

# PROGRAMME

Theme **Arbitration/ADR: Important recipe for investment and development.**

## DAY 1: 2<sup>nd</sup> of May

« 9am – 5pm Training », Introduction to International Arbitration – *Foyer du Marin, Douala.*  
« 5: 30 pm to 10:00pm », meet and greet, *Foyer du Marin, Douala.*

## DAY 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> of May

Venue: **DOUALA - GICAM**

Opening of event and panel discussions

Morning

Plenary – Opening the event total time allocated 1hour 30- « 8:30am to 10:20am »

### SPEAKERS:

- His Lordship Justice Abednego Bea Kalla, (*Supreme Court of Cameroon*) and Mme Marie Andre Ngwe (*President, GICAM Arbitration and Mediation Centre, Douala*), *A word of welcome Co-Chairs of FoCG - « 10 mins »*
- H E Albert Fotabong, *Cameroon, High Commissioner for the Republic of Cameroon, U.K and Northern Ireland - « 5 mins »*
- Gaston Kenfack, (*President, African Arbitration Association*) « 10 mins »
- Catherine Dixon, (*Director General, CIArb Global*) « 10 mins »
- Diamana Diawara, (*Director ICC Africa*) « 10 mins »
- Hannibal Uwaifo, (*President, African Bar Association*) « 5 mins »
- Mbah Eric, (*President, Cameroon Bar Association*) « 5 mins »
- Chief Gbola Akinola SAN C. Arb – Chair, CIArb Nigeria « 10 mins »
- Dr. Sylvie Bebohi, (*Lawyer/Arbitration, Paris, and Cameroon – Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa*) - « 5mins »
- Dr. Karen Akinci, *FCIArb, /Anish Wadia C. Arb, Arbitrator – CIArb and Nkafu Arbitration Services (NAS) Africa « 10 mins – 5 minutes each. »*
- Mary Ndichick ACIArb, *Supreme Court, Cameroon – Friends of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Group (FoCG) « 5mins »*
- Honourable Louis Henri Ngantcha, *Member of parliament, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee President of the Network of Parliamentarians for the Diaspora, Decentralised and Cross-border Cooperation (REP-COD) « 10 mins »*
- HRRH Honourable Nfon Mukete, *Senator, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Türkiye, Vice President of the Cameroon Chamber of Commerce Industry Mines & Crafts « 15 minutes, in Buea on the 4 May 9:30am. »*

*Coffee break – 10 minutes*

**Panel 1** – Updates on Arbitration and ADR in Africa – Cameroon, Ohada and generally.

« 10:30am to 11:15 - 45 minutes »

**Panel 2** - The Role of the national courts in support of Arbitration/ADR

« 11:15 am to 12:00 noon – 45 minutes »

**Panel 3** – Institutional v. Ad hoc arbitration

« 12:00 pm - 12:45pm – 45 minutes »

*Lunch break – 45 minutes*

**Panel 5** – Updates on Maritime law and Arbitration–

« 13:25 – 14:00 – 45 minutes »

**Panel 8** – Recent updates on Sports Arbitration

« 14:00 – 14:45 – 45 minutes »

**Panel 6** – There is increasing concerns about Corruption in International/investment arbitrations.

How are tribunals and institutions dealing with this problem?

« 14:45– 15:30 – 45 minutes »

## DAY 3: 4<sup>th</sup> of May

Venue: **BUEA – ETA PALACE**

Plenary « 9:30 am – 10:00 »

A word from the Co-Chair of FoCG – 10 minutes

HRRH Honourable Nfon Mukete, *Senator – 15 minutes*

**Panel 7** – Mediation and other ADR, what is different? Why several?

« 10:00 – 10:45 – 45 minutes »

*Coffee break – 10 minutes*

**Panel 9** – The Role of YMG and its advantages to young practitioners below the age of 40. – « 11.00 – 11:45am »

**Panel 4** – The African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) and disputes resolution.

« 11:45 – 12:30 – 45 minutes »

### FREE AFTERNOON

Evening – Closing ceremony (GALA EVENING) from « 6 pm to 10pm »

