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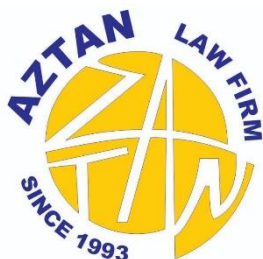
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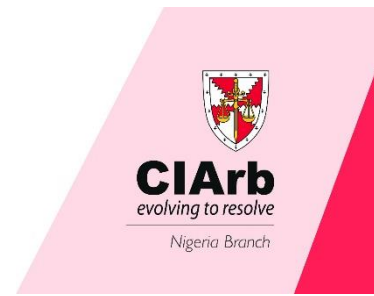
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## About the African Arbitration Association

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The African Arbitration Association (AfAA) was established in June 2018. It is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) that works to develop the practice of international arbitration and international dispute resolution in Africa and to promote African arbitral seats and African arbitration practitioners globally.

The AfAA is the only genuine pan-African organisation that has been established by Africans to address issues affecting the development of international arbitration on the continent. In recognition of the significance of its establishment, the AfAA won the Best Development Award at the Global Arbitration Review Awards in its first year.

The AfAA is also Africa's promotional body for international arbitration and other forms of international dispute resolution. It enhances awareness of Africa-related arbitration and ADR events and activities; facilitates coordination among members of the African arbitration community and recognizes those who have made great contributions to the development of international arbitration and ADR in Africa. Members of the AfAA include leading international arbitration and ADR practitioners as well as African arbitration institutions and initiatives.

The AfAA aims to be the reference point for Africa-related international arbitration. In this regard, it provides a free online one-stop resource comprising of an African Arbitration Legislation tool and a searchable Directory of African international arbitrators.



## About the Conference

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The 2nd AfAA Annual Conference will feature the most sought-after speakers on international arbitration in Africa. It will discuss reforms and innovation in international dispute resolution impacting Africa. Topics covered include:

- The AfCFTA Investment Protocol: An Opportunity to Converge and Propel the Pan African Investment Code
- Dispute Resolution in African Regional Investment Agreements: Innovation or Stagnation?
- Current Initiatives and Proposals on ISDS Reform at Multilateral Levels
- African Perspectives on Current ISDS Reform Options
- The Singapore Mediation Convention: a game changer for mediation in cross-border disputes?
- Cross-cultural Issues in Mediation: An African Mediator's Perspective
- High-Tech in International Arbitration and its Risks
- Belt and Road Initiative: What it means for Dispute Resolution in Africa
- Protecting Human Rights through Arbitration: The Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights Arbitration
- Efficiency in International Arbitration: The Young Practitioner's Perspective

The Conference will conclude with the announcement of the AfAA Awards 2020 winners in recognition and celebration of the important contributions of African arbitration and ADR practitioners and institutions to the practice and development of international dispute resolution.

The main working language of the conference is English with simultaneous interpretation into French.

## Keynote Speaker

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**Stephen Karangizi** is the Director and Chief Executive Officer of the African Legal Support Facility. He has been with the ALSF since October 2011. As Director, he is responsible for the oversight of the Facilities projects in the areas of negotiations of agreements in the natural resource sector, the energy sector; infrastructure developments (especially PPPs); investment agreements and related commercial and business transactions; as well as debt management and litigation.

Prior to joining the ALSF, he was Deputy Secretary General (Programmes) of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) from 2008 to 2011. His major achievements during that period included participating in the negotiations of the Economic Partnership Agreement with the European Union (between 2006 and 2010); participating in the negotiations between COMESA, EAC and SADC to establish a Tripartite Arrangement; and coordinating the different programmes of COMESA including trade and investment and infrastructure.

He was also the Legal Advisor for COMESA from 1997 to 2008. During the time he was Legal Advisor of COMESA his major achievements included: leading the Legal Team that worked with the World Bank to establish the African Trade Insurance Agency (the only African Institution that provides political risk insurance cover); coordinating major programme that supported African States to introduce and modernise Public Procurement Laws; establishing a Regional Court and representing COMESA before the regional court; Providing legal advice on major regional projects (infrastructure, trade and investment) both transactions and policy; and leading the regional legal team that negotiated the post-Cotonou Economic Partnership Agreement with the European Union.

