

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

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| 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. | - | Registration of Participants and Arrival of Guests |
| 9.00 a.m. - 9.10.00 a.m. | - | Introduction of Chairman and Guests seated on the High Table - George Etomi Esq., 1 st 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. | - | Chariman’s Closing Remark - Honourable Justice Idris Kutugi G.C.O.N., Chief Justice of Nigeria. |
| 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 |

FIRST SESSION - Moderator - Dr. Adesegun Akin-Olugbade, Executive
11 a.m. - 12. 45 Director (Corporate Services) and General Counsel Africa
Finance Corporation

PAPERS 1- 3

11 a.m. - 11.20 a.m. - "Understanding the Ohada Treaty and Harmonised Business
Laws" - Prof Martha Tumnde of University of Bouea,
Camerouns

11.20 a.m. - 11.40 a.m.. - "Ohada as a Tool for Doing Business in Africa ". The Legal
Practitioner's perspective - Boris Mathor - Eversheds, Paris

11.40. a.m. 12 noon - "Ohada as a Tool for Doing Business in Africa ". Academic
Perspective - Prof Claire Moore, University of Tulane, U.S.A.

12 noon – 12.30 p.m. - Questions and Answers

12.30 p.m. - 1.15 p.m. - Lunch

SECOND SESSION - Moderator - Prof Claire Moore, University of Tulane, U.S.A.

PAPERS 4 and Five

1.20 p.m. - 1.40 p.m. - " The Challenges faced by Common Law Jurisdictions to
realise the OHADA Objectives - The Ghanaian Experience".
kwasi Prempeh-Eck, Legal Practitioner and Lecturer Ghana
Law School, Ghana.

1.40 p.m. - 2 p.m.. - "The Challenges of Adopting Ohada Treaty and Uniform Acts
in Anglophone Ecowas States - The Way Forward - Akin
Akinbote" President Ohada Nigeria

2 p,m. – 2.20p.m - "OHADA: The Audacity of Unification - Towards a New
Beginning" - Xavier Forneris, Senior Investment Policy
Officer / OHADA & Investment Law Program Manager
FIAS: The Investment Climate Advisory Service, World Bank
Group

2.20 p.m. - 2.50 p.m. - Questions and Answers

2.50 - 3.15 p.m. - Communique

3.15 p.m. - Closing

Conference Registration Fee – N25,000.00 or \$200.- Payment by check in favour of Ohada Nigeria Ltd/GTE

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