Conference Programme

Day 1 Monday, 3rd June, 2024

Introductions

08:30

- 09:00

Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:00

- 09:20

Welcome Remarks

Ngo-Martins Okonmah

Partner, ALN Nigeria, Aluko & Oyebode | (ACL Founder and Chair) Lagos, Nigeria

09:20

- 10:00

Keynote Address

Topic:

The role of construction law in promoting resilience and sustainability in Africa's construction sector.

Speaker:

Speaker: Eng. James N. Mwangi

Vice President, International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) and CEO Kurrent Technologies Ltd, Nairobi, Kenya

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Session 1

Infrastructure development and financing in Africa's construction sector

10:00- 11:30

Topic:

What are the main opportunities and challenges for infrastructure development and financing in Africa's construction sector and how can construction law facilitate them? How can construction law enable and regulate the participation and collaboration of different stakeholders and sources of financing in infrastructure projects, such as governments, private sector, development partners, and multilateral institutions? How can construction law address the legal and contractual issues and risks associated with different infrastructure delivery models, such as public-private partnerships, concessions, and EPC contracts? How can construction law support the alignment and integration of infrastructure development and financing with the broader economic, social, and environmental objectives and policies in Africa?

Chair:

Amyn Mussa

ALN Kenya / Anjarwalla & Khanna *Nairobi, Kenya*

Co-Panellists:

Dr. Engy Serag

Executive Director, Contracts & Claims, Orascom Construction Cairo, Egypt

Matthew Walker

Partner, K&L Gates LLP London, United Kingdom

Nicholas Cane

Managing Director,
DeSimone Construction
Consulting Services
London, United Kingdom

Solagbade Sogbetun

Partner, ALP NG & Co Nigeria

11:30

- 11:45

Coffee Break

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Session 2

Dispute resolution and risk management in Africa's construction sector

11:45

- 13:00

Topic:

What are the main sources and types of disputes and risks in Africa's construction sector and how can they be prevented or resolved? What are the advantages and disadvantages of different dispute resolution mechanisms, such as arbitration, mediation, adjudication, and litigation, in the African context? How can the use of innovative and collaborative approaches to dispute resolution and risk management, such as partnering, early neutral evaluation, and dispute boards be better implemented by construction law practitioners in Africa?

Chair:

Suzanne Rattray

Director, Rankin Engineering Consultants *Lusaka, Zambia*

Co-Panellists:

Stefan Brill

Partner, HKA, *Johannesburg, South Africa*

Thomas King

Partner, Pinsent Masons Johannesburg, South Africa

Anthony Edwards

Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers *London, United Kingdom*

Nyagah B Kithinji

Senior Partner, Nyagah B Kithinji & Co Advocates Nairobi, Kenya 13:00

- 14:30

Lunch Break

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Session 3

Contracting and procurement in Africa's construction sector

14:30

- 16:00

Topic:

What are the current trends and challenges in contracting and procurement in Africa's construction sector? How can construction law assist with the promotion of a fair and transparent contracting and procurement processes and practices in Africa? How can construction law accommodate the diversity and complexity of contractual arrangements and parties in Africa's construction sector, such as joint ventures, consortia, subcontractors, and local content requirements? How can construction law support the adoption and adaptation of standard forms of contracts and procurement documents in Africa, such as the FIDIC, NEC, and JBCC contracts?

Chair:

Tom Smith

Partner, Hogan Lovells London, United Kingdom

16:00-16:10

Closing remarks and networking

Co-Panellists:

Dr Melis Oghogho Karim Diogo Duarte de **Ihab Ramsis** Mani Makinde **Campos** Partner, Zulficar & Partner, Legal Counsel, ALN Nigeria /Aluko Partners Law Firm PLMJ Strabag Group and Oyebode Lisbon, Portugal Vienna, Austria Lagos, Nigeria Cairo, Egypt

18:30-22:00

Award Ceremony and Gala Dinner

Day 2 Tuesday, 4th June, 2024

Session 4

Legal and regulatory frameworks for green and low-carbon construction in Africa.

09:00

- 10:30

Topic:

What are the main challenges and opportunities for implementing green and low-carbon construction standards and practices in Africa? How can construction law support the development and enforcement of green and low-carbon construction regulations and incentives? What are the best practices and lessons learned from other regions and countries in green and low-carbon construction law and policy? How can green and low-carbon construction contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement in Africa?

