbitral panels in disputes in the energy, natural resources and infrastructure sectors.

She is a Chartered Arbitrator of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and was a past Chairman of the Nigeria Branch. She is ranked in Chambers Global and in Who's Who Legal Arbitration, is listed on the Chairman's Panel of Arbitrators at ICSID as well as the panels of many other international arbitration institutions and is currently a member of the ICC Africa Commission.

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**ANISH WADIA**

**Anish Wadia** is an experienced accredited full-time Independent International Arbitrator and Mediator; acting as such in common law and civil law jurisdictions, in Hong Kong and under the Laws of China.

He is a qualified Lawyer with full rights of audience before courts in India (Advocate), England & Wales (Solicitor Advocate), and Kazakhstan (AIFC Courts). He is also an accredited Sports Arbitrator (AIAC and Olympic Council of Malaysia).

Mr. Wadia has received numerous accolades in the field of international ADR including being voted as one of the youngest Top 10 Arbitrators in Asia Pacific and receiving the Outstanding Global Achievement in International Arbitration Award in 2019. He is also ranked by Who's Who Legal: Arbitration 2021 – Future Leaders (Partners): "One of the most recommended arbitrators"; "He is precise and diligent, very considerate on the impartiality and due process"; "He instils confidence in all aspects of what you would expect from a litigator and arbitrator"; "Anish works with an open mind and respects diversity" and "Anish's oratory skills are not something you can teach - coupled with his reasoning process makes it exciting to see him on his feet".

Mr. Wadia is regularly appointed as Presiding/Sole/Emergency/Co-Arbitrator including under the ICC Rules, [English] Arbitration Act 1996, KIAC Rules (Rwanda-Africa), etc.

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He is admitted on the Panel of Arbitrators/Mediators of over 80 Institutions across the globe spanning every continent including on commercial law, civil law, maritime, energy, construction Specialist Panels. He holds numerous senior leadership positions in ADR organisations across the globe including in Germany, USA, United Kingdom, Afghanistan, Malaysia, India.

Mr. Wadia is regularly invited as a Speaker/Trainer on topics related to International Arbitration and ADR including for Judges and also by CI Arb in London, Hong Kong, etc. Most notably, as a Trainer for the 2-week intensive training for the Judiciary of The Bahamas including the Justices of the Supreme Court; organised by BJEI jointly with ICSID, PCA, UNCITRAL and ICCA in August 2020. His detailed profile and contact details can be seen at: <http://www.anishwadia.com/>



**MRS. ABIMBOLA  
AKEREDOLU, SAN,  
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**Abimbola Akeredolu, SAN** is the Partner in charge of Litigation, Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution at the leading Nigerian law firm of Banwo & Ighodalo. Prior to obtaining a degree in law, Abimbola obtained a first degree in French where she majored in French and took substantive courses in other European Languages. This background has been advantageous and most useful in enhancing her communication skills with courts, arbitral tribunals and clients from all over the world in the course of her practice. She is a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, A Notary Public for Nigeria and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK). She obtained a Diploma in International Arbitration also from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She has almost 30 years' experience in the practice of Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, Tax Litigation, Labour Litigation, Industrial disputes, International and Domestic Commercial Arbitration, Building and Construction Industry Arbitration, Arbitration in the Oil and Gas Industry and Insolvency.

She has, over the years, advised and represented both local and international organizations and law firms on a wide variety of subjects.

In 2013, she was appointed Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice in Ogun State Nigeria.

Her resolute commitment to the best interest of her clients in the course of mediation and negotiation of settlements, litigation, arbitration proceedings and the success of proceedings in which she is involved is an attribute for which she is often commended.

She has acted as arbitrator in a number of domestic arbitrations.

She is the current Chairman of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC).



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**LAURIE  
ACHOUK-SPIVAK**

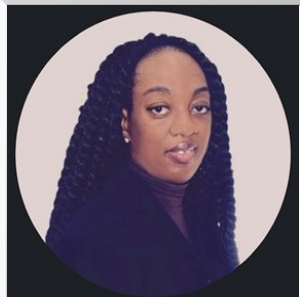
Laurie Achouk-Spivak is a counsel based in the Paris office of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton. Her practice focuses on international arbitration and litigation, with a particular emphasis on public international law.

Ms. Achouk-Spivak, a dual French-Moroccan national, has represented investors and sovereigns in over 20 high-stake investment treaty arbitrations, under ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC and other arbitration rules. She also frequently represents clients in commercial arbitrations and provides companies with investment structuring advice. She advises States on their model investment treaties and participates in capacity building programs around the world, and in particular in Africa.

Ms. Achouk-Spivak is recognized as a "Rising Star" by Legal500 and recommended by Who's Who Legal (Global) and Who's Who Legal (France) in arbitration. In 2020, she was listed by Who's Who Legal (Global) among the "Mostly Highly Regarded Non-Partners in Europe." Peers have commanded her "phenomenal advocacy skills" and have called her "one of the best of her generation," notably for her "encyclopedic knowledge of public international and investment law," referring to her as "probably the best up-and-coming investment arbitration specialist in Paris and beyond." (Who's Who Legal – Arbitration).