Over a 37 year career as a lawyer, he also served as a Legal Advisor for the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda (West Indies), Uganda and Zimbabwe after starting off in private legal practice. Mr. Karangizi was also Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) in July 2006. He also served as Chairman of the UNCITRAL working group on the Model Law on Public Procurement from 2004 to 2008 that eventually led to the revision of the 1994 Model Law.

Mr. Karangizi holds Bachelor of Law Degree with Honours (LL.B. with Honours) from Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda and Masters in Laws (LL.M) Degree from the University of Zimbabwe. In addition, he also holds a Bachelor of Law degree (Post Graduate Degree for Legal Practice from the University of Zimbabwe) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (Law Development Centre of Uganda) where he was awarded the Attorney General's prize for the best bar student. He is enrolled as a Legal Practitioner of the High Court of Zimbabwe and an Advocate of the High Court of Uganda.

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Kamal Shah was named in Africa's 30 Arbitration Powerlist, spearheaded by the Africa Arbitration Academy, Africa Arbitration and the Association of Young Arbitrators to celebrate leaders that have helped to shape the development of arbitration in Africa.

#### Mentorship

Mentorship is an integral part of Stephenson Harwood's Africa group. We initiated the mentorship programme for the Young African Arbitrator of the Year 2020 in which we provide the winner of this award with one-to-one sessions with both members of our Africa group as well as barristers and arbitrators from other organisations. Kamal Shah was the joint winner of the 'Mentor of the Year' award at the African Arbitration Association Awards in recognition of his work leading a number of initiatives within Stephenson Harwood's Africa group.

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#### Nigeria Law School Prize

We were the first and only foreign law firm to have sponsored a Nigeria Law School Prize, awarded annually to the top performing student at the Nigeria Law School. Three winners undertook all-expenses paid work experience at our London office.

#### The African Promise

Kamal Shah co-published the text of the 'African Promise', which seeks to tackle the under-representation of Africans on international tribunals and improve the profile of African arbitrators.

#### Africa Arbitration Academy

Every year we host the Association of Young Arbitrators' Africa Arbitration Academy and provide seminars on key topics and market trends relating to international arbitration.

#### Thought leadership

Kamal Shah co-authored 'Arbitration in Africa', a jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction analysis of arbitration laws and trends in a number of key jurisdictions on the continent. The team also contributed the chapter on enforcement of foreign arbitral awards to 'International Arbitration Law & Practice: *The Practitioner's Perspective*'.



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## Wednesday, 14 APRIL 2021

(14:00 PM – 16.15 PM) (GMT)

### Annual General Assembly

## DAY 1 – Thursday, 15 April 2021 (All times are in GMT)

(08.25AM – 08.30AM)

**Welcome Remarks: Dr Rukia Baruti**, *Secretary General*, African Arbitration Association

(08.30AM – 08.40AM)

**Opening Remarks: Chief Bayo Ojo**, *SAN, Principal Partner*, Bayo Ojo & Co. & President, African Arbitration Association

(08.40AM – 09.00AM)

**Keynote Address: Stephen Karangizi**, *Director & CEO*, African Legal Support Facility

(09.00AM – 10.30AM)

### Morning Session 1

**Panel 1 - The AfCFTA Investment Protocol: An Opportunity to Converge and Propel the Pan African Investment Code**

**Moderators: Kamal Shah**, *Partner*, Stephenson Harwood

#### Panelists

**Dr. Stefanie Schacherer**, *Postdoctoral Research Fellow*, National University of Singapore

**Mrs Naa Lamle Orleans-Lindsay**, *Head of Legal Division*, Ghana Investment Promotion Centre

**Dr Wilfred Mutubwa**, *Principal*, Mutubwa and Company Advocates

**Jackson Kern**, *Of Counsel*, Addis Law Group LLP

### COFFEE BREAK

(10:30AM – 11:00AM)

(11:00AM – 12:30PM)

