

2nd ICC AFRICA REGIONAL ARBITRATION CONFERENCE

Lagos, Nigeria. 14th - 16th May, 2017

Arbitration: Catalyst for Economic Growth

Venue

Eko Hotels & Suites

Plot 1415, Adetokunbo Ademola Street
Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria

Highlights

The 2nd ICC Africa Regional Arbitration Conference is a "must attend" for Arbitration Professionals who want to keep up to date on the latest development and insights in international arbitration. Certainly, Africa is currently experiencing upsurge in international arbitration. With a lineup of top class speakers and topical discussions, the conference provides an excellent opportunity to network and build skills.

Target audience

This conference will be actively marketed throughout ICC exclusive globally contacts involved in international arbitration and professionals, such as:

- Academics
- Arbitrators
- Business professionals
- Corporate counsel
- Legal directors
- Legal practitioners
- Magistrates
- Mediators

Across sectors:

- Aeronautics
- Banking
- Construction
- Energy
- Finance
- Intellectual property
- International trade
- Telecom

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PROGRAMME

Day 1 - 14 May 2017

16.00 – 18.00 Launch of the ICC Expedited Rules

Diawara Diamana - Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris

Sami Huerbi - Director, International Court of Arbitration & ADR, ICC, Tunis

18.00 – 20.00 Welcome Reception/Cocktail

Babatunde Savage

Chairman, ICC Nigeria & Regional Coordinator for Africa, Lagos

Gabriel Olawoyin, SAN

Chairman of the Arbitration & ADR Commission, ICC Nigeria, Lagos

Day 2 – 15 May 2017

08.00 – 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 10.30 Welcome Address and Opening Keynote Speech

Gabriel Olawoyin, SAN

Chair, ICC Nigeria Arbitration & ADR Committee

Alexis Mourre (Keynote Speech)

President, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris

Funmilayo Atilade

Chief Justice of Lagos State

Boma Ozobia

Chairperson, Host Committee, Lagos

PLENARY SESSION

10.30 – 12.00 Too Big for its Shoes – will the rising cost of arbitration and the increasing complexity and depth of its rules not hurt the arbitral process?

Summary of Session The focus will be the pricing points of local and international institutions operating in Africa. What are the selling points for users to engage these institutions? Panelists will explore the economic safety of using institutions which guarantee procedural integrity versus the economic risk of ad hoc processes in delivering a product: an enforceable award.

Funke Adekoya, SAN

Partner, AELEX, Lagos

Alexis Mourre

President, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris

Nacisse Aka

Secretary General of OHADA Court of Justice and Arbitration, Abidjan

Fidele Masengo

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12.00 – 14.00 Lunch

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SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS

14.00 – 15.30 Building an Arbitration Practice – what do I need to do?

Summary of Session This session discusses what needs to be considered towards building an international arbitration practice as an arbitrator and/or arbitration counsel, and whether identifying your interest in a specialist area, and pursuing the interest by undergoing specialist courses/ shadowing experienced Arbitrators in that field, is enough. Factors that companies consider when selecting their arbitrator or arbitration counsel will be discussed as well.

Gaston Kenfack Djouajni

President, UNCTRAL & Association pour la Promotion de l'Arbitrage en Afrique (APAA), Abidjan

John Sykes

Partner, Charles Russell Speechlys LLP, London

Bayo Ojo, SAN

Senior Partner, Bayo Ojo & Co, Lagos

Duncan Bagshaw

Partner, Stephenson Harwood LLP, London

15.30 – 17.00 Arbitrability – a potential barrier to African bound Investments?

Summary of Session This topic will discuss the interface between substantive law and policy and the direct effect of both (positive and negative) on the flow of Foreign Direct Investment into Africa States.

Babatunde Fagbonhulu, SAN

Partner, Aluko & Oyebode, Lagos

Nene Amegatcher

Managing Partner, Sam Okudzeto & Associates, Accra

Julien Fouret

Partner, Betto Seraglini, Paris

Ben Sanderson

Counsel & Practice Manager, DLA Piper, London

14.00 – 17.00 How to be an Effective Administrative Secretary

Summary of Session The session focuses on the increased use of administrative secretaries (registrars) by arbitrators in large cases. Participants will be trained on the importance of independence and impartiality. Panelists will explore their function, powers, remuneration and focus on the expectation from the parties, counsel and arbitrators. In providing perspective of their duties they will be taught the importance of understanding tribunal dynamics.