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**IJEOMA  
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Ijeoma has participated as a judge and arbitrator in multiple moot competitions which includes Foreign Direct Investment Moot Africa Regional, Willem C. Vis Moot, Hong Kong Vis Moot, Jessup competition, Pace-IICL Online Vis Pre-Moot, AIAC/ICC pre-moot among others. Ijeoma is well published in various aspects of international dispute resolution, which includes dispute resolution on the continent of Africa -Transformation

of Dispute Resolution in Africa 'http://www.elevenjournals.com/tijdschrift/ijodr/2015/1/IJODR\_2352-5002\_2015\_002\_001\_004

Ijeoma is one of the global online dispute resolution advocates and heavily involved in online arbitration and online mediation <http://odr.info/ije> The CIArb sole UNCITRAL delegate in 2014 on ODR and a team member of legal professionals that submitted the draft ODR Technical Notes at the UN headquarters, which on the 13th December 2016 was endorsed by the General assembly of the United Nations as the UNCITRAL Technical Notes on ODR. She is the CIArb UNCITRAL delegate on dispute settlement. Ijeoma serves as the Co-Chair of the Africa Interest Group (AIG) of the American Society of International Law (ASIL).

Ijeoma is the Managing Director of a London based service provider, Dispute Resolver Consultancy with the primary focus on arbitration, mediation and online dispute resolution.

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**BABATUNDE SAVAGE**  
CHAIRMAN, ICC NIGERIA

**Mr. Babatunde Savage** is the Chairman, International Chamber of Commerce Nigeria (ICCN) and ICC Regional Coordinator for Africa. In this capacity, he is a member of the ICC World Council, representing ICCN. Before his appointment to this exalted position, Mr. Savage had served as Executive Board member of ICCN for many years.

He is also the Chairman, Guinness Nigeria Plc, a subsidiary of Diageo Plc, Nigerian German Chemicals Plc, Non-Executive Board Member, Rand Merchant Bank (RMB) Nigeria a division of First Rand Group in South Africa, a leading African Corporate and investment bank and part of the largest financial services group in Africa. Mr. Savage is also an independent Board Member of Mouka Foam Plc, a venture company of ACTIS, UK. He became the Chairman of Guinness Nigeria Plc with effect from July 1, 2009, but his career in Guinness Nigeria had spanned 28 years. In that period, he held executive positions in Finance, Corporate Planning and Corporate Relations and retired as the Deputy Managing Director of the brewing giant. He joined the Board of Guinness Nigeria in 1996. Before joining Guinness Nigeria, Mr. Savage worked in Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) where he worked from 1978 to 1983 as a Chartered Accountant. He was also a long term member of the Board of East African Breweries Limited in Kenya.

Mr. Babatunde Savage holds an Honours degree in Science from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria and is a product of the famous Igbobi College, Lagos. He has attended various local and overseas management-training courses in reputable institutions including Cranfield School of Management and Harvard Business School.

He is a Fellow of both the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) and a council member of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN).



**FOLABI KUTI**

**Folabi Kuti** graduated with an LLB (upper division) from the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife and subsequently obtained an LLM from the University of Lagos.

Folabi Kuti is the supervising partner of Perchstone & Graeys' employment law, company law and litigation desks. Folabi has a keen interest in the development of Nigerian law as well as those of other jurisdictions. His resourcefulness has contributed immensely to deepening the corporate and commercial advocacy practice of the firm.

A prolific writer, Folabi is widely published on a vast range of subjects such as commercial litigation, civil procedure and literary criticism. He is also a contributing editor to the widely acclaimed UK-based publication, The Employment Law Review (as a co-contributor to the Nigerian chapter); a member of the editorial boards of the Nigeria Monthly Law Reports, and the Electricity Law Reports.

Folabi is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, and the International Bar Association. He is a Notary Public and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission to practise in the Nigerian capital market.

Folabi is the Vice Chairman of the Employment and Industrial Relations Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association (Section on Business Law).

Folabi is a regular speaker/facilitator/resource person at conferences and seminars



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**Obioma Ofoego** is an associate in the Paris office of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP. He specialises in international commercial arbitration, investment arbitration and public international law. Prior to joining Quinn Emanuel, Obioma worked as a barrister in independent practice in London, as an assistant legal adviser at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and at another leading international law firm in Paris. He has acted in arbitrations conducted under the auspices of various major institutions (such as ICSID, ICC and SCC) as well as in ad hoc arbitrations conducted under the UNCITRAL Rules, and has appeared as an advocate before international tribunals and the English courts.

Obioma is a contributing author to UNESCO's General History of Africa and has a PhD on the work of Nigerian author Wole Soyinka.

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**PROF. OFFORNZE D.  
AMUCHEAZI, SAN**

Offornze D. Amucheazi is a Professor and Senior Advocate of Nigeria with thirty years of experience in legal practice and law teaching. He has taught at both the University of Nigeria, Nsukka and at Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka. He is a Senior Partner in the law firm of Amucheazi, Ozioko and Company with offices in Abuja and Enugu.

Professor Amucheazi is a Fellow of the Nigerian Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCArb); Institute of Construction Industry Arbitrators (FICIARB) and Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (FICMC). He holds Certificates in 'Strategic Leadership Management' from Oxford University and 'Constitution Building in Africa' from the Central European University Budapest. He is an external consultant to the World Bank Group and is a recipient of the Anambra State Government Award for Excellence.