## DAY 4: 5<sup>th</sup> of May

Venue: **BUEA – ETA PALACE**

Morning - free consultations on any arbitration and ADR matters « 10am to noon. »

# ARBITRATION WEEK IN CAMEROON



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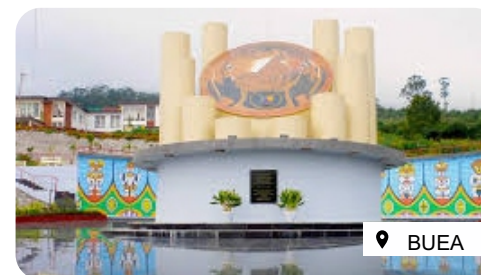
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The Cameroon Arbitration Week (CAW) is a week of events on Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in Cameroon, initiated by Nkafu Arbitration Services (NAS), aimed at bringing Arbitration and ADR Practitioners together with a view to providing relevant updates on Law and Practice in Arbitration and other ADR mechanisms, encouraging rich academic debates, and promoting Cameroon as a viable forum for Arbitration and ADR.

This is the second edition of CAW, which will take place in two cities in Cameroon, Douala, the economic capital of Cameroon and Buea, the regional head of the Southwest Region of Cameroon.

The first edition was in May 2022. It took place across three cities in Cameroon, Yaoundé, the capital city of Cameroon, Douala, and Buea, previously mentioned. It was hugely successful thanks to the assistance from many people and some institutions in Cameroon and the United Kingdom for which we are forever grateful. It is impossible to name and thank everyone who helped make it a success, but I must mention the kind support and encouragement from H. E. Mohamadou Moustapha, Minister, Deputy Secretary General at the Presidency of the Republic of Cameroon, H. E. Albert Fotabong Njoteh, Cameroon High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, the Office of the Prime Minister of Cameroon, REP-COD, GICAM, APAA, and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London, just to name a few.

CAW is a non-profit, apolitical initiative that connects arbitration and ADR practitioners worldwide by organising a series of events and exchanges taking place annually during the Arbitration Week.

We are proud to promote international arbitration and ADR as peaceful means of dispute resolution that ensure access to justice and uphold the rule of law.

Julius Nkafu, FCIArb.  
Founding Partner, NAS, Africa.  
11 April 2023.



**JULIUS NKAFU, FCIArb, U.K.**  
**Barrister Great James Street Chambers and Founding consultant at Nkafu Arbitration Services (NAS)**

Julius Nkafu was called to the English Bar at the Inner Temple in 2014 and called to the Cameroon Bar in 2006. He was enrolled as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of E&W in 2002. He is a Practising Barrister, an Arbitrator and a Mediator.

Julius is a Member of the Sanctions Appeals Board (SAB) of the African Development Bank Group. He is the Chairman of the Cameroon Business Council and the ADR committee of the African Bar Association. Member of several ADR Panels in different jurisdictions.

Julius is an expert in International Arbitration, acting as counsel and sitting as arbitrator. He is also a mediator and conciliator.

Julius lectures International Arbitration at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, he is a Course Director and constantly delivers lectures on behalf of the institute to arbitrators across the world. Julius has over 23 years' legal experience working in the City of London and Cameroon.



**Jocelyne NGASSA, CFA, U.K.**  
**Smart Team Consulting Ltd**

Jocelyne is an expert in International Finance, Marketing and Public Relations.

A graduate of the American Business School in Paris (France) with a master's degree in business administration (Economics and International Finance), Jocelyne never stops learning and constantly seeks to improve. She thus brilliantly passed the CFA Exam (Chartered Financial Analyst Exam) - the most recognized and prized postgraduate diploma in the world of International Finance.

This mark of excellence has enabled her to hold positions of responsibility in major international investment banks and other financial institutions in the City - Financial District of London - such as Head of Risk at F&C Asset Management and Director Europe Lehman Brothers Asset Management.

Jocelyne is now dedicated to bringing financial and technical partners to implement projects in Sub-Sahara Africa working with decision makers from central and local governments as well as private companies.