### Morning Session 2

**Panel 2 - Dispute Resolution in African Regional Investment Agreements: Innovation or Stagnation?**

**Moderator: Chief Gbola Akinola**, *FCIArb, Partner*, The Law Union

#### Panelists

**Jackwell Feris**, *Director*, Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Inc

**Hicham Zegrari**, *Secretary General*, Centre International de Médiation et d'Arbitrage de Casablanca

**Dr Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo**, *Research officer*, Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa

**Andrea Lapunzina Veronelli**, *Legal Counsel & PCA Representative in Mauritius*, PCA

## LUNCH BREAK

(12:30PM – 14:00)

(14:00PM – 15:30PM)

### Afternoon Session 1

#### Panel 3 – Current Initiatives and Proposals on ISDS Reform at Multilateral Levels

**Moderator:** Lise Bosman, Executive Director, ICCA, Senior Legal Consultant, PCA

#### Panelists

**Aïssatou Diop**, Legal Counsel, International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes

**Lawrence Muiruri Ngugi**, Registrar / CEO, Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration

**Anna Joubin-Bret**, Secretary, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

**Patience Okala**, Legal Adviser, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission

## COFFEE BREAK

(15:30PM – 16:00PM)

(16:00PM – 17:30PM)

### Afternoon Session 2

#### Panel 4 – African Perspectives on Current ISDS Reform Options

**Moderator:** Karel Daele, Head of International Arbitration, Mischon de Reya LLP

#### Panelists

**Mouhamed Kebe**, Managing Partner, Geni & Kebe Lawyers

**Susan Kimani**, Legal Counsel, Permanent Court of Arbitration

**Mohamed H. Negm**, State Counsel, Egyptian State Lawsuits Authority, Ministry of Justice

**Prof. Dr Mohamed S. Abdel Wahab**, Founding Partner, and Head of International, Arbitration, Oil & Gas and Construction, Zulficar & Partners Law Firm; Chair of Private International Law, Cairo University

## DAY 2 – Friday, 16 April 2021 (All times are in GMT)

(09.00AM – 10.30AM)

### Morning Session 1

#### Panel 5 – Mediation is Definitely NOT the Poor Cousin of Arbitration

**Moderator:** Njeri Kariuki, Owner, Njeri Kariuki Advocate

#### Panelists

**Nicola Muriuki**, Solicitor & Accredited Mediator

**Olusola Adegbonmire**, Senior Managing Partner, Sola Ajjola & Co.

**Olivia K. Matovu**, Partner, Ligomarc Advocates

**Dr Adeyemi Agbelusi**, Principal Partner, Berean Associates

## COFFEE BREAK

(10:30AM – 11:00AM)

(11:00AM – 12:30PM)

### Morning Session 2

#### Panel 6 - The Singapore Mediation Convention: a game changer for mediation in cross-border disputes?

**Moderator:** Vlad Movshovich, Partner, Webber Wentzel

## Panelists

**Dr Gaston Kenfack**, *Chairman, Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa-APAA*  
**Hon. Lady Justice Joyce Aluoch**, *Independent Mediator and Arbitrator*  
**Dr Agada John Elachi**, *Managing Partner, Greenfield Chambers*  
**Amani Khalifa**, *Counsel, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP*

## LUNCH BREAK (12:30PM – 14:00)

(14:00PM – 15:30PM)  
**Afternoon Session 1**

### Panel 7A - High-Tech in International Arbitration and its Risks

**Moderator: Idris Mohammed**, *Managing Partner, Fama Firm*

#### Panelists

**Nuno Albuquerque**, *Partner, N-Advogados*  
**Tarek Badawy**, *Partner, Shahid Law Firm*  
**Gavin Dingley**, *Barrister & Arbitrator, Five Paper*  
**Anna Förstel-Cherng**, *Attorney at Law, Binder Grösswang*

