

AFRICA CONSTRUCTION LAW WEEK 2021 WEST AFRICA SUB-REGIONAL SESSION PROGRAMME

Tuesday 13 April 2021: Transactional Module

Time (GMT)	Speaker(s)	Topic
Introduction		
10:00	Yolanda Walker, CMS (Director, ACL)	Welcome address
10:05	David Ofosu-Dorte, AB & David (Advisory Board Member, ACL)	Opening remarks
10:10	Hon. Andrew Kwame Appiah-Kubi	Keynote address: Recent developments in the West African construction market and what the future holds
Transactional Module – Part 1: Contracting strategy and project finance		
10:20	Sena Gbedemah, Ankura (Chair)	Introduction
10:25	Adeola Sunmola, Udo Udoma & Belo Osagie	Project procurement strategy and risk allocation – what works from a West African perspective
10:45	William Breeze, Herbert Smith Freehills	Financing construction projects in West Africa – what makes a project bankable?
11:05	David Ofosu-Dorte, AB & David	Public Private Partnerships in West Africa – why do they often fail?
11:25		Q&A with speakers
Break (10 minutes)		
Transactional Module – Part 2: Challenges of foreign participation		
11:45	David Ofosu-Dorte, AB & David (Chair)	Introduction
11:50	David Ofosu-Dorte, AB & David (Chair) Hilary Lau, Herbert Smith Freehills Godwin Brocke, Office of the Head of Civil Service, Ghana Oludare Senbore, Aluko & Oyeboode	Panel discussion on challenges of foreign participation in West African construction projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What lessons can be learnt from Chinese sponsored projects? • West African perspectives on Chinese sponsored projects
12:40		Q&A with panel
Closing		
12:55	David Ofosu-Dorte, AB & David (Chair)	Closing remarks
End of Day 1		

Wednesday 14 April 2021: Disputes Module

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Introduction		
13:00	Diamana Diawara, ICC	Opening remarks
Disputes Module – Part 1: Claims Management and Dispute Avoidance		
13:10	James Doe, Herbert Smith Freehills (Chair)	Introduction
13:15	Uzo Ozoh, Chevron	Key trends in and common issues arising from construction claims and disputes in West Africa
13:25	Sena Gbedemah, Ankura	Delayed projects in sub-Saharan Africa – drivers of delay that are typical to the region
13:35	Maude Lebois, Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes	Would the use of model contracts in the construction sector minimise disputes?
13:45	James Doe, Herbert Smith Freehills (Chair) Uzo Ozoh, Chevron Sena Gbedemah, Ankura Maude Lebois, Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes	Panel discussion and Q&A: Early dispute avoidance and resolution on West African construction projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can claims be managed effectively so as to avoid maturing into disputes?• What are the early warning signs of a dispute and what can parties do to achieve early resolution?• Are claims/disputes resolved differently on West African projects compared to those in other jurisdictions and, if so, how?
Break (10 minutes)		
Disputes Module – Part 2: Dispute Resolution and Enforcement		
14:35	Frances-Yvonne Igweh, Spencer West (Chair)	Introduction
14:40	Frances-Yvonne Igweh, Spencer West (Chair) Nania Owusu-Ankomah, Bentsi-Enchill Letsa & Ankomah Tunde Fagbohunlu, Aluko & Oyeboode Adeola Agunbiade-Adeyemi, Banwo & Ighodalo	Panel discussion on following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Different forms of dispute resolution available and popular in the WA region, including arbitration, mediation and adjudication (contractual models)• Arbitration and the African construction industry – the trends, risks and opportunities• Enforcement of decisions vs forms of ADR• Difficulties with enforcement of ADR models eg contractual adjudication including how this is approached by the Gh/Ng courts
15:30		Q&A with panel
Closing		
15:45	James Doe, Herbert Smith Freehills (Advisory Board Member, ACL) Adeola Agunbiade-Adeyemi, Banwo & Ighodalo (Director, ACL)	Closing remarks
End of Day 2		