Olushola Adegbonmire

Partner, Sola Ajijola & Co, Lagos

Pierre Daureu

Avocat, Paris, University of Lille, Lille

Gregory Travaini

Senior Associate, Herbert Smith Freehills, Paris

Thomas Granier

Associate, Mc Dermott Will & Emery, Paris

Solomon Ebere

Attorney at Law, London

Sheni Ibiwoye, SAN

Partner, Bayo Ojo & Co, Lagos

19.00 Gala Dinner

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Day 3 – 16 May, 2017

PLENARY SESSION

09.00 - 10.30 **Investor-State Disputes in Africa – state parties and the arbitral process – where do we get it wrong?**

Summary of Session This topic will discuss the involvement of African States in Investor –State Disputes in Africa, the perception that State parties are disadvantaged in the process. Is there a level playing field, and if not, what should State parties be doing to enhance their chances of success?"

Sami Huerbi

Director, Int'l Court of Arbitration & ADR, ICC, Tunis/Dubai

Supo Sasore, SAN

Partner, Ajumogobia & Okeke, Lagos

Xavier Nyssen

Partner, Dechert LLP, Paris

Pauline Mcharo

Office of the Attorney General, International Law Division, Nairobi

10.30 – 12.00 **Reforming Arbitration Law and Practice in Africa – An Update**

Summary of Session Against the backdrop of known challenges facing Arbitration in Africa, such as delays arising from court interventions, ineffective mechanism for enforcement of arbitration agreements and awards, cost of arbitration, etc. this panel explores how the laws and practices governing Arbitration in Africa can be reformed to address these multiple challenges and make Africa an Arbitration hub for disputants.

Ismail Selim

Director, Cairo Regional Arbitration Centre, Cairo

John Miles

Managing Partner, JMiles & Co, Nairobi

Yemi Candide-Johnson, SAN

Managing Partner, Strachan Partners, Lagos

Elizabeth Oger-Gross

Partner, WhiteCase LLP, Paris

Michael Young, QC

Partner, Allen & Overy LLP, Paris

SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS

14.00 – 15.30 **Arbitration and the Rebuilding of Infrastructure in African Conflict Areas**

Summary of Session This session will focus on the peculiar issues which may arise where arbitration is the mechanism of choice to effectively resolve disputes in conflict areas. Panelists will explore the relevance of submission by sovereign entities in conflict areas to arbitration, competing claims by adverse sovereign entities and specific types of claims and defences that may arise when arbitrating infrastructure disputes in conflict areas.

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Nathan Searle

Partner, Hogan Lovells International LLP, London

Maurice Garber

Managing Partner, Garber and Co, Freetown

14.00 – 15.30 Barriers to Entry; Dealing with Diversity

Summary of Session

The Session is proposed as a highly interactive discussion format and aimed at highlighting the importance of increase in diversity to the future of international arbitration. The moderator will pose series of questions to the panelists with a view to identifying the different aspects of diversity: gender, age, ethnic, disability. The negative effects of lack of diversity and the extent to which diversity has or has not created barriers to entering the field of arbitration will be discussed.

The advantages of removing perceived barriers to entering the field including the impact of increased diversity to the longevity and legitimacy of the process will be addressed. Panelists will be expected to draw from their own experiences when applicable].

The role of Institutions will be addressed ,initiatives being taken by Institutions and other organizations to increase diversity in making arbitration appointments [including the ERA Pledge] will be discussed.

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15.30 – 17.00 Arbitration as a Developmental Tool in Resolving Intellectual Property Disputes

Summary of Session

Yusuf Kadiri

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Emmanuel Edet

Head Legal Services and Board Matters Unit, National Information Technology Development Agency, Lagos

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Barrister, 7 Stones Commercial & IP Chambers, London

15.30 – 17.00 Resolving Shipping Disputes in Africa through Arbitration – Sovereignty vs Party Autonomy

Summary of Session

It is axiomatic that the entire foundation of arbitration as a legal order rests on the party autonomy principle. The quest by African countries for recognition and acceptance as reputable centres for dispute resolution through arbitration continues apace. It is becoming increasingly evident that this drive requires the support of statutory interventions that have evolved on the back of international conventions or are inherently home grown. This session seeks to address the developments in the maritime arena towards engendering the resolution of more maritime disputes in Africa and interrogating the efficacy of the various statutory interventions intended as a catalyst to developing African centres for dispute resolution.

Chidi Ilogu, SAN

Managing Partner, Foundation Chambers, Lagos

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Senior Associate, Stephenson Harwood LLP, London

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17.00 – 17.25 Conference Debriefing

17.25 – 17.30 Vote of Thanks

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