**H.E Albert FOTABONG NJOTEH, Cameroon.**  
**High Commissioner for the Republic of Cameroon, United Kingdom and Northern Ireland**



**Gaston KENFACK, Cameroon,**  
**President of APAA**

Gaston KENFACK DOUJANI is currently the Director of Legislation at the Ministry of Justice in Cameroon; he has obtained a Doctorate of International Economic Law at the University of Paris I (Pantheon Sorbonne) in 2005, a Certificate on trade, negotiations and settlement of trade disputes at the Kennedy School of Government –Harvard University (USA) in 2004 and an Habilitation to Direct Researches at the University of Pau in France. He is the Editor of the "Revue Camerounaise de l'Arbitrage", the President of the Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA), the President of the African Arbitration Association (AFAA). He is registered on the list of arbitrators and conciliators at the ICSID, at the OHADA CCA and Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA). Gaston is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) and of the International Federation of Arbitration Centers and Associations (IFCAI), he is the former Chair of the Management Board of the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF). President of the 49th Session of the United Nations Commission of the International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and Vice-President of the 60th Session of the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), Gaston is also lecturer in business and arbitration law in many universities (in Africa and Europe)

**Catherine DIXON LLB (Hons), MBA, Solicitor, MCI Arb**  
**Director General, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIarb)**



Catherine joined CIarb as Director General in May 2020 having set the world record for circumnavigation of the world on a tandem. Prior to setting her world record, Catherine spent time in Chief Executive Officer roles at the Law Society of England and Wales, a Higher and Further Education College and at NHS Resolution. Catherine has also held Senior Executive Director and General Counsel roles at the NSPCC and BUPA and in Canada at Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.

Catherine started her professional career in private practice as a solicitor, at Eversheds Sutherland and was an Officer in the British Army. Catherine has served as a trustee and non-executive director on a number of boards, including the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), Queens Counsel Appointments, LawWorks, National Pro Bono Centre, the PDSA, the Yorkshire and Humber Local Enterprise Partnership, the Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce, Landex and was the Deputy Chair of the IBA LGBTQI Committee. Catherine is currently a trustee of Stonewall and a member of the Advisory Board of the Open University. Catherine is a solicitor, a member of CIARB as an accredited mediator and has an MBA.

**Ms. Diamana DIAWARA, France**  
**The ICC Regional Director for Africa**



Ms. Diamana Diawara is the ICC Regional Director for Africa. Working out of ICC Global Headquarters in Paris and building on work initiated by ICC's former Regional Director for Middle East and North Africa Sami Hoerbi, Ms. Diawara will undertake a one-year mission to devise and implement strategies with a view to establishing a presence for case management in Sub Saharan Africa by 2022.

Ms Diawara will work in tandem with the ICC Africa Commission, established in 2018, and ICC's Africa Action Network which brings together ICC national committee and chamber of commerce leaders to support the private sector in Africa, digitise and build resilience of micro and small enterprises in the region and enable the operationalisation of the African Continental Free Trade Area. Ms Diawara has been a Counsel of the International Court of Arbitration in charge of the France/Middle East/Africa team for over eight years, beginning her career in 2012 as an ICC Court Deputy Advisor. She is an accomplished arbitration lawyer, teacher and speaker, regularly representing the ICC Court. She holds a Master of Laws (LLM) degree from Golden Gate University (US) and a Master 2 in international trade law from the University of Paris Ouest Nanterre-La Défense (France).

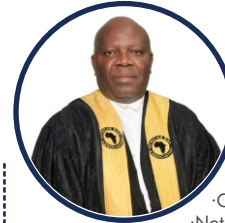


**Nfon EKOKO MUKETE, Cameroon,**  
**Senator, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Türkiye, Vice**  
**President of the Cameroon Chamber of Commerce Industry Mines & Crafts**

Ekoko Mukete is the Nfon of Kumba and Paramount Ruler of the Bafaw tribe; a traditional leadership position he got enthroned to in 2020.

He is also Honorary Consul of The Republic of Türkiye to The Republic of Cameroon, Resident in Douala. He is the Vice President of the Cameroon Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines & Crafts. In this role, he has served in a host of Committees in Cameroon and abroad on behalf of the Cameroon Private Sector.

