



Africa Construction  
Law Conference

**2026**

6TH EDITION



CONFERENCE THEME:

Construction in Transition:  
**Building Africa's Infrastructure  
for the Next Era**



**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

AGENDA

DAY 1

MONDAY, 11 MAY 2026

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09:00 - 09:30	<b>Welcome address</b>
09:30 - 10:30	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Construction in Transition: Building Africa's Infrastructure for the Next Era
10:30 - 12:00	<b>Session 1:</b> Critical Infrastructure: Mapping the Projects Shaping Africa's Economic Future
12:00 - 12:15	<b>Coffee break</b>
12:15 - 13:30	<b>Session 2:</b> Adverse Climatic Conditions, Currency Risk & Supply Chain Disruption: A Growing Challenge for Construction Projects in Africa.
13:30 - 15:00	<b>Lunch break</b>
15:00 - 16:30	<b>Session 3:</b> Dispute Boards in Africa: demystifying DAAB practice and enforcing decisions from site to seat.
19:00- 22:00	<b>Award ceremony and Gala Dinner</b>

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**DAY 2**

TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2026

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<b>09:00 - 10:30</b>	<b>Session 4:</b> Local Content Requirements and International vs Local Contractors.
<b>10:30 - 12:00</b>	<b>Session 5:</b> Project Security in African Construction Projects – Practical Considerations for Employers and Contractors.
<b>12:00 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>Session 6:</b> AI-Enhanced Contract Management and Evidence Preservation in African Construction Projects
<b>15:00 – 16:30</b>	<b>Session 7:</b> From Contract to Award: Practical Challenges in Resolving Construction Disputes in Africa.
<b>16:30 – 18:00</b>	<b>Session 8:</b> Oxford-style debate: 'This House believes the Engineer's dual role as impartial certifier and Employer's agent is fundamentally flawed'.
<b>18:00 – 18:30</b>	<b>Closing session &amp; action points</b>

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**DAY 3**

WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2026

**FIDIC DISPUTE AVOIDANCE**



Time	Activity	Description	Key Topics
09:00-09:45	Lecture 1	Introduction to dispute avoidance and resolution	Multi-tier dispute resolution mechanism in 1999 and 2017 forms
			Difference between mediation and DBs
09:45-10:30	Lecture 2	Role of the Engineer	Consultations
			Determinations
10:30-10:45	Coffee break		
10:45-11:30	Lecture 3	Skills required for dispute avoidance	Active listening
			Human factor
11:30-13:00	Workshop 1	Dispute avoidance of the Engineer	
13:00-14:00	Lunch break		
14:00-14:45	Lecture 4	Introduction to Dispute Board	Brief History of dispute boards
			Standing vs Ad-hoc
			1 or 3
			How? When? Who?
			Independence & Impartiality
			Site visits
			Fees
DAA			
14:45-15:30	Lecture 5	How to build trust? What sorts of disputes can be avoided? When? Where? Difference between dispute resolution and avoidance	Building awareness
			Trust
			When
			What sort of disputes
			Best form of dispute avoidance
15:30-15:45	Tea break		
15:45-17:00	Workshop 2	Dispute avoidance techniques of a DAAB	

