



ARBITRATION FUND

FOR AFRICAN STUDENTS

Arbitration Fund for African Students Half Year Report and Accounts 2019-20

The Arbitration Fund for African Students (AFAS) is a registered Charity under the Charities Act 2011. Our registered charity number is 1185823. We are regulated by the Charity Commission to whom we are required to submit our annual report and financial statements, up-to-date information about our trustees and other administrative information.

The Object of AFAS is:

To advance education in the knowledge, skills, techniques, use and methods of arbitration by the provision of:

- a) Funding for students in Africa to attend arbitration related conferences, workshops and moots.
- b) A website that will enable information relating to arbitration to be made available and accessible to the general public.

The Trustees are: Dr Nneka Emilia Onyema, Dr Chrispas Nyombi and Ms Eunice Shang-Simpson

The Members are: Dr Nneka Emilia Onyema, Dr Chrispas Nyombi, Ms Yasmin Sebah, Prof Walid Ben Hamida, Ms Eunice Shang-Simpson, Mr Joseph Otoo and Prof Tom Mortimer.

Our activities from October 2019- April 2020

AFAS was entered onto the register of Charities on 15 October 2019. In the proceeding period and in conjunction with our central objective, we:

- a) Held 4 AFAS Management Committee meetings, the Chair and minimum 2 other Members were present at the meetings.
- b) Updated our website with revised Terms of Reference and Constitution.
- c) Updated our website with educational videos, covering a wide range of arbitration-related topics.
- d) Considered six (6) applications for funding, primarily to attend the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria. However, the Moot was cancelled due to Covid-19. Funds were withheld as a result.
- e) Despite several setbacks including the challenges posed by Covid-19, the AFAS Team remains committed to opening a Bank Account within the next quarter. Once opened, the account details will be communicated to the general public. This will also enable us to apply for a Charity Gift Aid number.
- f) Reduced the number of Trustees to three (3) in accordance with banking requirements. However, all former Trustees were retained as Members.
- g) Our website remains the cornerstone of our activities. We have a contractual arrangement with researcharbitrationafrica.com to host our website for the foreseeable future.

AFAS would like to thank Dr Nneka Emilia Onyema for her unyielding dedication to the cause and financial contribution, which has enabled AFAS to function during this period.

Ms. E Shang-Simpson [Secretary]..... Signed