He is also former Chairman of United Bank for Africa Cameroon (UBA Cameroon Plc); Apart from all the other boards Ekoko Chairs, he is the Government Public Relations Director at Gaz du Cameroun (GDC) as well as the Senior Adviser to GLOBELEQ Cameroun (Kribi & Dibamba Power Plants). He is also a Director at African Atlantic International Maritime Ltd, Cameroon. Ekoko also serves on the board of the United Bank for Africa, Congo Brazzaville (UBA Congo Plc.), and is a member of the board of Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Cameroon.



**Hannibal UWAIFO, Nigeria,**  
**President of the African Bar Association**

Hannibal Uwaifo is the President of the African Bar Association (AFBA).

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Law (LL.B HONS) of the University of Benin, a Masters degree in Law (LL.M) of Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria and attended the Nigerian Law School, Lagos. He was called to the Nigeria Bar in December, 1990. His Qualifications:

- LL.M
- Chartered Arbitrator
- Notary Public
- 33 years as Defence Attorney in high level Criminal matters.
- Expert in Human rights Humanitarian laws
- International Mediator in several crises across Africa
- Commissioner International Inquiry on Cases of Police Violence against Blacks in the United States.
- President African Bar Association
- Counsel ICC
- International Criminal Law Defence Lawyer



**MDAH Eric, Cameroon,**

Mbah Eric Mbah Esq. is a bilingual Cameroonian, a barrister and solicitor of the Cameroon Bar Association, and notary of the North West Court of Appeal. He is an attorney with a strong professional background in Law, spanning over 20 years in legal practice.

His professional experience cuts across legal practice in several fields with focus on corporate law. He has a passion for capacity reinforcement, networking, and developing business and community solutions. His practice involves working with diverse corporate entities/businesses, civil society organizations and international institutions, socio-cultural agencies, Cameroonian administrative authorities, and other private organizations.



**Chief Gbola AKINOLA, SAN, CIArb, Nigeria,**  
**Chairman CiArb, Nigeria Branch**

Chief Gbola Akinola is a practising Lawyer, Senior Advocate of Nigeria and Arbitrator. He obtained a B.Sc Degree in Political Science from the University of Ibadan in 1982, was called to the Nigerian Bar and admitted to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in 1987. He is a Partner in the law firm known as 'THE LAW UNION' with cognate experience in Corporate and Commercial Law practice and a highly skilled advocate with extensive commercial legal advisory experience.

Chief Gbola Akinola was appointed a Notary Public in May 1998, admitted as an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in November 1999, elected a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in February 2001 and became listed as a member of the Institute's Panel of Chartered Arbitrators in August 2006, admitted to the KIAC Panel of International Arbitrators, Kigali, Rwanda, in November 2012, member African Arbitration Association (AFAA) and member of the Board of Directors of Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC) January 2021. He became an Approved Tutor and Resource person of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in January 2003 and lectures in Arbitration both in Nigeria and other parts of Africa. He was a member of the National Committee on Reform of Arbitration Laws. Past President of the Maritime Arbitrators Association of Nigeria (MAAN), November 2010 – 2013. He is a branch Officer of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria Branch, and currently serves as the Chairman.

**Lord Justice BEA ABEDNEGO KALLA, ACIArb, Cameroon,**  
**Co-Chair of FoCG**



Bea Abednego Kalla left the then University of Yaounde in 1982 with a Bachelor's degree in law.

He was recruited by the State and started work at the General State Inspectorate as a contract worker in June 1983. He was admitted into International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC) to do diplomacy in September 1983 and resigned from IGERA. He was admitted into the school of Administration and Magistracy (ENAM) in December 1983 and withdrew from IRIC.

He graduated from ENAM in June 1983 as a magistrate. He has held many positions in the judiciary since then, some of which are; President Court of First Instance Batibo, President Court of First Instance Bamenda, Deputy to the Procureur General Buea, Assistant Research Officer-Ministry of Justice Yaounde, President of High Court of Meme, President Court of First Instance Limbe, Vice President Special Criminal Court Yaounde, Vice President South West Court of Appeal and has been a Justice of the Judicial and Administrative Benches of the Supreme Court of Cameroon since July 2017. He is author of the Book, *Simplified Recovery Procedures in the Courts of First Instance and High Courts in Cameroon* that came out in 2009 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition followed in 2020. He became interested in Arbitration through the Nkafu Arbitration Services and is now ACIARB.