Prof. Amucheazi possesses wide experience in arbitration and ADR practice having acted as arbitrator in several arbitration proceedings. He is a member of the Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA) and a member of the Editorial Board of the LCA Dispute Resolution Journal, the ICIARB International Journal of Construction Arbitration and the ICMC's Nigerian Journal of Mediation and Conciliation, (NJMC). He is a member of the Panel of Neutrals of the Edo State and Enugu State Multi-Door Court Houses as well as a Neutral Facilitator (Arbitrator) with the Federal High Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre

( FHCADRC).

Offornze served as a Consultant/Special Assistant to a Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria on the Establishment of the Africa Finance Corporation as well as the Legal Expert (Constitution and Legislative Procedure) at the Policy Analysis and Research Project (PARP) of the National Assembly and subsequently as the pioneer Legal Adviser, National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) now National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS). Between 2012 and 2019 he served as the Lead Consultant to the Senate Committee of the National Assembly to coordinate the Review of the 1999 Constitution.

He has also published several articles in national and international journals on aspects of arbitration law, constitutional law, labour and employment matters and has authored and co-authored several books including; Thematic Issues in Nigerian Arbitration Law and Practice, The Judiciary, Politics and Constitutional Democracy in Nigeria (1999-2007), The Concept of True Federalism in Nigeria, The National Industrial Court of Nigeria: Law, Practice and Procedure, (1st and 2nd edition), Constitutional Review in an Emerging Democracy: The Nigerian Experience, Employment and Labour Law in Nigeria, and Employees Compensation Under Nigerian Labour Law.



**OTUNBA RICHARD  
ADENIYI ADEBAYO**

Following his inauguration by President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, on August 21, 2019, Otunba Richard Adeniyi Adebayo, CON, became Nigeria's 32nd Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment to oversee government's goal of economic diversification to non-oil revenue earnings.

As the number one investment driver of Nigeria, Adebayo is leading the promotion of government's policies of Ease of Doing Business, job creation, poverty eradication and industrialization. The Minister has been implementing certain policies and programmes including: standardization of bilateral trade agreements, stimulating growth of domestic Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSMEs and renewed roadmap to increase Nigeria's Foreign Direct Investments, FDIs.

Born of February 4, 1958, Adebayo had built a Business and Legal Career spanning about forty years. His experience is extensive in areas such as: Project Finance, Oil and Gas, Commercial Law and Business Facilitation.

He was educated at the Corona School, Yaba, Lagos (1962-1968), University of Lagos Staff School (1968-1969), C.M.S Grammar School, Bariga, Lagos (1969-1974), Davies Tutors, Hove, Sussex, England (1964-1977) and University of Lagos (1977-1981) where he studied Law. He is a member of the Nigeria Bar Association, International Bar Association, The Nigeria

Institute of Management, a fellow of the Nigeria Institute of Public Administration, and a Director of the Nigeria Sickle Cell Foundation. He is also a member of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Nigeria.

He became the first Executive Governor of his home state, Ekiti, in May 29, 1999 where he laid the remarkable foundation for development strides. He was also the Pioneer Secretary of the Nigeria Governors' Forum, NGF.

A core chieftain of the ruling All Progressives Party (APC), the Minister held office of the Interim National Vice Chairman south West and Deputy National Chairman (South) of the party. Happily married with children and grandchildren, Adebayo's hobbies include Lawn Tennis and Football. He is also a receiver of the Nigeria National Honour Award, Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON).

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**MS. ANNE ABEJA**

Anne is the Company Secretary and Chief Legal Officer at Housing Finance Bank based in Kampala, an indigenous Ugandan Bank enabling home ownership and financial independence. In this role she provides support to the Board and Management in the execution of strategy and implementing best practice in Corporate Governance. She has over 14 years' experience as a Company Secretary and 19 years as a Legal practitioner. She is a Chartered Secretary and Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, United Kingdom. She holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree, among other professional qualifications. She is also a qualified Advocate of the High Court of Uganda and other Courts of Judicature. Anne has attended a number of Leadership courses including the CEO Apprenticeship Program facilitated by the Strathmore Business School, Kenya and the CEO Summit in Uganda in conjunction with the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Anne is Governance Professional, a commercial and business oriented lawyer, an enabler and advisor who understands the need to balance business and risks in efficiently arriving at effective solutions to achieve business goals.

Anne is a member of the Uganda Law Society and the East Africa Law Society. She served on the Governing Council of the EALS in different capacities over the years as Council Member, Deputy Secretary General, Secretary General and Vice President in Charge of Regional Integration and International Affairs.

Anne is passionate about mentoring and was involved with the MY WORLD (Mentoring Young Women: Road to Leadership Development) Program in Kampala, Uganda mentoring young ladies.

Anne loves family, traveling, networking, trying out different cuisines and is an avid



**PAULMAN CHUNGU**

Paulman Chungu has extensive legal experience. He has practiced as a Lawyer for Twenty – Six (26) Years. He has worked in the public sector as an Advocate in the Attorney General's office, served as In-House Counsel for a multi-national corporation and in private practice, as an Associate and now is a founding and Co – Managing Partner of the firm Ranchhod | Chungu Advocates. Paulman Chungu is well versed in diverse areas of the law and has competitive competences in commercial and business dispute resolution and contract negotiation.