(14:00PM – 15:30PM)  
**Afternoon Session 1**

### Panel 7B – Belt and Road Initiative: What it means for Dispute Resolution in Africa

**Moderator: Wairimu Karanja**, *Director, Wairimu & Co*

#### Panelists

**Stephen Agyei**, *Senior Director, Contracts and Commercial Director, ASTAD*  
**Daniel Meagher**, *Partner, Winston & Strawn*  
**Kwadwo Sarkodie**, *Partner, Mayer Brown International LLP*  
**Baptiste Rigau**, *Associate, Lalive*

## COFFEE BREAK (15:30PM – 16:00PM)

(16:00PM – 17:30PM)  
**Afternoon Session 2**

### Panel 8A –Protecting Human Rights through Arbitration: The Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights Arbitration

**Moderator: Laurie Ahtouk-Spivak**, *Counsel, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP*

#### Panelists

**Femi Omere**, *Founder & Managing Director, Hosted in Africa*  
**Prof. Githu Muigai**, *Senior Partner, Mohammed Muigai LLP*  
**Clémence Assou**, *Registrar, Mauritius International Arbitration Centre*  
**Dr Isabelle Fellrath**, *Counsel, SwissLegal Rouiller & Associés*  
**Dr Sally El Sawah**, *Partner, El Sawah Law*

(16:00PM – 17:30PM)  
**Afternoon Session 2**

### Panel 8B – Efficiency in International Arbitration: The Young Practitioner’s Perspective

**Moderator: Wambui Githu-Muigai**, *Associate, Mohammed Muigai Advocates*

#### Panelists

**Yehia Shahine**, *Partner & Head of Arbitration, Aliedean Weshahi & Partners*  
**Bobby Banson**, *Lead Consultant, Robert Smith & Adelaide Law*  
**Marx Ikongbeh**, *Principal/Founder, Everlaw Associates*  
**Demilade Elemo**, *PhD Candidate, University of Dundee*

## Presentation of Awards (17:30PM)

(17:40PM – 17:45PM)

**Closing Remarks: Dr Ismail Selim**, *Director, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Board Member, African Arbitration Association*



**Dr Adeyemi Agbelusi** is Principal Partner at Berean Associates. He is an Arbitrator, Accredited Mediator and Conciliator and Mediation Advisor involved in resolving disputes throughout Nigeria and other Jurisdictions. He is a Member of the Standing Conference of Mediation Advocates (UK), Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK, Fellow, Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators, Fellow, Institute of Management Consultants and other professional bodies. He is a member the Nigeria conflict management group. He is also Fellow of the Society of Advanced Legal Studies of the University of London. He is on the Panel of Neutrals (Mediation and Arbitration) of the Lagos state Multi-Door Courthouse, Lagos Court of Arbitration, Federal High Court ADR Centre and other institutional ADR centres. He is currently on the Executive Committee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK, Nigeria Branch and is the P.R.O. of the Branch. He serves on the Schemes and Training committees of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK and is an approved Tutor of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK and other ADR Institutions. He is also member of the ICC ADR-Commission Roundtable. He is on the Panel of Arbitral Tribunal Secretaries of the ICC Paris and CI Arb. He is the current Branch Chairman of the Institute of Chartered mediators and conciliators, Lagos Branch.



**Aïssatou Diop** is Legal Counsel at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), which she joined in 2008. At ICSID, Ms. Diop has served as Secretary of the Tribunal and Secretary of *ad hoc* the Committee in over 50 investor-state disputes that involve countries mostly in Africa, Eastern Europe and the Middle East, relate to a variety of economic sectors, and are brought under the ICSID Convention and Arbitration Rules, the ICSID Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rules, and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. Ms. Diop has published articles on international investment arbitration and spoken on the topic at a number of international conferences. Prior to joining ICSID, Ms. Diop was an Associate at the law firm of Sidley Austin LLP, where she worked in the international trade and investment arbitration group. Ms. Diop holds a B.A. in History and Political Science from Jamestown University, an M.A. in African Studies and Political Science from Yale University, and a J.D. with a concentration on international law from Northwestern University. She is admitted to practice (inactive) in the State of Illinois and the District of Columbia. Ms. Diop is fluent in Wolof, French, and English.