**Madame Marie-Andrée NGWE, Douala Cameroon,**  
**The President of GICAM Arbitration Centre in Douala,**  
**Co-Chair of FoCG**



A lawyer at the Cameroon Bar for many years, Marie-Andrée Ngwe specialised in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in 2015. A member of the ICSID panel of conciliators, she is a qualified mediator and is listed as an arbitrator with several arbitration centres. Marie-Andrée Ngwe is the Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the GICAM Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CMAG), a member of the Arbitration Committee of the Lagos Court of Arbitration, and a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. Co-author of the article

"The propensity of African States to resolve their investment disputes amicably" published in the ICSID Review in 2019, she regularly speaks at conferences and seminars on arbitration and mediation. In March 2022 in Douala, she was one of the trainers at the SOAS Training of Counsel, a training programme in international arbitration. At the last UIA Congress in Dakar, she moderated the panel on "Commercial and Natural Resources Arbitration in the OHADA Space". She recently spoke on the prospects of international arbitration in the OHADA area in the Arbitral Women Newsletter published in December 2022.



**Dr Karen AKINCI, FCIArb, U.K.,**  
**GCILEx ( Course Director) Akinci Law Office, Turkey**

Born in South Africa to British parents, I grew up in South Wales and emigrated to Turkey after graduating from Exeter University in 1993. In Turkey I have worked in academia for many years both in mathematics and law and I have worked in private practice as a general manager of Akinci Consultancy and as a member of our international arbitration practice team at Akinci Law Office. I have had the privilege of being part of the team representing Turkish investors in ICSID Cases and a great range of ICC and international ad hoc cases.

My experience has ranged from construction and engineering cases, some based on the FIDIC books, through GSM and software infrastructure cases. I also have a growing practice in the area of international family law, where I am a specialist consultant in Hague abduction cases and have acted as expert to Family Courts in the UK. I am an active approved faculty tutor for CIArb and regularly tutor on the Pathways. I have authored a number of articles in both mathematics and law in journals and magazines. My particular strengths are my understanding of and great respect for various cultures; my mathematical abilities in general and quantification in particular; my understanding of the construction and engineering industry in general and FIDIC contracts in particular and my wide experience in international arbitration. I am bilingual in English and Turkish and carry both nationalities



**Dr Sylvie BEBOHI EBONGO, France**  
**Co-founder and Partner of HBE Avocats**

Dr Sylvie BEBOHI EBONGO is a qualified Lawyer in Paris - France and Cameroon Bars. She is the Co-founder and Partner of HBE Avocats France Founder and Managing Partner of HBE Avocats Cameroon, a "boutique" specialized in business law <https://www.hbe-avocats.com/en/>. She holds a PhD in Private Law from the University of Picardie Jules Verne (Amiens- France).

Her thesis on the "enforcement of arbitral awards: comparative study of ICSID and CCJA enforcement mechanisms" was awarded the best thesis in Business and community law of the OHADA High School ERSUMA 2015 <http://www.ohada.com>. Sylvie has acquired experience in renowned international law firms ( Jeantet & Associés, Former KAB & Associés, Cabinet Castellane Avocats...), Audit Firms ( Bekolo & Partners among others ) and has worked also in freelance for experienced practitioners in particular in the field of international arbitration. Sylvie is one of the winners of the Association of Young Arbitrators Africa's 50 Most Promising Young Arbitration Practitioners Award 2020 <https://africaarbitration.org> Sylvie publishes articles in various topics mainly in international arbitration. Her working languages are French (native) and English. She reads and understands documents in Italian.



