

## **Rethinking the Role of Courts and Judges in supporting Arbitration in Africa, Lagos Court of Arbitration Centre Conference Hall, Lagos, 22-24 June 2016**

### **22 June 2016: Arrivals**

1800-2000: Welcome reception for delegates: Hard Rock Café, Victoria Island, Lagos.

### **23 June 2016**

#### **Morning Session Rapporteur: Mr Ikpeme Nkebem (ICAMA)**

0830-0930: Registration and welcome

0930-0955: Welcome formalities (Ms Megha Joshi, LCA Centre)

1000-1015: Introduction of SOAS Research Project by Dr Emilia Onyema, SOAS

1015-1035: Keynote address by Judge Edward Torgbor (Kenya/Ghana): Judges and the Effectiveness of Arbitration/ADR in Africa.

1030-1045: Tea/Coffee Break

1045-1245: Panel 1: Report from Arbitration Institutions and actions from Addis Conference (chair: Ms Xander Meise): Panel discussion by the following:

- Dr Fidele Masengo (Kigali IAC, Rwanda)
- Ms Ndanga Kamau (LCIA-MIAC, Mauritius)
- Dr Narcisse Aka (CCJA, OHADA)
- Hon Wilfred Ikatari (Lagos Regional Centre)
- Mr Emmanuel Amofa (Ghana Arbitration Centre)
- Mr Ustaz Alshahaby (Arab Centre for Arbitration, Sudan)
- Ms Megha Joshi (Lagos Court of Arbitration, Lagos)

### **1245-1400: LUNCH**

#### **Afternoon Session Rapporteur: Mr Prince Olokotor (SOAS)**

1400-1600: Panel 2: The role of Courts and Judges in Arbitration (chair: Justice Ayo Phillips, rtd)

- Dr Emilia Onyema: The Symbiotic Nature of the Relationship between Judges and Arbitrators.
- Dr Hakeem Seriki: Judicial Support during the Arbitration Reference.
- Prof Uche Ewelukwa: African Courts and International Investment Law.
- Ms Leyou Tameru: Publication of Arbitration related Judgements from Africa: I-Arb Judgment Gathering Project.
- Prof CJ Amasike: Training of African Judges in the Law and Practice of Arbitration.
- Ms Rukia Baruti: The Training and Recognition of African Lawyers: AILA Project

1605-1615: Tea/Coffee Break

1615-1815: Panel 3: The view from Domestic Arbitrators (chair: Prof Paul Idornigie, SAN)

- Mr Babajide Ogundipe (Nigeria)
- Ms Ryham Ragab (Egypt)
- Dr Sylvie Bebohi (OHADA, Cameroon)
- Mr Phillip Alier (East Africa)
- Dr Tunde Ogowewo (Nigeria)
- Prof Andrew Chukwumerie (Nigeria)

**1900-2100: Evening Drinks Reception at LCA**

**Day 2: 24 June 2016**

**Morning Session Rapporteur: Mr Tolu Obamuroh (LCA)**

1000-1220: Panel 4: Practitioners experience on the role of judges in arbitration in Africa (chair: Ms Lise Bosman of PCA)

- Mrs Funke Adekoya (Nigeria)
- Mr Tunde Fagbohunlu (Nigeria)
- Mr Jimmy Muyanja (Uganda)
- Mr Ahmed Bannaga (Sudan)
- Ms Esine Okudzeto (Ghana)
- Mr Edward Luke II (Bostwana/Sierra Leone)
- Mr Isaiah Bozimo (perspective of young practitioners)

**1230-1400: LUNCH**

**Afternoon Session Rapporteur: Dr Jean Alain Penda**

1400-1600: Panel 5: Foreign practitioners' experience of the attitude of African Judges towards arbitration (chair: Mr Ucheora Onwuamaegbu)

- Mr Steven Finizio, Wilmer Hale LLP
- Mr Roderick Cordara, QC, Essex Court Chambers London
- Mr Duncan Bagshaw, Stephenson Harwood LLP
- Mr Baiju Vasani, Jones Day LLP
- Mr Charles Nairac, White & Case, Paris
- Mr John Gaffney, Al Tamimi, UAE

1600-1615: Tea/Coffee Break

1615-1730: Panel 6: Response from Judges on how they can better support arbitration/ADR (chair: Judge Edward Torgbor)

- Hon Chief Justice Mahmoud, Chief Justice of Nigeria (tbc)
- Lady Justice Irene Chirwa Mambilima, Chief Justice of Zambia
- Judge Marcel Serekoisse-Samba, President of OHADA CCJA
- Prof. Haider Ahmed Daffala, Chief Justice of Sudan

1730-1800: Closing and action points from the conference

1930-2200: Closing dinner and after dinner speech by Chief Bayo Ojo, FCI Arb, SAN: sponsored by ICAMA, Abuja.