

**6<sup>th</sup> SOAS Arbitration in African Conference**  
**Legal Culture and Arbitration/ADR Practice in Africa**  
**CMAG, Douala, Cameroon 10-12 March 2020**

**Venue:** CMAG-GICAM Headquarters, Vallee des ministres, Bonanjo, Douala

**Notice:** Pls Note that this program may change before the Conference

Conference languages: French with English translation

Comperes: Leyou Tameru and Achille Ngwanza

**10 March, Day 0:** Arrivals

1200-1730: Registration and collection of conference materials by delegates

1800-2100: Welcome reception and dinner for delegates: **venue and sponsor tbc**

**1800-1930: Welcome speeches**

1800-1810: Welcome by Marie-Andree Ngwe, CMAG

1810-1820: Welcome by Dr Emilia Onyema, Convenor of SOAS Arbitration in Africa Conference series.

1820-1830: Welcome by Dr Gaston Kenfack Djouani, President of APAA

1830-1840: Welcome by Charles Patie Tchakoute Chairman of Cameroun Bar Association

1840-1850: Welcome by Jackson Ngnie Kanga Chairman of OHADA Bar Association

1850-1900: Welcome by Célestin Tawamba President of CMAG

1900-1930: Keynote address by Prof Henri Modi Koko Dean of Faculty of Law and Political Science

**1930-2100: Opening dinner (venue and sponsor tbc)**

## 11 March, Day 1:

### 0900-0930: Registration continues

#### **0930-1100: Panel 1:** General Counsel view on dispute resolution in Africa

[The GCs will discuss the types of dispute resolution processes they prefer and why. How they prepare themselves when a dispute arises; how they decide which external counsel to use and how they appoint dispute resolvers.]

**Moderator:** Emilia Onyema, SOAS University of London

#### **Speakers:**

Mr Tertio Nkonga, General Counsel of SG Société générale Cameroon,

Mr Guy Tankpinou, General Counsel of Orabank (Africa)

Mrs Nada Amer, General Counsel, Business Integrity Officer and Executive Member for Unilever Mashreq

Mr Godfred Penn, General Counsel of African Development Bank, Abidjan

#### **1115-1245: Panel 2:** States and Arbitration: State Counsel involvement in Arbitration

[This panel will explore the role of state agencies in arbitration and how they can better work with private counsel in their ISDS/commercial disputes.]

**Moderator:** Mouhamed Kebe, Managing Partner, GSK Law, Senegal

#### **Speakers:**

Marie-Andrée Ngwe, Cabinet Me Marie-Andrée NGWE

Mafall Fall, Senegal State General Attorney's Office

Pauline Mcharo, Ministry of Justice, Kenya

Honourable Tag Elsir Elhirir, Attorney General, Sudan

Benoît Placide Mevoua, Head, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Cameroon

#### **1300-1400: LUNCH**

#### **1410-1530: Panel 3:** Drafting effective dispute resolution clauses under Institutional Rules

[Directors of different arbitral centres in Africa will discuss pathological clauses and provide drafting tips and best practice.]

**Moderator:** Eunice Shang-Simpson, England

#### **Speakers:**

Tunde Ogunseitan, ICC

Hicham Zegrari, Casablanca International Mediation & Arbitration Centre

Lawrence Muiruri, Registrar/CEO Nairobi Centre IA

David Nyamsi, CMAG

**1545-1700: Panel 4:** Interviewing Arbitrators in a multicultural context

[Speakers will discuss their practical experience of being interviewed or interviewing arbitrators for appointment]

**Moderator:** Mrs Funke Adekoya, SAN, AELEX Law Firm, Lagos, Nigeria

**Speakers:**

Martial Akakpo, Togo

Paul Ngotho, Kenya

Esine Okudzeto, Ghana

Prof Hugues Kenfack, Cameroon

**OPTIONAL: 1700-1800: DRINKS RECEPTION**

**12 March, Day 2:**

**0900-0930: Registration continues**

**0930-1045: Panel 5:** Evidential Issues in Arbitral Hearing

[This panel will discuss issues on the taking of evidence and the use of the IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration and how arbitrators can best deal with issues of evidence taking especially where parties are from different legal traditions.]

**Moderator:** Olivier Cuperlier, Paris

**Speakers:**

Henry Ranjeva Madagascar, Partner Foley Hoag Paris

Sally El Sawah Partner, Youssef Law Egypt

Michael W. Bühler, Partner, Global Co-Chair International Arbitration Practice Group, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliff, Paris

Mamadou Konate, Mali, Paris

Marc Henry, President, Association Française de l'Arbitrage

**1100-1230: Panel 6:** The role of language in intra-African dispute resolution processes

[This panel will explore the impact of the different languages (Arabic, English, French, Portuguese and Spanish) spoken on the continent on the choice of seat of arbitration, opportunities for appointment as dispute resolvers; the cost of translation and interpretation services; and how institutions support parties with language barriers, etc]

**Moderator:** Dr Sylvie Bebohi, APAA, Cameroun/Paris

**Speakers:**

Rose Rameau, Partner, RAMEAU LAW FIRM, Washington DC

Paul Jean Le Cannu, ICSID, Washington D.C.

Ms Funmi Roberts, Funmi Roberts & Co, Nigeria

Laurence Kiffer, President, International Arbitration Commission, International Association of Lawyers

**1300-1400: LUNCH**

**1410-1520: Panel 7: International developments in mediation and their implications for the Continent.**

[This panel will explore important and cutting-edge issues in cross-border mediation, such as (i) the recent signing of the Singapore Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (the mediation equivalent of the New York Convention); (ii) investor-state mediation; (iii) the experience of international arbitration centres with mediation, “stepped” ADR clauses and hybrid processes such as Arb-Med-Arb; and (iv) the results of the Global Pound Conference Series Report on Global Data Trends and Regional Differences in ADR. The panel will conclude by drawing out key implications for mediation on the Continent, such as by offering predictions for the future and suggestions for best practices.]

**Moderator:** Prof. Hiro Aragaki, Loyola Law School-Los Angeles, JAMS Int’l, SOAS

**Speakers:**

Caroline Etuk, Enugu State Multi-Door Courthouse, Nigeria

Dr Mohamed Hafez Mohamed, CRCICA, Cairo

Michael Ostrov, (DLA Piper, Paris

Bernadette Uwicyeza, Rwanda

**1530-1700: Panel 8: Enforcement of intra-African awards**

[This panel will discuss how awards are enforced within the OHADA region; under the NYC in other African states with focus on intra-African awards.]

**Moderator:** Hon. Mr Justice Dr Emmanuel Ugirashebuja (Rwanda) President East Africa Court of Justice, Arusha

**Speakers:**

Joachim Bile-Aka (Ivory Coast]

Dr Nagla Nasser, Nasser Law, Egypt

Julius Nkafu, Great James Street Chambers, London

Diane Okoko, Marcus Okoko Law Firm, Abuja, Nigeria

**1710-1730:** Invitation to SOAS/CIMAC 2021 Arbitration in Africa Conference, Casablanca, by Hicham Zagrary.

**1730-1800:** Closing remarks by Dr Achille Ngwanza/Leyou Tameru [to give a summary of the discussions; thank attendees]

**1930-2200: Closing dinner [sponsor and venue tbc]**