**Anish WADIA, C.Arb (Course Director)**  
**Independant Arbitrator, India**



**NDICHICK Mary AMUKUM Spouse AJAH,ACiArb,  
Cameroon**

Mary is :

- an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators , London from 2022. She is also a Member of the Friends of Ciarb Group Cameroon (FoCG), Interim Secretary General of FoCG, Member of the FoCG OHADA and CAW Sub-Committees;
- Member of the Cameroon Arbitration and Mediation CENTER – BASTOS, (CAMEC) Yaoundé Cameroon within the OHADA REGION;
- Civil servant serving with the Administrative Bench of the Supreme Court of Cameroon;
- holder of a bachelor degree in common law and Master I English law 2014 and 2018 respectively from the university of Yaounde II , SOA; She joined the Cameroon Public Service in 1998 and was admitted into the National School of Administration and Magistracy “ENAM” and graduated as a Court Registry Administrator in 2016;
- In charge of the Mail Service of the Administrative Bench of the Supreme Court;
- A trained bible student and Traumatic Consultant from the NATIONS HOPE BIBLE INSTITUTE and C.O.U.R.A.G.E (Cours Sur La Relation D'aide Et Guérison Emotionnelle), 2021;
- Arbitration Aspirant and a Learner in her humble beginnings.



**Dr Sylvie BEBOHI EBONGO, France  
Co-founder and Partner of HBE Avocats**



**Honourable Louis Henri NGANTCHA, Cameroon,  
Member of the National Assembly, Chairman of REP-COD**

Honourable Louis Henri NGANTCHA is a

- Cameroonian from the Diaspora
- Graduate in diplomacy and International Relations from the Centre d'Études Diplomatiques et Stratégiques (CEDS – FRANCE) with Honours.
- Member of the National Assembly of CAMEROON.
- Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee.
- President of the Parliamentary Friendship Group CAMEROON - AUSTRIA.
- President of the Network of Parliamentarians for the Diaspora, Decentralised and Cross-border Cooperation (REP-COD)

The REP-COD is a framework for permanent exchanges between parliamentarians and Cameroonians living abroad. The objective is “to know and understand their difficulties, help them invest in Cameroon, play a facilitating role between the diaspora and the government for a good mutual understanding.”



**Sopi Patricia KAKOU, France,**

Sopi Patricia KAKOU, is a Barrister (*Avocat à la Cour*), Founder of AHEAD, a Pan African law practice based in Douala (Central Africa hub) and Maître KAKOU Cabinet d'avocats based in Abidjan (West Africa hub), dedicated to international companies.

Sopi Patricia holds a master's degree in business law, specialized in business litigation and a master's degree in political sciences from *Université Paris 10 Nanterre*, France. She also holds a Certificate of studies from New York University College, NY, USA and a Diploma Certificate in Business Law from Skidmore College, New York State, USA.

Prior to founding AHEAD in 2015, Sopi Patricia has acquired experience in renowned international law firms in Europe and Africa (Hogan Lovells, Aramis, CMS Bureau Francis Lefebvre, Cabinet Marie-Andrée NGWE) as well as in major international groups (Rio Tinto, BNP Paribas, Saint Gobain).

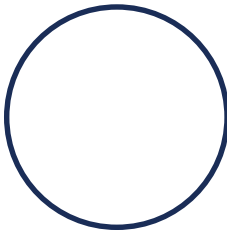
Sopi Patricia acts as legal counsel for major international groups, predominantly in the energy sector, in particular renewable energy.

She is also very active in the Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution community and regularly attend and speaks in conferences.

■ **PANEL I** : Updates on Arbitration and ADR in Africa – Cameroon, Ohada and generally.  
Timing

**MODERATOR**

**His Lordship Justice A. N. FOBELLAH , Cameroon**



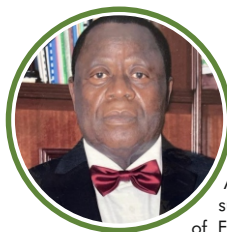
**Marie BERARD , U.K.,**

Marie Berard is a Partner at Clifford Chance LLP in London, specialising in International Commercial Arbitration. A Solicitor to the High Court of England & Wales, she trained in English and French law.

For over 20 years, she has acted as counsel for multinational corporations on a wide range of international arbitration. Her work spans many economic sectors, with particular emphasis on the energy, oil & gas, construction and finance sectors. She also sit as a sole arbitrator, panel member and chair.

