

AFRICA CONSTRUCTION LAW CONFERENCE 2022

EVENT PROGRAMME



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Time	Session
INTRODUCTIONS Monday, 30 May 2022	
09:00 – 09:10	Conference Opening Remarks Babatunde Fagbohunlu SAN - ACL Advisory Board Member & Partner, Aluko & Oyeboode, Lagos
09:10 – 09:20	Welcome Address Speaker: Ngo-Martins Okonmah – ACL Founder/Executive Director & Senior Associate, Aluko & Oyeboode, Lagos
09:20 – 09:40	Keynote Address Speaker: Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa - Head of the Investment and Infrastructure office in the office of the President of South Africa

SESSION 1

Hosted by:



09:40 - 11:00

Topic:

Problems within the JV on African Infrastructure Projects – when the relationship breaks down

Session Moderator:

James Doe - Herbert Smith Freehills, London

Panelists:

(i) Babatunde Fagbohunlu, SAN – Partner, Aluko & Oyeboode, Lagos

(ii) Gabriela Palacios-Flusk – Head of Legal & Contracts, Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), South Africa

(iii) Ryan Koopman – General Manager Grinaker-LTA, Johannesburg

(iv) Eromosele Inegbedion – Head Counsel, Technical Services, Nigeria LNG Limited, Port Harcourt

Q&A

11:00 - 11:20

Tea

SESSION 2

Hosted by: **ALLEN & OVERY**

11:20 - 12:35

Topic:

Infrastructure investment for a sustainable economic recovery

Session Moderator:

Steven De Jong – Counsel, Allen & Overy, Johannesburg

Panelists:

(i) Gillian Niven – Counsel, Allen & Overy, Johannesburg

(ii) Shingira Masanzu – Counsel, World Bank and Doctoral Candidate, London School of Economics, London

(iii) Prof Lwazi Ngubevana – Director of the African Energy Centre at Wits Business School, Johannesburg

Q&A

SESSION 3

Co-hosted by:



12:40 - 14:00

Topic:

How to respond when a counterparty lets you down

Session Moderator:

Tom Smith – Partner, Hogan Lovells, London

Panelists:

(i) Mushtaq Namdarkhan – Partner, BLC Robert & Associates, Mauritius

(ii) Sena Gbedemah – Senior Managing Director, Ankura Consulting, London

(iii) Abimbola Akeredolu SAN – Partner, Banwo & Ighodalo, Lagos

(iv) Emilio Linde-Arias, Managing Engineer, Exponent, London

Q&A

14:00 - 15:00

Lunch

SESSION 4

Hosted by: 

15:00 - 16:15

Topic:

Expert Evidence & Use of Expert Witnesses in Africa

Session Moderator:

Gideon Kanya-Lukoda- Associate Director, HKA, London

Panelists:

(i) Colin Johnson - Partner, HKA, London

(ii) Timothy Harwin - Principal, HKA, Johannesburg

(iii) Tumisang Mongae – Partner, DLA Piper, Johannesburg

(iv) Muyiwa Ogungbenro - Partner, Olajide Oyewole LLP (DLA Piper Africa), Lagos

Q&A

SESSION 5

Oxford style debate – Hosted by:



16:20 - 17:40

Topic:

Are specialised construction courts better suited for resolving African construction disputes as compared to arbitration?

Session Moderator

Prof Renato Nazzini - Director, Centre of Construction Law, King's College London

Panelists:

(i) Funke Adekoya SAN - Independent Arbitrator and Litigation Consultant, Funke Adekoya & Company, Lagos

(ii) Daniel Tivadar - Barrister, Advocate, United Kingdom & Zimbabwe

17:40 – 18:40

Online and In-Person Networking Session

SESSION 6

09:00 - 10:25

Topic:

The future of turnkey contracting on the African continent – opportunities and challenges

Session Moderator:

Andrew Nealon – Partner, Vinson & Elkins LLP, London

Panelists:

(i) Aryn Anjarwalla – Partner, Anjarwalla & Khanna, Nairobi

(ii) Ozoh Uzochukwu – Legal Advisor Gas & Contracts, Chevron, Lagos

(iii) Mohamed Abd El Nabi - Vice Branch Manager and Technical & Commercial Manager, The Arab Contractors, Cairo

(iv) Olayode Delano – Partner, Akindelano Legal Practitioners, Lagos

Q&A

SESSION 7

Hosted by: **MAYER | BROWN**

10:30 - 11:50

Topic:

The Belt and Road Initiative: Where to for African infrastructure projects?

Session Moderator:

Kwadwo Sarkodie – Partner, Mayer Brown, London

Panelists:

(i) Luiz Aboim – Partner, Mayer Brown, London

(ii) Tom Fu – Partner, Mayer Brown, Hong Kong

(iii) Sarah Grimmer - Secretary-General, HKIAC, Hong Kong

(iv) Krista Lee QC - Keating Chambers, London

Q&A

11:50 - 12:10

Tea

SESSION 8

Hosted by:

KEATING
CHAMBERS

12:10 - 13:30

Topic:

Adjudication: Past, Present and Future

Session Moderator:

Abdul Jinadu - Keating Chambers, London

Panelists:

(i) Charles Nairac - Partner, White & Case, Paris

(ii) Dr Wilfred Mutubwa - Chairman CI Arb, Nairobi

(iii) David Kaggwa - Partner, Kaggwa & Kaggwa Advocates, Uganda

(iv) Michelle Porter-Wright - Counsel, Allen & Overy, Johannesburg

Q&A

13:30 - 14:30

Lunch

SESSION 9

Hosted by:

WHITE & CASE

14:30 - 15:45

Topic:

Battle of the African arbitration seats

Session Moderator:

Tolu Obamuroh - Associate, White & Case, Paris

Panelists:

(i) Andre Robert - Partner, BLC Robert & Associates, Mauritius

(ii) Dr Ismail Selim - Director, The Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), Cairo

(iii) Michael Kuper SC - Chairman, Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA), South Africa

Q&A

SESSION 10

Regional Update – Francophone
African countries

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African countries

Hosted by:  **AFDCI**

15:50 - 17:10

Topic:

Construction Arbitration in Francophone Africa/
The role of State courts

Key Panelist

Peter Rosher - AFDCI & Global Head of International Arbitration at Reed Smith LLP, Paris

Panelists:

- (i) Christophe Lapp - Partner at Advant Altana, Paris
- (ii) Leyou Tameru - Legal Consultant and Founder of I-Arb Africa
- (iii) Rob Thackwell - Counsel at Allen & Overy, South Africa
- (iv) Khaled Abou El Houda - ACL & Managing Partner, Houda Law Firm in Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire
- (v) Serges Martin Zangue - ACL & Managing Partner of Zangue & Partners ("Z&P"), Cameroun

Q&A

Topic:

Arbitragem sobre empreitadas: tendência e desenvolvimentos legais na África lusófona

Session Moderator

Sofia Vale – Professora na Faculdade de Direito Comercial/ Consultant MG Advogados (MGA)

Panelists:

- (i) Raul Araujo – Former Judge of the Constitutional Tribunal of Angola
- (ii) António Caxito Marques – Managing Partner Dentons Lead
- (iii) Tomás Timbane – Professor da Faculdade de Direito/ Sócio/Partner TTA - Sociedade de Advogados
- (iv) Júlio Cesar Bueno – Partner, Pinheiro Neto Advogados

Q&A

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