**Agada Elachi** is a practicing lawyer. He holds a doctorate degree in Public Policy and Administration specializing in Terrorism, Mediation and Peace (Walden, U.S.A), and a Masters degree in Law. He is a SEC certified capital market operator and, is engaged in investment advising and commercial law practice. Agada is an ADR expert with a bias for mediation and arbitration. As mediator, he has been engaged in the resolution of a broad range of disputes such as banking and financial matters, inheritance and testamentary issues, and family mediation just to mention a few. As arbitrator, he is experienced in handling a wide range of issues including but not limited to defence contracts, power/energy contracts, construction contracts, oil and gas, environment preservation and management contracts, financial matters, and real estate development matters. He is on the Panel of Neutrals of several organizations. He acts as a resource person and consults from time to time for several organizations on Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice. Agada loves to read and write. He is an avid lover of sports and a member of the IBB Golf and Country Club, Abuja. He is happily married to Rosemary and they have 4 lovely children.



**Amani Khalifa** is a counsel in Freshfields' dispute resolution group and an arbitration specialist. She handles large, complex construction disputes relating to projects throughout the MENA region with an emphasis on the real-estate and oil and gas sectors. She has been recognised as a leader in arbitration by Who's Who Legal. She is an arbitrator on the basketball arbitral tribunal, an independent tribunal recognised by FIBA. Amani also sits frequently as arbitrator in infrastructure disputes throughout the MENA region. She is the co-chair of the ERA Pledge Africa Subcommittee.





**Andrea Lapunzina Veronelli** is Legal Counsel and Representative of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in Mauritius, assisting with the implementation of the Mauritius International Arbitration Act and with the promotion of Mauritius as a venue for international arbitration and PCA services throughout the African region. As Legal Counsel, Andrea acts as registrar and administrative secretary in arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution proceedings. She also assists the PCA Secretary-General with appointing authority matters, including challenges, under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and other procedural rules. Prior to joining the PCA, Andrea worked as a practicing lawyer for nearly five years at an international law firm in Paris, France, participating in the representation of States and companies in arbitration procedures under the aegis of the ICC, PCA and ICSID, as well as in domestic French law procedures related to arbitral awards and international private law matters. Andrea is a graduate of *Université Paris-I Panthéon Sorbonne* and *Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines*, where she obtained a Master 2 degree in international arbitration. She qualified in 2017 to practice at the Paris bar (omitted as of 12 August 2019).



**Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret** is the Secretary of the UNCITRAL and the Director of the International Trade Law Division in the Office of Legal Affairs of the UN, which functions as the substantive secretariat for UNCITRAL. She is the ninth Secretary the Commission. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Joubin-Bret practiced law in Paris, specializing in International Investment Law and Investment Dispute Resolution. She focused on serving as counsel, arbitrator, mediator and conciliator in international investment disputes. She served as arbitrator in several ICSID, UNCITRAL and ICC disputes. Prior to 2011 and for 15 years, Ms. Joubin-Bret was the Senior Legal Adviser for the UNCTAD. She edited and authored seminal research and publications on international investment law, notably the Sequels to UNCTAD IIA Series and co-edited with Jean Kalicki a book on Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement. Ms. Joubin-Bret holds a post-graduate degree (DEA) in Private International Law, a Masters Degree in International Economic Law. She was Legal Counsel in the legal department of the Schneider Group, General Counsel of the KIS Group and Director-Export of Pomagalski S.A. She was appointed judge at the Commercial Court in Grenoble (France) and was elected Regional Counsellor of the Rhône-Alpes Region in 1998.



**Anna Förstel-Cherng** started her career at Baker McKenzie, Diwok Hermann Petsche Rechtsanwälte LLP & Co KG (Vienna, Austria) and has been with Binder Grösswang Rechtsanwälte GmbH (Vienna, Austria) since 2017, becoming an attorney at law in 2019. After obtaining her law degree from the University of Vienna (Mag. iur.) in 2013, she completed her postgraduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania (USA) in 2016 (LL.M.), where she also received the Wharton Business and Law Certificate. Anna Förstel-Cherng is a member of the Advisory Board of the Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (YAAP) and is admitted to the Austrian and New York State Bar.



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