Paulman possess a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Zambia and a Master's Degree from Salford University in the United Kingdom. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and has certification as a Stock Broker and Financial Advisor. Paulman has served as Honorary Secretary for the Law Association of Zambia, he is current Vice Chairman of the Zambian Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and sits on the Governing Council of the SADC Lawyers Association.

His assignments over the years have ranged from participation in the legal team supporting the negotiation of the state- owned mining companies, prosecuting major claims on behalf of the Government, representation of major investment companies in claims before the superior courts within Zambia, serving of the Technical Committee for

the review of the Zambian Constitution and offering legal advice, training and support to corporations seeking to invest in various sectors. He has had experiences in the Mining sector, hotel and leisure, tourism and environment, agriculture, retail and manufacturing and Banking and Finance.

Paulman has navigated the challenges of dispute resolution both within and outside Zambia. He has sat as a Sole Arbitrator and on panels of various Tribunals in high level and complex disputes and acted on behalf of parties as Counsel in numerous disputes. He has conducted training in Arbitration in Zambia and within the SADC sub-region and has attended at various conferences and seminars within Africa and Overseas. His knowledge of arbitration law and practice is extensive and he offers a valuable resource for the development of arbitration within SADC.



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**LEYOU TAMERU**

**Leyou Tameru** is an independent arbitrator and consultant in Africa focused international Arbitration. She's the founder of I-Arb Africa, a Court Member of the International Court of Arbitration at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and a member of the ICC Africa Commission in Paris. She is also on the Board of Directors of the African Arbitration Association (AfAA) in Kigali. Leyou regularly consults on international arbitration cases and investment and policy matters, such as serving as an expert in the drafting process of the African Continental Free Trade Area protocols, negotiating large oil and gas contracts with African governments.

Leyou was named as one of Africa's 50 most promising young arbitration practitioners by the Association of Young Arbitrators as well as a Rising Star by Africa Arbitration. She is a graduate of Addis Ababa University (LL.B. '08), where she has taught law, and Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M. '09).



**PETINA GAPPAH**

**Petina Gappah** is a Zimbabwean national who was born in Zambia, and has law degrees from the Universities of Cambridge, Graz and Zimbabwe. She is currently the Principal Legal Advisor in the Office of the Secretary -General of the African Continental Free Trade Area based in Accra, Ghana.

One of the pioneer lawyers at the Advisory Centre on WTO Law in Geneva for more than a decade, she was the advisor to more than 70 African, Asian, Caribbean and Latin American governments on all aspects of trade law and policy. Before that, she worked for three years as a legal officer in the Appellate Body Secretariat of the World Trade Organization.

As well as being a lawyer, Petina is a novelist and playwright: her work has been published in more than a dozen languages, including by The New Yorker and Der Spiegel, and been shortlisted for the Orwell Prize, the Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award, the PEN America Open Book Award and the Prix Femina (Étrangers) among others. She is the recipient of the Chautauqua Prize, the McKitterick Prize, the Guardian First Book Award and Zimbabwe's NAMA Award.



**NED BEALE**

**Ned** is a partner of Hausfeld, a US, UK and EU disputes only firm known for their willingness to share risk with clients and their links with litigation funders.

Ned regularly appears in international arbitration for international parties as counsel, advocate and arbitrator, including before ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL and ad hoc tribunals. He is a Fellow (FCIArb) of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Ned was named UK's Litigator of the Year by Legal Week at their 2019 Litigation & Arbitration Awards for his work in international arbitration and the UK Supreme Court.

Ned's West African experience includes a Nigerian telecoms arbitration, a Sierra Leone mining dispute and, early in his career, as one of the legal team representing the Federal Republic of Nigeria before the International Court of Justice.



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**PROF. BANKOLE  
SODIPO**

**B**ankole Adekunle Akintoye SODIPO is a professor of law (and a former Dean of Law) at the School of Law and Security Studies, Babcock University. He was called to the Nigeria Bar in 1986 after obtaining his LL.B (Hons) from the University of Ife (now OAU). He got his LL.M from the University of Lagos in 1988 and his Ph.D from the University of London in 1995.

He has contributed to teaching and giving seminars at Queen Mary University of London, the University College London, Nigerian Law School, Pan-Atlantic University and the University of Cambridge. He has been a visiting scholar and fellow at Queen Mary University of London and the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL). His interests include intellectual property law, energy law, arbitration and mediation, corporate reorganisations, maritime law, religious liberty, terrorism and security regulation. He is noted for leading regulatory reforms. He has significant experience advising regulators and challenging regulators without jeopardizing the interests of regulated industries.

Bankole teaches arbitration and mediation at Babcock University and he organizes the African Arbitration Day conference in association with the School of International Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London and the British Institute of International

and Comparative Law. He has acted as counsel in a number of commercial arbitrations especially in construction, aviation, maritime and technology disputes. He is one of the first to obtain an interim injunction pending arbitration in Nigeria. He has mediated a number of commercial disputes involving sums of up to N16 Billion.

He is a partner in the Nigerian law firm, G.O. Sodipo & Co. He teaches at Babcock University.



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Brekoulakis has extensive experience as arbitrator in both investment and commercial disputes under all major arbitration rules. He is being regularly listed in Who's Who Legal: Thought Leader and Who's Who Legal: Arbitration being praised as a "reigning thought leader in the arbitration space" and "one of the great minds in the international arbitration world" with "a seemingly encyclopaedic recall of jurisprudence."

