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Tailoring Dispute Resolution Mechanisms: Asia and Africa in Focus

The strengthening of trade and investment ties between Asia and Africa carries with it the potential for commercial disputes of an international character. This underpins the need for arbitration as an expert, expeditious and enforceable mechanism in order to deal with the potential rise in cases. To address the needs of the disputing parties and to tailor suitable mechanisms, legal counsel is required to be aware of the current state of arbitration and other means of alternative dispute resolution on both continents. In light of this, the AIAC YPG is proud to present a unique event featuring prominent speakers from diverse backgrounds to share their dispute resolution experience in Africa and Asia.



SPEAKERS



Ms. Deborah Dumebi Chukwuedo, Co-Founder and Partner, Accendo Law (Nigeria)

A well-rounded commercial law practitioner with a proven track record of success in Corporate and Commercial Law and Practice, Deborah has been trained and involved in negotiating contracts and structuring Commercial, Capital Market and Real Estate transactions, and has represented clients in aspects of commercial transactions that have ended in disputes. Deborah also represents clients before the Family Courts.

Deborah is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) Nigeria Branch, and member of the Steering Committee of the Young Members Group of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the Nigerian Bar Association Section on Business Law and a member of the Lagos Court of Arbitration. She is of Accendolaw, a commercial law practice in Lagos, which is a member of the ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) Nigeria Commission on Arbitration & ADR.



Dr. Chinyere Ezeoke, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Malaya (Malaysia)

Dr. Chinyere Ezeoke is a senior lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Malaya, Malaysia where her main teaching and research interests include maritime law, international business transactions law, oil and gas law and ADR. She obtained her doctorate in law from the University of Buckingham, United Kingdom and an LL.M in International Commercial Law from the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom.

She previously taught at the department of law at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. She has over 20 years' experience in teaching and practice of international commercial law from different jurisdictions. While working as a Legal Advisor for a multinational corporation in Montreal Canada, as well as in a Tokyo law firm as Foreign Attorney, she advised clients and managed commercial cases involving international arbitration and mediation.

She has published in leading international peer-reviewed journals and co-authored practitioner texts for industry professionals.



Mr. Gregory Travaini, Avocat, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, Co-founder of the AfricArb (HK)

Gregory joined Herbert Smith Freehills LLP (Paris/Hong Kong offices), after formerly acting as Deputy Counsel at the ICC International Court of Arbitration. Gregory worked as a Research Assistant to Professor J. Martin Hunter in London at Essex Court Chambers and trained at a magic circle law firm.

Gregory specializes in commercial and investment treaty arbitration, regularly acting for both private investors and State entities with particular focus on Africa-related matters. Gregory is a graduate of Paris II University, Paris III University, and University of London (King's College and the School of Oriental and African Studies). He holds an LL.M in International and Comparative Dispute Resolution, a Masters in Comparative Law, as well as a Masters in Business and Institutional Communication. He also holds a PhD, where his thesis addressed "The Influence of European Powers on Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in West Africa: The African Legal Culture". He is a co-founder of AfricArb, a group of young legal professionals with a shared interest in arbitration and Africa.



SPEAKERS



Mr. Femi Gbede,
Associate, Schwartz LLC (USA)

Femi was an Arthur Vanderbilt scholar at New York University School of Law. He started his legal career at Olaniwun Ajayi LP, a foremost commercial law firm in Lagos, Nigeria, where he garnered experience not only in sophisticated commercial practice, but also in litigation and arbitration. He has participated in several international arbitration conferences, seminars, and workshops including Recent Trends in Investor-State Arbitration (with Herbert Smith LLP), and Limits to Party Autonomy in International Commercial Arbitration, in New York, and most recently, the 60 years of the New York Convention, in Spain. Femi practices law both in Nigeria, and New York.



Mr. Jonathan Lim,
Senior Associate, Wilmer Hale (UK)

Jonathan Lim is a Senior Associate with WilmerHale in London. He has represented governments and private corporations in commercial and investment arbitrations under all major arbitration rules sited across Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. He has also advised governments in Africa and Asia on a range of public international law issues and the drafting of arbitration legislation. He has also represented governments in WTO dispute settlement matters and is a member of the team representing Somalia in its WTO accession process.

In addition to his practice as counsel, Jonathan co-teaches an international arbitration course at the National University of Singapore and has a developing practice as arbitrator, with appointments as sole and party-appointed arbitrator in Europe and Asia. He is also Co-Chair of the Asia-Pacific Forum on International Arbitration and serves on the YSIAC and CI Arb YMG committees. He is listed in Who's Who Legal 2018 as a Future Leader in International Arbitration, with clients describing him as "a very smart all-round lawyer



Ms. Mercy Okiro,
Chairperson, CI Arb YMG (Kenya)

Ms. Okiro is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya having been admitted to the Bar in 2014. She holds an MA in International Studies at the University of Nairobi. She is the youngest accredited mediator of the Judiciary of Kenya and has successfully handled mediation in the Family and Commercial Divisions of the High Court. She also handles mediations for FIDA-Kenya. She was accredited as the youngest Mediator in Kenya by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK). She is an African Ambassador for the Alliance in Dispute Resolution, an organization which strives to ensure diversity and inclusion in alternative dispute resolution.

Mercy sits on the Global Steering Committee of the Young Members Group of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London and has sat on the Branch Committee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Kenya since 2015. She is the current Chairperson of the Young Members Group of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Kenya. She has been involved in planning various conferences and workshops in Alternative Dispute Resolution regionally and globally. She has presented papers in conferences and has published articles in alternative dispute resolution.

MODERATOR



Ms. Sharon Chong Tze Ying, Partner, SKRINE

Sharon Chong is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution Division of Skrine. Her portfolio of dispute resolution work focuses on international arbitration, corporate and commercial litigation, and aviation disputes. She acts as an advocate in a wide array of cross-border disputes and has appeared as lead and junior counsel at all tiers of the Malaysian Courts and in international arbitrations in Asia and Europe. Her other areas of practice include administrative law, competition law, insolvency, shareholders' disputes and sports law.

Sharon is on the panel of arbitrators of the Asian International Arbitration Centre. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators. Among her many publications are chapter on "Corporate Dispute Resolution" in the practitioner's guide "Arbitration in Malaysia: A Practical Guide" and the recently published Malaysian Civil Procedure 2018.

Sharon was also appointed as member of the Ad-hoc Arbitration Panel of the 29th SEA Games Kuala Lumpur 2017 in August 2017. This was the first Ad-hoc Arbitration Panel in the history of SEA Games in line with Article 42 of the SEAGF Charter and Rules, amended in June 2015.

Supporting Organisations:



The event is supported by the AfricArb, CI Arb YMG Nigeria, CI Arb YMG Kenya, Association of Young Arbitrators (AYA) & The Lagos Court of Arbitration Young Arbitrators Network (LCA-YAN). Admission is free of charge. Livestream will be available at the AIAC's Official Facebook Page.

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