

AFRICA CONSTRUCTION LAW CONFERENCE 2022

EVENT PROGRAMME



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Conference Programme

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Time	Session
INTRODUCTIONS	
Monday, 30 May 2022	
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival & Registration
09:00 – 09:15	Conference Opening Remarks Babatunde Fagbohunlu SAN - ACL Advisory Board Member & Partner, Aluko & Oyeboode, Lagos
09:15 – 09:30	Welcome Address Speaker: Ngo-Martins Okonmah – ACL Founder/Executive Director & Senior Associate, Aluko & Oyeboode, Lagos
09:30 – 09:45	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:



09:45 – 11:00	<p>Topic: Problems within the JV on African Infrastructure Projects – when the relationship breaks down</p> <p>Session Moderator: James Doe - Herbert Smith Freehills, London</p> <p>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) Lois Oni – Lead Counsel Technology, Projects and Production, Nigeria LNG Limited (NLNG)</p> <p>Q&A</p>
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11:00 – 11:15

Tea

SESSION 2

Hosted by: **ALLEN & OVERY**

11:15 – 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 – 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:

**Hogan
Lovells**

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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 – 16:20

Topic:

Expert Evidence & Use of Expert Witnesses in Africa

Session Moderator:

Gideon Kamy-Lukoda- Associate Director, HKA, London

Panelists:

(i) Colin Johnson - Partner, HKA, London

(ii) Timothy Harwin - Partner, HKA, Johannesburg

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

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

Q&A

SESSION 5

Oxford style debate – Hosted by:



16:25 – 17:45

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

17:45 – 19:00

Online and In-Person Networking Session

08:30 – 09:00 **Arrival & Registration**

08:45 – 09:00 **Conference Remarks**
Vera Esperança dos Santos Daves De Sousa, Minister of Finance, Angola

SESSION 6

Hosted by:



09:00 – 10:35

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 Mussa – 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 SAN – Partner, Akindelano Legal Practitioners, Lagos

(v) Renata Valenti, Partner PLMJ Colab Angola – RVA, Angola

Q&A

SESSION 7

Hosted by:

MAYER | BROWN

10:40 – 12:00

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

SESSION 8

Hosted by:

KEATING
CHAMBERS

12:15 – 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 CIArb Kenya Branch

(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 – 15:50

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

12:00 – 12:15

Tea

SESSION 10

Regional Update – Francophone
African countries

Regional Update – Lusophone
African countries

Hosted by:  **AFDCI**

15:55 – 17:30

Topic:

Construction Arbitration in Francophone Africa;
the role of state courts, interim measures and
enforcement issues

Key Panelist

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

Christophe Lapp - Partner at Advant
Altana, Paris

Panelists:

(i) Leyou Tameru - Legal Consultant and Founder
of I-Arb Africa

(ii) Rob Thackwell - Counsel at Allen & Overy,
South Africa

(iii) Khaled Abou El Houda - ACL & Managing
Partner, Houda Law Firm in Senegal and Côte
d'Ivoire

(iv) 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 da Faculdade de Direito
(UAN) Árbitra

Panelists:

(i) Raul Araujo – Juiz Jubilado do Tribunal
Constitucional de Angola, Sócio da Raul Araújo
Advogados

(ii) António Caxito Marques – Sócio da Dentons
LEAD

(iii) Tomás Timbane – Professor da Faculdade
de Direito, Sócio da TTA Sociedade de
Advogados

(iv) Júlio Cesar Bueno – Representante da
Society of Law Construction (Africa Chapter)

(v) Nuno Furtado Mendonça – Director
Jurídico, Mota-Engil

(vi) Manuel de Pina – Sócio da SAMP –
Sociedade de Advogados

Q&A

17:30 – 17:45

Signing Ceremony ACL/CI Arb Kenya

17:45 – 18:00

Closing Remarks - Sekai Nyambo, ACL Director and Associate Director, HKA

18:00 – 19:00

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