He serves in several public positions and commissions of trust including being a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration, the LCIA Court, the Lagos Court of Arbitration, Investment Expert Trade Advisory Group of the UK Department for International Trade, Steering Committee of the UNCITRAL Academic Forum on ISDS. He is the Editor-in-Chief of CI Arb's International Journal of Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Management, General Editor of Journal of International Dispute Settlement, and Co-editor of Kluwer's International Arbitration Law Library series.

His academic work includes the leading publications on Third Parties in International Arbitration (OUP 2010), Arbitrability (Kluwer 2008), ICCA-Queen Mary Report on Third

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- ANKOMAH SACKEY**

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**TIMI BALOGUN**

His practice focuses on project finance and infrastructure development, mainly in sub-Saharan Africa. He is recognised by Legal 500 EMEA as an “expert based abroad for Ghana” and 'skilled in infrastructure', for his work as part of a team advising Ghana National Petroleum Corporation on natural gas development at the Jubilee, TEN and Sankofa fields. The team is ranked as Tier 1 foreign firm in Ghana.

He has extensive dispute resolution and international arbitration experience, acting for African governments, state entities and national oil & gas companies in high profile disputes. He recently represented the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation in commercial arbitration proceedings regarding disputes over oil lifting entitlements and was part of a team of lawyers that defended Nigeria in efforts to resist the recognition and enforcement of a \$10 billion award in favor of P&ID, a BVI entity.

He has equally successfully defended a Nigerian state entity in enforcement proceedings brought to enforce an arbitration award before the Technology & Construction Court in the UK. He is a regular speaker on the Investment Arbitration Masterclass programme certified by ICSID, Georgetown Law and the International Law Institute. He is a graduate of the University of Ife.

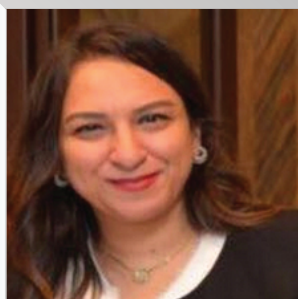


**DIAMANA  
DIAWARA**

She is the newly appointed Director of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC Court) for Dispute Resolution Services in Africa. She was previously a Counsel at the Secretariat of the ICC Court for 5 years. She gained expertise in arbitration by leading the administration of hundreds of arbitral procedures, in the case management team in charge of the Middle Eastern, African and Francophone European regions. Since 2012 Diamana uses her experience in arbitral proceedings for the benefit of the users of the ICC Court. Prior to joining the ICC Court, Diamana has been trained in the Arbitration Department of the Paris office of Dentons. Diamana also acts as a Lecturer in the Master 2 degree in International Commercial law of Paris Ouest Nanterre-La Défense University and in the Diplôme Universitaire in Domestic and International Arbitration of Montpellier University.

She is a member of several professional networks. In particular, she is the head of the ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (YAF) Africa Chapter, a member of the OHADA group of the Comité français de l'arbitrage, a former member of the IBA Arb40 Steering Committee and a founding member of AfricArb.

She holds master degrees in international business law from Paris 1 and Paris Nanterre Universities and is a graduate from the LLM Program of Golden Gate University San Francisco, California.



**RYHAM RAGAB**

Ryham Ragab is an Egyptian lawyer with over fifteen years of work experience. Currently, she is the Group General Counsel of Samcrete for Engineering Investments, an engineering powerhouse with numerous subsidiaries in the construction (EPC), industrial parks' development, real estate development and manufacturing sectors in Egypt. Before that she founded her own law firm in Cairo, RAGAB Law Firm, where she maintained a general practice, with a focus on corporate law, contracts, litigation and alternative dispute resolution means, servicing and providing legal advice to amongst others, Egyptian, American, German and Swiss corporate clients.

Ryham worked at leading law firms in Egypt, Germany, New York, London and Paris on international construction, commercial, banking, oil & gas, and investment arbitrations. She sits as arbitrator and is an accredited mediator by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) in London. Her working languages are Arabic and English. Her expertise includes drafting and negotiating international contracts, banking facilities, and advising on commercial transactions including mergers and acquisitions.

Ryham completed a Masters in Law (LL.M.) in Banking and Finance Law at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London and another LL.M. at Duke Law. In addition to the License en Droit certificate from Cairo University, she holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the American University in Cairo.

## SPEAKERS' PROFILE



**TUNDE  
OGUNSEITAN**

Tunde Ogunseitan is a dispute resolution practitioner with practical multijurisdictional and multidisciplinary experience. Tunde regularly consults internationally for a variety of arbitral institutions, businesses and firms.

He formerly has led the Common Law jurisdictions as Counsel of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) including the United Kingdom, Ireland, the Caribbean, Anglophone Africa, and the Indian Subcontinent for over 7 years.

Prior to his time at the ICC, he gained substantial experience from practice in several international law firms including Steptoe, Cadwalader and in-house from Zurich Financial, specialising in dispute resolution, asset tracing, maritime law, insurance, structured finance and debt capital markets.

He is also a Teaching Fellow in alternative dispute resolution and international commercial arbitration at the SOAS University of London and UCLY in Lyon, France. He is currently a trustee of ODRAfrica. He is also a court member of the Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA) and currently chairs the LCA Sub Committee on reviewing the LCA

Rules. Tunde is admitted as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is part of the CI Arb teaching faculty in London. He was founding a member of the IBA 40 under 40.

