

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. - 9.15 a.m. | - | Welcome Address - Akin Akinbote, President Ohada Nigeria |
| 9.15 a.m. - 9.35 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 |
| 9.35 a.m. - 9.50 a.m. | - | Author's Remarks and Dedication of " Harmonisation of Business Law in Africa: The Law Issues, Problems and Prospects " to the Memory of the late Chief F. R. Williams S.A.N. - Honorable Justice Idris Mohammed |
| 9.50 a.m. - 10 a.m. | | Remarks by the Head of Chambers of Chief F.R.A.'s Chambers. Chief (Mrs.) Abimbola Williams S.A.N. |
| 10.00 a.m. - 10.10 a.m. | | Authors' Remarks on " Unified Business Laws for Africa: Common Law Perspectives on OHADA " - Prof Clair-Moore Dickerson |
| 10.10 a.m. - 10.25 a.m. | - | Special Guest of Honour's Address - Honourable Justice Umar Abdulahi - President, Court of Appeal, Nigeria |
| 10.25. - 10.35 a.m. | - | Remarks by the Honourable Attorney-General of the Federation Chief Michael Aadooaka S.A.N., |
| 10.35. - 10.45 a.m. | - | Remarks by the Oluwarotimi Akeredolu S.A.N., President, Nigerian Bar Association |
| 10.45 a.m. - 10.55 a.m. | - | Chariman's Closing Remark - Honourable Justice Idris |

Kutugi G.C.O.N., Chief Justice of Nigeria.

- 10.55 a.m. - 11.05 a.m - Vote of Thanks - Mohammed Bello-Adoke S.A.N.
- 11.05 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. - Tea/Coffee Break
- FIRST SESSION
11.15 a.m. - 12. 45 - Moderator - Dr. Adesegun Akin-Olugbade, Executive Director (Corporate Services) and General Counsel Africa Finance Corporation
- PAPERS 1- 3
- 11.15 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. - "Understanding the Ohada Treaty and Harmonised Business Laws" - Prof Martha Tumnde of University of Bouea, Camerouns
- 11.30 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. - "Ohada as a Tool for Doing Business in Africa " - The Legal Practitioner's Perspective" - Boris Mathor, Partner Eversheds, Paris
- 11.45 a.m. - 12 noon - "Ohada as a Tool for Doing Business in Africa - The 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
U.S.A. - PAPERS 4 - 6
- 1.20 p.m. - 1.35 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.
- 1.35 p.m. - 1.50 p.m. - "The Challenges of Adopting Ohada Treaty and Uniform Acts in Anglophone Ecowas States - The Way Forward - Akin Akinbote" President Ohada Nigeria
- 1.50 p.m. - 2.15 p.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

- 2.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. - Questions and Answers
2.30 p.m. - 3.15 p.m. - Communique
3.15 p.m. - Closing

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