Chair:

Kwadwo Sarkodie

Partner, Mayer Brown London, United Kingdom

Co-Panellists:

Ibrahim Kitoo

Legal Counsel/PPP Expert, Public Private Partnerships Directorate, National Treasury Nairobi, Kenya

Emilio Linde-Arias

Managing Engineer, Exponent London, United Kingdom)

Dr. (Eng.) John Mativo MBS

Managing Director, Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO) Nairobi, Kenya

Simon Kiriba

Partner, Bowmans Law *Nairobi, Kenya*

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee Break

Day 2 Tuesday, 4th June, 2024

Session 5

Innovation and digitalization in Africa's construction sector

11:00

- 12:30

Topic:

What are the main drivers and barriers for innovation and digitalization in Africa's construction sector and what is the part currently played by construction law? How can construction law regulate and protect the use and ownership of emerging technologies and data in construction projects, such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, drones, and BIM? How can construction law enhance the skills and competencies of construction professionals and stakeholders in using and adapting to innovation and digitalization in construction projects? How can construction law leverage innovation and digitalization to improve the efficiency, quality, and sustainability of construction projects and outcomes in Africa?

Chair:

Stephen Osuhor

Partner, CBBG Group Dubai, UAE

Co-Panellists:

Sen. Dr. Arch.Sylvia

M. Kasanga

Managing Director, Sycum Solutions Company LTD

Nairobi, Kenya

Johan Germain-Vu

Director, FTI Consulting

Paris, France

Kevin McIver

Director, J.S Held LLC London, United Kingdom **John Woolley**

Partner, Pinsent Masons *London, United Kingdom*

12:30

- 14:00

Lunch Break

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Session 6

Ethics and governance in Africa's construction sector

14:00

- 15:30

Topic:

What are the main ethical and governance issues and challenges in Africa's construction sector. How can construction law promote and enforce the principles and standards of ethics and governance in construction projects and activities, such as integrity, accountability, transparency, and anti-corruption? How can construction law empower and protect the rights and interests of different stakeholders and beneficiaries in construction projects, such as workers, communities, consumers, and the environment? How can construction law foster a culture of ethics and governance in the construction sector and enhance the reputation and trust of the sector in Africa and beyond?

Chair:

Yolanda Walker

Partner DWF London, United Kingdom

Co-Panellists:

Mercy Milgo

Barrister, Keating Chambers London, United Kingdom

Elizabeth Ashun

Partner, Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankoma *Accra, Ghana*

Kiara Binta Nkuranga

Legal Manager, DOTT Services Limited *Kampala, Uganda*

Claudia O'Brien

Partner, HKA *Johannesburg, South Africa*

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Session 7

Construction arbitration claims - A teach-in session from leading construction and industry practitioners

15:30-17:00

Topic:

A panel discussion on construction arbitration and enforcement claims. Views from Africa's top in-house and private practice practitioners as well as leading technical experts. This session will provide key guidance and focus on (1) the foundation of construction projects; (2) contractor's claims, remedies and relief; (3) Employer's claims and remedies; (4) dispute resolution; and (5) expert evidence.

Chair:

Prof Renato Nazzini

Partner, LMS Legal and Director, Centre of Construction Law, King's College London, United Kingdom

Co-Panellists:

Rajat Singla **Dr Bernd Ehle**

Partner, LALIVE Associate Partner, Masin Geneva Switzerland

Dubai, UAE

Paul Ngotho, HSC **Jacqueline Waihenya**

Managing Partner, Ngotho Chair, Chartered Institute of **Arbitration Chambers** Arbitrator, Kenya branch Nairobi, Kenya Nairobi, Kenya

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Oxford-style debate:

'This house believes that liquidated damages clauses are a fair and efficient way of allocating risk in construction contracts.'

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-18:00

Chair:

Phillip Bliss Aliker

Barrister, Tanfield Chambers London, United Kingdom

Co-Panellists:

Noella Lubano

Partner, Oraro & Company Advocates

Nairobi, Kenya

David Kaggwa

Senior Partner, Kaggwa &

Kaggwa

Kampala, Uganda

18:00

Closing session:

-18:30

Topic:

Summary of key findings and recommendations, feedback and evaluation, acknowledgements and appreciation, farewell and departure

Sekai Nyambo

Consulting Expert United Kingdom & Caribbean

18:30

Networking reception

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