He is admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales (n.p.) and a Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.



**BEATRICE  
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**KAMAL SHAH**

Kamal Shah is a partner and head of the Africa and India groups at Stephenson Harwood. He acts for governments, government entities, banks, private corporations and high net worth individuals in a range of matters including those relating to projects and infrastructure, joint ventures, banking and finance, shareholder arrangements, energy and a range of schemes commonly used to defraud individuals and corporations. Kamal is highly ranked in the legal directories including The Legal 500 UK, Chambers (UK, global and Asia Pacific) and IFLR1000. He was named as a leading international arbitration practitioner in 'Who's Who Legal: Future Leaders 2017 - 2020' and has been recognised in Africa's 30 Arbitration Powerlist 2020 and The Legal 500's Powerlists for arbitration and Africa for 2019. In addition to being a LCIA Court Member, Kamal is currently the president of the LCIA African Users Council. He is also a Court member of Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre. Kamal co-published the text of the 'African Promise', which seeks to tackle the under-representation of Africans on international arbitration tribunals. He is also the co-author of the leading text 'Arbitration in Africa: A Review of Key Jurisdictions' and contributed a chapter on the enforcement of foreign arbitral awards to 'International Arbitration Law & Practice: The Practitioner's Perspective'. Kamal was named joint winner of the 'Mentor of the Year' award at African Arbitration Association Awards 2020.



## SPEAKERS' PROFILE



**PRIYESH DAYA**

**Priyesh Daya** is the Dispute Resolution Practice Head and a partner at Webber Wentzel. Priyesh is an expert in all aspects of dispute resolution with a specific focus on corporate and commercial litigation. He also advises on arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. His clients include both private corporations and public, parastatal entities and he has worked across numerous sectors including mining, oil and gas, and financial services. He has deep expertise in the telecommunications and construction and engineering sectors. He has conducted workshops, seminars and presentations on construction-related dispute resolution and international arbitration, including presenting at the MARC (the Alternative Dispute Resolution arm of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) arbitration week in 2019. His expertise has been recognised by the international research organisations such as Legal 500, IFLR1000 and Best Lawyers.



**PATRICK TAYLOR**

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Qualified in England & Wales and Ireland as a solicitor and solicitor-advocate, Mr Taylor has advised and represented both corporate and sovereign clients in international arbitration disputes throughout the world—although most frequently in Africa, Europe, Russia and the CIS and, increasingly, in Latin America. Mr Taylor's practice has principally focused on ultra-high value commercial and investment arbitration, with particular experience in the upstream oil & gas, energy and telecommunications sectors, as well as tax-related disputes.

Apart from his impressive representative work, Mr Taylor has developed a reputation as a thought leader in the field of international law through his membership in the IBA Arb40 Arbitration Subcommittee, leading a project on ethics in arbitration; and he currently serves as a member of the IBA's Investment Arbitration Subcommittee and a contributor to the IBA Arbitration Committee's task force on Restructuring and Insolvency in Arbitration, for which he produced and submitted a review of the relationship between insolvency and arbitration in England & Wales. During the reporting period, Mr Taylor has also authored a chapter on how cultural differences can impact international arbitration for the Stockholm Arbitration Yearbook.



**DR ADEMOLA  
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**Dr. Ademola Bamgbose** is an international arbitration and litigation lawyer in the London office of Hogan Lovells. He is also a key member of the firm's global Africa practice, and is admitted to practice in Nigeria, England and Wales.

He represents clients in high-value international arbitration disputes and advises clients on issues spanning multiple sectors and jurisdictions, especially in Africa. He has previously undertaken a commercial litigation secondment in the legal department of a top FTSE 100 company in London. Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, he spent some time at the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris and a top tier law firm in Lagos, where he advised on sophisticated disputes and represented clients in complex litigations at superior courts in Nigeria.

Ademola has a keen interest in Africa and regularly speaks at conferences and trainings both within and outside the continent. He is widely published, with some of his contributions featuring on leading platforms across the globe. His PhD thesis (completed with distinction) at the University of Warwick, United Kingdom examined the arbitration frameworks in 19 African countries. He is presently consulting for an African country in relation to the revision of its arbitration legal framework. He is also an honorary lecturer at University of Ibadan, Nigeria; guest lecturer at the University of Reading, United Kingdom; and reviewer for the Commonwealth Law Bulletin. He is co-founder of Africa Arbitration; director of Africa Arbitration Academy and Africa Construction Law. He is also a regional representative (Africa) of the London Court of International Arbitration - Young International Arbitration Group (LCIA-YIAG).

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## SPEAKERS' PROFILE



**GODWIN OMOAKA**  
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He provides a broad range of legal advice and representation for a wide variety of clients ranging from multinational corporations and major financial institutions to governments and high-profile individuals. He has a stellar track record including a very strong trial capability in international and domestic arbitration, litigation, as well as other forms of alternative dispute resolution such as mediation, conciliation and negotiation.

