

# **The Role of African States & Governments in the Development of Arbitration in Africa**

## **Third SOAS University of London Arbitration in Africa Conference**

**Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, 3-5 April 2017**

### **Programme**

#### **Day 0: 03 April 2017**

1200-1700: Registration at Cairo Regional Centre

**1830-2030: Welcome Reception at Salon Vert, Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino,  
sponsored by WilmerHale LLP London**

#### **Day 1: 04 April 2017**

0800-0930: Registration at Cairo Regional Centre

0930-0945: Welcome by Dr Ismail Selim, Director, CRCICA

0945-1000: Welcome by Dr Nabil El Araby, President, Board of Trustees, CRCICA

1000-1010: Welcome by Ambassador Mahmoud Nayel, Deputy Director of African Management,  
Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1015-1025: SOAS Arbitration in Africa Research Project: Dr Emilia Onyema, SOAS

1030-1100: Keynote address by Judge Mohammad Amin El Mahdi, Former Minister of transitional  
Justice & National Reconciliation; Former President of the Egyptian State Council; Former President  
of the High Administrative Court of Egypt; Vice President CRCICA Board of Trustees.

#### **1100-1120: Tea Break and Group Photo**

#### **1130-1330: Panel 1: Year 2 Update from Arbitration Institutions in Africa**

**Chair:** Ms Alexandra (Xander) Kerr Meise, Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University Law Center

Ms Ndanga Kamau, LCIA-MIAC, Mauritius

Mr Kizito Beyuo Ghana Arbitration Centre, Accra

Dr Fidele Masengo, Kigali International Arbitration Centre, Rwanda

Ms Deline Beukes, Africa ADR, South Africa

Dr Dalia Hussien, Cairo Regional Centre, Egypt

Mr Hicham Zegrany, CIMAK, Morocco

**1330-1440: LUNCH**

**1445-1745: Panel 2: Attitude of African Governments towards Arbitration**

**Chair:** Judge Edward Torgbor, Kenya/Ghana

Ms Maryan Hassan, Somalia

Dr Tunde Ajibade, Nigeria

Dr Nagla Nassar, Egypt

Mr Ousmanou Sadjo, Congo

Prof David Butler, South Africa

Mr Bakri Mohamed Abakar Mohammed, Sudan

**1800-1900: Drinks Reception & Book Launch at CRCICA, sponsored by Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, SOAS University of London**

**Day 2: 05 April 2017**

**0930-1100: Panel 3: Roundtable with UNCITRAL**

This roundtable will examine arbitration related UNCITRAL texts and their adoption by African states **Moderator:** Dr Emilia Onyema, SOAS University of London

Dr Gaston Kenfack Douajni, APAA

Mr Timothy Lemay, UNCITRAL

Dr Mohamed Abdel Raouf, Egypt

Mrs Doyin Rhodes-Vivour, Nigeria

Dr Kennedy Gastorn, AALCO

Mr Jonathan Ripley-Evans, South Africa

**1100-1115: Tea Break**

**1120-1330: Panel 4: Legal Environment for Investment Arbitration**

This panel will critique the ease of doing business in Africa; the environment for investment; and the engagement of African states in investment arbitration

**Chair:** Ms Rose Rameau, University of Ghana (Fulbright Scholar)

Mr Tsegaye Laurendeau, Shearman & Sterling LLP

Ms Rukia Baruti, Africa International Legal Awareness (AILA)

Dr Chrispas Nyombi, University of Bedfordshire

Mr Ike Ehiribe, Seven Stones Chambers, London

Dr Jimmy Kodo, OHADA Region

Mr Jimmy Muyanja, Uganda

Prof Dr Walid Ben Hamida, University of Evry, Paris

**1330-1445: LUNCH**

**1450-1630: Panel 5: View from Outside Africa**

**Chair:** Prof Emmanuel Gaillard, Shearman & Sterling LLP

Ms Smrithi Ramesh, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for International Arbitration, Malaysia.

Mr Duncan Bagshaw, Stephenson Harwood LLP

Mr Steven Finizio, WilmerHale LLP

Ms Alexandra (Xander) Kerr Meise, Georgetown University Law Center

Mr Baiju Vasani, Jones Day LLP

Professor Antonio Crivellaro, BonelliErede

Dr Luis Gonzalez Garcia, Matrix Chambers, London

1630-1640: Short Break

**1645-1745: Response from Attorneys-General & Government Ministers Present**

**Chair:** Chief Bayo Ojo, ICAMA, Abuja

Mr Mostafa El Bahabety, Egyptian Vice Minister of Justice for Arbitration Affairs

Mr Abubakar Malami, SAN, Nigerian attorney-General & Minister of Justice

Prof Githu Muigai, SC, Kenyan Attorney-General

**1750-1805: Closing remarks by Dr Emilia Onyema, SOAS University of London**

**1930-2200: Closing dinner at Intercontinental Semiramis Hotel, Cairo, sponsored by ICAMA, Abuja**

**After dinner speech** by Ms Smrithi Ramesh, Assistant Director (on behalf of Datuk Professor Sundra Rajoo, Director) of Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for International Arbitration, Malaysia

**Rapporteurs:** Dr Jean-Alain Penda and Dr Councillor Ndudi Olokotor

**Master of Ceremony:** Mr Tunde Ogunseitan of the ICC, International Court of Arbitration in Paris