

**Fourth SOAS Arbitration in Africa Conference co-hosted with the Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC) at Radisson Blu Hotel & Convention Centre, Kigali, 2-4 May 2018**

The Role of Arbitration Practitioners in the Development of Arbitration in Africa

**Programme**

**02 May 2018:** Arrivals

1200-1600: Registration at Radisson Blu

**Anchor person:** Ms Joyce Williams of Armooh-Williams, PLLC, Alexandria, Virginia

**Rapporteurs:** Dr Jean-Alain Penda and Dr Prince N.C. Olokotor

**1800-2000: Welcome reception** for delegates at Radisson Blu sponsored by Shearman & Sterling LLP London

**Launch of SOAS Arbitration in Africa Report** by Dr Emilia Onyema (SOAS) & Mr Isaiah Bozimo (Broderick Bozimo & Co, Abuja). **Response** by Mr Christophe von Krause, Partner and Head, Africa Arbitration Practice, White & Case LLP, Paris

Day 1: 03 May 2018

**Conference Format: Open Forum Discussion**

**Languages: English/French**

0830-0930: Registration and welcome

0930-0945: Welcome by Dr Fidele Masengo, KIAC

0945-1000: SOAS Arbitration in Africa Project by Dr Emilia Onyema, SOAS

1020-1040: Keynote address by Prof (Dr) Mohamed S. Abdel Wahab, Zulficar Partners, Cairo

1040-1055: Tea/Coffee Break sponsored by SOAS University of London & Stephenson Harwood LLP

Group Photo

1100-1245: **Session 1** will focus on the role of the **arbitration practitioner as an administrator** of an arbitral centre. This session will be **moderated by Ms Alexander Kerr Meise**, Partner, Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP, Washington D.C.; Dr Fidele Masengo of KIAC; Dr Ismail Selim of CRCICA; Mr Narcisse Aka of OHADA, CCJA; Ms Khawla Ezatagui of the Libya International Arbitration Centre and Ms Marie-Camille Pitton of Aceris Law (formerly of ICC) will kick-off the discussions.

1300-1400: Lunch sponsored by White & Case LLP, Paris

1410-1610: **Session 2** will examine the central issue of **race and gender** in the appointment of arbitrators in international arbitration. This session will particularly examine the difficulties (or advantages) that these attributes pose in obtaining appointment as arbitrator and suggest measures for those wishing to be appointed and those making such appointments. This session will be **moderated by Ms Ndanga Kamau**, formerly of LCIA-MIAC, Mauritius. Ndanga will be joined by Mrs Doyin Rhodes-Vivour of DRV Law, Lagos; Dr Stuart Dutson of Simmons & Simmons LLP, London; Paul Ngotho, Nairobi; Dr Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo of APAA, Cameroon; Mr Isaiah Bozimo of Broderick Bozimo & Co, Abuja; and Ms Lise Bosman of the PCA (The Hague).

1610-1630: Tea/coffee break sponsored by Baker Mckenzie Habib Al Mulla; and APAA Afrique

1630-1815: **Session 3** will take the form of a **debate** between four more experienced (Mr Babatunde Fagbohunlu, SAN of Aluko & Oyebode, Lagos; Mr Kwadwo Sarkodie of Mayer Brown LLP, London; Ms Njeri Kariuki of NK Law, Nairobi; and Mr Mouhamed Kebe of GSK Law, Dakar) and four younger (Ms Chinenye Onyemaizu of Abuja; Dr Sally El Sawah, of Cairo/Paris; Mr Tsegaye Laurendeau of Shearman & Sterling LLP, London; and Ms Rose Rameau of Accra/Geneva) arbitration practitioners. This debate will be **moderated by Mr Babajide O. Ogundipe**, of Sofunde, Osakwe, Ogundipe and Belgore, Lagos.

1815-1900: **Drinks Reception** & Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) and Kigali International Centre for Arbitration (KIAC): sponsored by KIAC and CRCICA

Day 2: 04 May 2018

**Conference Format: Open Forum Discussion**

**Languages: English/French**

0900-1100: **Session 4** will focus on **teachers and trainers** in the law and practice of arbitration. This session will be **moderated by Prof Walid Ben Hamida** of University of Paris-Saclay (Evry University). Walid will be joined by Dr Achille Ngwanza of University Paris Sud II; Ms Yasmin Sabeh of Bahrain Polytechnic; Mrs Sola Adegbonmire of CIArb, Nigeria; and Mr Ike Ehiribe of CIArb London.

1100-1120: Tea/coffee break sponsored by Sofunde, Osakwe, Ogundipe & Belgore, Lagos;

1130-1320: **Session 5** will explore **other roles available for practitioners in arbitration**. These roles are: tribunal secretary; expert witness and as counsel. The open discussion will be **moderated by Mr Baiju Vasani**, Partner Jones Day, and Senior Fellow, SOAS University of London; and **Mr Duncan Bagshaw**, a barrister and member of the international arbitration and Africa groups at Stephenson Harwood LLP, London.

1330-1430: Lunch sponsored by Mayer Brown LLP, London; and Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP, Washington D.C.

1435-1630: **Session 6** will feature an open discussion by seasoned African arbitrators who will share their experiences and tips from their practice. **Chief Bayo C. Ojo**, SAN (Nigeria) will be **in conversation** with: Mrs Funke Adekoya, SAN (AELEX, Lagos); Dr Nagla Nassar (NassarLaw, Cairo); Prof David Butler

(formerly of University of Stellenbosch, South Africa); Prof Paul Idornigie, SAN (Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Abuja); Prof Edward Torgbor (Chartered Arbitrator and Professor of Law, Ghana/Kenya); and Dr Gaston Kenfack Douajni (Arbitrator, Professor of Law, former Chair of UNCITRAL & Founder of APAA).

1640-1700: Close

1900-2100: Closing dinner at Radisson Blu sponsored by Bayo Ojo & Co, Abuja