Marie is a member of the LCIA Court, the Vice-President of the LCIA European Users' Council, and a member of the City of London Law Society Arbitration Committee. She is on the Editorial Board of the International Arbitration Law Review and Kluwer's Journal of International Arbitration.

She was recognised as a Thought Leader by Who's Who Legal Arbitration 2023 and ranked by Chambers UK since 2017.



**Joseph FONKWE FONGANG** , *ACI Arb, Cameroon*  
*Vice Chairman of FoCG*

FONKWE JOSEPH FONGANG is a First Group Super Scale Judge and current President of the Judicial Bench of the Supreme Court of Cameroon. He has a world of experience in the Judiciary: Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice, Chief Justice of the Far North Court of Appeal, Attorney General of the South West Court of Appeal, Supreme Court Judge, Vice President successively of the South West and Far North Courts of Appeal, President of Nkongsamba Court of First Instance and State Council of Mbanga Court of First Instance amongst other functions.

This bilingual Judge is a product of ENAM and the University of Yaounde. An accredited Trainer on OHADA Uniform laws from ERSUMA Porto Novo, he participated in translating all OHADA Uniform Acts into English. Coauthor of a book "Cameroon Criminal Procedure and Practice in Action", he has published many law articles and commentaries on OHADA law (Juriscope).



**Nania OWUSU**, *Ghana*

Nania is a litigation and arbitration practitioner and a Partner at Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah, a first-tier law firm in Ghana. She regularly advises and represents clients in a range of high value litigation and arbitration disputes and is particularly noted for her innovative approach to solving complex legal issues. She has served as a Member of the Electronic Communications Tribunal of Ghana, quasi-judicial body that hears appeals in respect of the regulation and licensing of telecommunications companies, television and radio stations in Ghana.

Nania sits as an arbitrator and is listed on CPR's Panels of Distinguished Neutrals and the Ghana ADR Hub List of Arbitrators.

She is a Court member of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and LCIA Africa Users' Council. She is Co-Chair of the Africa Arbitration Group of the IBA Arbitration Committee, after previously serving as Editor of the IBA Arbitration Committee Newsletter. She is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and a board member of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC). Nania is the Chair of the Ghana Chapter of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She is a lecturer in Alternative Dispute Resolution at the Ghana School of Law and is called to the bar in England and Wales and in Ghana.

■ **PANEL III** : Institutional v. Ad hoc arbitration



**Daniel WILMOT** , *U.K.*  
*International Arbitration Partner at Stewarts*

Daniel is an arbitration specialist. He is ranked in all of Chambers UK, Chambers Global and Legal 500 for his practice, and is described as "an exceptional talent" and as having "an incredible breadth of knowledge".

Dan is Co-Head of the International Arbitration team at Stewarts, the UK's largest disputes-only law firm. He has advised and acted in international commercial and investment treaty arbitration and his experience covers the major institutional rules, ad hoc proceedings and a wide range of applicable laws and arbitral seats. He also has deep experience of arbitration-related litigation before the English Courts, including award challenges and resisting interim relief.

Dan is widely recognised for his practice in Africa, particularly acting for indigenous companies in dispute with their multinational partners and financial institutions. A fluent English and French speaker, Dan's recent activities have involved Nigeria, Cameroon, Ghana, Seychelles, Tanzania, Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea and Botswana. Dan accepts arbitrator appointments and he is Adjunct Professor of International Commercial Arbitration at Pepperdine University.



**Madame Marie-Andrée NGWE**, *Douala Cameroon*  
*The President of GICAM Arbitration Centre in Douala,*  
*Co-Chair of FoCG*

**Olivier CUPERLIER** , *France*

Olivier Cuperlier was admitted to Paris bar in 1996. He specialises in commercial dispute resolution and acts for French and international companies in various fields of industry. He is registered as a mediator and arbitrator at the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIP) and also in several centres for mediation and arbitration in Africa (inter alia Cameroon and Ivory Coast). He is the author of various articles on mediation and arbitration, especially in the OHBLA area (Organization for the Harmonisation of Business Law in Africa) and regularly acts as a trainer on these subjects.



