OHADA NIGERIA

2009 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

THEME – HARMONISING BUSINESS LAWS IN AFRICA

PROGRAMME

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 3RD JUNE, 2009
VENUE: AT THE METROPOLITAN CLUB, VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS
TIME : 9. A.M. PROMPT
OPENING CEREMONY

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED CHAIRMANSHIP OF
HONOURABLE JUSTICE IDRIS KUTIGI G.C.O.N. CHIEF
JUSTICE OF NIGERIA

8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. - Registration of Participants and Arrival of Guests

9.00 a.m. - 9.10 a.m. - Introduction of Chairman and Guests seated on the
High Table - George Etomi Esq., 1st Vice President
Ohada Nigeria

9.10 a.m. - 9.20 a.m. - Welcome and Introductory Remarks - Akin Akinbote,
President Ohada Nigeria

9.20 a.m. – 9.40 a.m. - Review and Presentation of "Harmonisation of
Business Law in Africa: The Law Issues, Problems
and Prospects" written by Honorable Justice Idris
Mohammed of the Federal High Court, Benin –“and a
jointly-authored book “Unified Business Laws for
Africa: Common Law Perspectives on OHADA”.
Fidelis Oditah Q.C. S.A.N

9.40 a.m. – 10 a.m. - Authors’ Remarks – Hon. Justice Idris Mohammed and
Prof Clair-Moore Dickerson

10. a.m. - 10.15 a.m. - Special Guest of Honour’s Address – Honourable
Justice Umar Mohammed – President, Court of Appeal,
Nigeria

10.15. - 10. 25 a.m. - Remarks by the Oluwarotimi Akeredolu S.A.N.,
President, Nigerian Bar Association

10.25 a.m. – 10.35 a.m. - Chairman’s Closing Remark - Honourable Justice Idris

10.35 a.m. – 10.45 a.m - Vote of Thanks - Mohammed Bello-Adoke
S.A.N.

10.45 a.m. – 11. a.m. - Tea/Coffee Break
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<td>&quot;Understanding the Ohada Treaty and Harmonised Business Laws&quot; - Prof Martha Tumnde of University of Bouea, Camerouns</td>
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<td>&quot;The Challenges faced by Common Law Jurisdictions to realise the OHADA Objectives - The Ghanaian Experience&quot; - Kwasi Prempeh-Eck, Legal Practitioner and Lecturer Ghana Law School, Ghana.</td>
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<td>&quot;OHADA: The Audacity of Unification - Towards a New Beginning&quot; - Xavier Forneris, Senior Investment Policy Officer / OHADA &amp; Investment Law Program Manager FIAS: The Investment Climate Advisory Service, World Bank Group</td>
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