Conference on Arbitration in Africa

Hosted By:
The African Legal Support Facility

Venue:
AFDB Headquarters (HQ) Auditorium, Avenue Joseph Anoma, Abidjan – Côte D’ivoire

29th June 2018 – Abidjan
08:00 – 09:00: Registration

9:00 – 10:00: Opening Ceremony and Establishment of a Pan-African Entity on Arbitration

9:00 – 9:15: Welcome remarks by Mr. Stephen Karangizi, Director and CEO, African Legal Support Facility (ALSF)

9:15 – 9:45: Statement by Mr. Godfred Penn, Ag. General Counsel and Director of Legal Affairs, African Development Bank (AfDB)

9:45 – 10:00: Launch of the AfAA by Chief Bayo Ojo, SAN

10:00 – 10:30: Health Break

10:30 – 12:00: Session 1: The Arbitration Landscape in Africa

Moderator: Chief Bayo Ojo SAN, Bayo Ojo & Co

Panellists:
- Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab, Founding Partner & Head of International Arbitration, at Zulficar & Partners in Cairo.
- Mr. Aka Narcisse, Secretary General, CCJA – Arbitration Court of OHADA
- Ms. Njeri Kariuki, Advocate and Chartered Arbitrator, Njeri Kariuki Advocate, Nairobi

Discussion

12:00 – 14:00: Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30: Session 2: Capacity Building for African Arbitrators

Moderator: Ms. Funke Adekoya, SAN, Senior Partner AELEX

Panellists:
- Mr. Paul Ngotho, Chartered Arbitrator, Kenya
- Ambassador Sani Mohammed, Rector, African Institute of International Law
- Ms. Eunice Lumallas, Partner, Lumallas, Achieng & Kavere Advocates

Discussion

15:30 – 15:45: Health Break

15:45 – 17:15: Session 3: Reform of the ISDS Regime and Africa

Moderator: Dr. Rukia Baruti, Managing Director, AILA

Panellists:
- Prof. Muna Ndulo, Professor of Law, Cornell Law School; Elizabeth and Arthur Reich Director, Leo and Arvilla Berger International Legal Studies Program; Director of the Institute for African Development
- Judge Fatsah Ouguergouz, Vice-President and Justice of the African Court of Human and Peoples’ Rights
- Prof. Won Kidane, Associate Professor of Law at the Seattle University School of Law and Founder of the Addis Law Group

Discussion

17:15 – 17:30: Presentation on the AfAA Constitution by Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab

19:00 – 22:00: Cocktail – Dinner (Venue to be confirmed)