He is a Fellow of the Institute of Construction Arbitrators, the Chartered Institute of Arbitration and sits on the Board of the Lagos Court of Arbitration. He is also a Member of the London Court of International Arbitration, the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre, Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners

Association of Nigeria and the African Arbitration Association. He is a Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution Accredited Mediator and a Fellow and Governing Council Member of the Institute of Chartered Mediators & Conciliators.

He has been consistently recognised by leading legal ranking authorities such as Legal 500 and Chambers Global.



**THIERRY TOMASI**

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Thierry has an international practice linked with Latin America, notably Brazil, and Africa. Of French and Italian citizenship, Thierry works in French, English, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. He is also a board members of Paris Home of Arbitration (Paris Place d'Arbitrage) and a member of the French Arbitration Committee (CFA), where he chairs the Arbitration and International Construction working group, the Italian Arbitration Committee (AIA), the Brazilian Arbitration Committee (CBAr) and the International Bar Association. Thierry is a visiting Lecturer at the Catholic University of Louvain.



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Mrs Rattray is an Approved Faculty Trainer on the Arbitration and Adjudication Pathway Courses of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She served as Chairperson of the Zambia Branch of the Institute from 2018 - 2020. She is listed on the panels of the Kigali International Arbitration Centre, the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration and the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre. She has been recognised and included on the Africa's 30 Arbitration Powerlist 2020 by the Africa Arbitration Academy. Her experience includes international and domestic arbitration and adjudication.



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He is a member of the international advisory panel of the Kuwait National Focal Point, providing oversight for the multibillion-dollar post-Gulf War environmental remediation program, and serves on the Board of the Lagos Court of Arbitration and of the Silicon Valley Arbitration Center.



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She is a member of CPR's Y-ADR Steering Committee, member of the international advisory board to the Young Arbitration Group of Pakistan's CIICA, and co-chair for both the Middle East Sub-committee for the Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge and Middle East Sub-committee for Greener Arbitration.



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OGWEMOH**

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Priscilla is one of the leading Women Arbitrators and Mediation practitioners in Nigeria, a fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators, she enjoys professional membership in associations dedicated to ADR nationally and internationally including the UK Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR-UK), Negotiation and Conflict Management Group (NCMG), Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (ICMC). She recently served as a key member of a professional group that participated in the review of Nigerian Arbitration law to promote investment and growth of domestic Arbitration in Nigeria. Priscilla is listed on the Panel of Neutrals of the Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA) and the Lagos Multi Door Court House (LMDC) where she regularly mediates commercial disputes. Priscilla is recognized in the current edition of the internationally acclaimed Publication, Who's Who Legal in the category of Arbitration. She is also a member of the National Assembly Business Environment Roundtable (NASSBER), a Committee set up by the Nigerian Senate to review laws affecting the Nigerian business environment, International Bar Association (IBA), Maritime Law

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**PROF. GITHU  
MUIGAI**

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As a committed Jurist, he has been involved in the teaching and practice of law for over 30 years. As an academic, he is widely acknowledged as an expert in the area of Public Law with special recognition in the areas of Constitutional Law, Constitutional Jurisprudence, Constitutional litigation and comparative constitutionalism. He has taught undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Constitutional Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, Jurisprudence and Legal Theory, Public International Law and International Human Rights Law.

He has broad international and domestic experience at dispute resolution having represented Kenya as the Attorney General before the International Criminal Court at the Hague, serving as a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Hague. He has represented numerous parties at the Supreme Court of Kenya, the Supreme Court of Uganda and other regional litigation and dispute resolution fora. He was conferred the rank of Senior Counsel by the President of the Republic of Kenya.

He previously served as the chief legal adviser to the Government of Kenya as Attorney General (August 2011-March 2018) and as a Commissioner with the former Constitution of Kenya Review Commission, as judge to the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (2008-2010). He is also a former Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (2008-2011).



**ASHWITA AMBAST**

**Ashwita Ambast** holds a Bachelor of Arts and Law with Honours from the National Law School of India University in Bangalore, where she was the chief editor of the Law Review and graduated as a gold-medallist. Ashwita also holds a masters in law from Yale Law School where she was an editor of the Yale Journal of International Law.

Ashwita joined the International Bureau of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in September 2016 and currently serves as Legal Counsel. Ashwita has previously served as the Co-Registrar of the Mauritius International Arbitration Centre (MIAC).

Before joining the PCA and MIAC, Ashwita worked as a foreign legal adviser (and later junior associate) at a magic circle law firm in London. Ashwita is a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales and is admitted to practice as an Advocate in India.



**DR. SALLY  
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**Dr. Sally El Sawah** is the Founding Partner & Principal of El Sawah Law|Paris. French and Egyptian qualified and Registered Foreign Lawyer in England & Wales, Sally has been practising arbitration for over fourteen years, both in reputable law firms and as an independent practitioner. Fluent in Arabic, English and French and working between Egypt, Paris and London, she has deep knowledge of the Civil Law and Common Law systems, as well as the business, social and cultural environments of Francophone, Anglophone and Northern-Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

As Counsel, Sally has advised and represented States, multinationals and high-net-worth individuals in over 60 projects, litigations and arbitrations. She regularly appears before arbitral tribunals, French and Egyptian Courts, arguing ground-breaking cases which resulted in landmark arbitral and court decisions in the field of arbitration and state immunities. As Presiding arbitrator, Co-arbitrator and administrative secretary, Sally has been involved in over 30 arbitral proceedings, both ad hoc and under the auspices of reputable arbitration centres, such as the ICC, ICSID, CRCICA, LCIA-DIFC, DIAC, CCJA, etc. Sally was the winner of AfAA's "Best Young African Arbitration Practitioner Award" for the Year 2020 and is AfAA's Deputy Secretary General since February 2021.

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**DANIEL WILMOT**

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His practice is international and he has advised clients in disputes across the oil & gas, technology, construction, healthcare, transport, infrastructure, automotive, mining, manufacturing, insurance, shipping, hospitality and consumer retail sectors.

He has a strong focus on disputes connected with Africa and his work has included cases involving Nigeria, Cameroun, Ghana, Tanzania, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea and Botswana. He also has significant experience of advising on disputes within the Middle East.

Dan has particular expertise in the oil & gas industry. He has acted in matters involving IOCs, NOCs, independents and service providers across the upstream-to-downstream lifecycle. His experience includes disputes involving PSA/PSCs, JOAs, FPSOs, Operator liabilities, marketing issues, oil & gas services, post-M&A claims and construction projects.

He has complementary experience of English court litigation, including arbitration-related litigation involving anti-suit injunctive relief. He can also draw from experience in investment treaty arbitration, mediation and expert determination. He is pleased to accept appointments as arbitrator in appropriate cases.



**MOUHAMED KEBE**

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He holds a LLM in Business law from the University of Dakar Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal, a LLM in International law from the University of Essex, United Kingdom, a Certificate in International Arbitration from the University of London, and a certificate in Investment Arbitration from the Georgetown University, US.

He is a chartered arbitrator before the OHADA Court, a member of the Arbitration Court of the ICC, a member of the Committee of the Lagos Court of Arbitration.

He oversees commercial, and investment arbitration, as Counsel, or arbitrator



**THOMAS R. SNIDER**

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From 2001 to 2009, Mr. Snider was a member of the legal team representing the Government of Ethiopia before the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission, an international arbitral tribunal that adjudicated claims for loss, damage, and injury arising during an international armed conflict. In this context, he worked as a resident attorney in Addis Ababa from 2002 to 2004.

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She serves on the Users Council of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and is a former Vice-President of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) Africa Users' Council. She also has a well-rounded knowledge of Public International Law and International Relations gained from her postgraduate studies.



**JOSÉ FÉRIS**

**J**osé Feris is a partner at Squire Patton Boggs specializing in international commercial arbitration, public international law and investment arbitration. He is identified by Who's Who Legal as "as a master of international arbitration" and "by far one of the most prominent young figures in international arbitration." He represents parties to commercial and investment arbitrations. He also sits as arbitrator. His cases involve entities from Latin America, Africa, Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Asia and have a particular focus in the construction and energy sectors.

Before joining the firm, José served at the ICC International Court of Arbitration as Acting Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, Managing Counsel, Counsel and Deputy Counsel. He supervised thousands of arbitrations and reviewed numerous awards in many jurisdictions and sectors including energy, construction, telecommunications, transportation, banking and finance, information technology and trade. He played a predominant role in the revision and implementation of the 2012 and 2017 ICC Arbitration Rules and the drafting of the 2017 ICC Appointing Authority Rules.

José teaches international arbitration at SciencesPo in Paris and is actively engaged in various professional organizations. He is Vice-Chair of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, Vice-President of the Latin American Arbitration Association, member of the Court of Arbitration of the American Chamber of Commerce in Peru, member of the Advisory Board of the World Arbitration and Mediation Review, and member of the Arbitrators Council at the Atlanta Centre for International Arbitration and Mediation.



**OLUDOTUN  
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ADEFOPE-OKOJIE**

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- i. Justice, Court Of Appeal, Kaduna Division (2014-2020), Owerri Division (2021)
- ii. Judge, High Court Of Lagos State, Nigeria (1996-2014)
- iii. Principal Partner, Adefope & Co.(1983-1996) Rwang Pam Street, Jos, Plateau State
- iv. Associate In Chambers, Gally Brown-Peterside (San) & Co. (1978-1982), Wase Road, Jos, Plateau State
- v. State Counsel, Ministry Of Justice, Jos, Plateau State (1977-1978)
- vi. Pupil State Counsel, Ministry Of Justice, Jos Plateau State (Nysc) (1977-1978)

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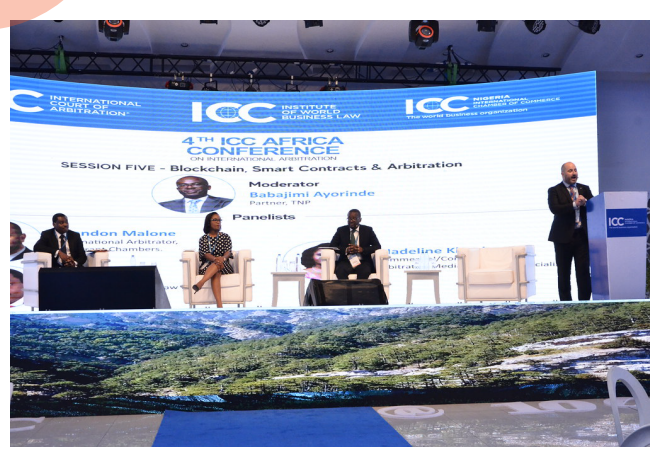




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