He has been working (in French and English) for more than 15 years in French speaking Africa and holds a postgraduate degree in Private Law from University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne.

**Alun JONES KC**, *Royaume-uni*,  
*Head of Chambers, Great James Street Chambers*



Alun Jones KC is a specialist in extradition, mutual legal assistance, international crime, judicial review, asset confiscation, international arbitration and immunity cases. In 2005, he founded and became Head of Great James Street Chambers.

Alun has appeared and advised in extradition cases for over 33 years. He has conducted 24 full appeals in extradition cases in the House of Lords, Privy Council and UK Supreme Court, acting in ten of them for foreign governments, appearing as leading counsel in all but the first four of them. Alun is the author of 'Jones on Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance' (Sweet & Maxwell 2001 and 1995) and co-author of 'Jones & Doobay on Extradition and Mutual Assistance' (Sweet & Maxwell 2004; third edition).

Alun has developed a practice judicially reviewing warrants, entries searches and seizures, domestic and in pursuance of overseas letters of request, covert surveillance orders, and other interlocutory aspects of the criminal law. Alun, over several decades, has advised numerous clients particularly within the energy sector in relation to international arbitration disputes in a multitude of jurisdictions. He has been instructed in relation to jurisdictional challenges relating to awards and damages. He advises on the requirements of data protection law and regulation. Alun's full profile can be found at <https://greatjames.co.uk/members/alun-jones/>

Anne Audrey EKONGOLO, Cameroon,



Anne-Audrey Ekongolo is a lawyer at the Cameroon Bar and Managing Partner of Ekongolo & Associés Law Firm. She specialises in business and investment law and litigation. She is currently the President of the Technical Committee of CAM CCIMA (Court of Arbitration and Mediation of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Handicrafts of Cameroon), past President of the Cameroonian National Committee of the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA), member of the IFA (French Institute of Directors) and SCCE (Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics).

Lord Justice/Mrs FON ACHU Helen Ike, Court of Appeal, South West Region, Buea



**MODERATOR**

Dr SADJO Ousmanou, Cameroon,



Doctor in private law, University lecturer in France and in Cameroon (Lecturer in Private Law). International Trainer (Founder of a training centre approved by the State of Cameroon \_CADEV) Commercial Arbitrator (Several times Co-arbitrator and President of Arbitral Tribunals). Specialist in creation, development, and management of arbitration/mediation institutions (several institutions created in Africa: Cameroon, Rep. of Congo, Union of Comoros, Sao Tome & Principe).

International consultant (strategic, institutional, legal audits, institutional and legislative reforms). Founder and President of the African Centre for Law and Development (ACL) since 2008 (CAN DO TRAINING, CPAM, COJA), Director of the Executive Committee of the Permanent Centre for Arbitration and Mediation of CADEV (CPAM-CADEV). Current Chairman of the Business Climate Commission of the GICAM Board of Directors Independent Administrator of a State Bank, appointed by the Presidency of the Republic

Dr Sally EL SAWAH, France,



Dr Sally El Sawah is the Founder of El Sawah Law | Egypt and the co-founder and Head of Arbitration and Litigation of Junction | Paris, an alliance of independent lawyers active throughout the EMEA region, assisting stakeholders from the public and private sectors in their investments and dispute resolution locally and abroad from the inception up to completion of their projects. She is Egyptian and French qualified and Registered Foreign Lawyer with the SRA in England & Wales, acting as Arbitrator, Counsel, Consultant and Legal Expert since 2002. She is Member of the Board of Arbitral Women, the Editor of the Africa Construction Law Blog for the North African Region and the former Deputy Secretary General of the African Arbitration Association.

Sally received the African Arbitration Association Award for the best Young Arbitrator/ADR Practitioner of the Year 2020 and has been recognised by Chambers and Partners in their Global Guide 2022 and 2023 for Expertise Based Abroad.

Lyna-Laure AMANA PRISO , Cameroon,



Doctor of Law, Business Lawyer, Corporate Executive, (INSEAD Executive education), Arbitrator (ICC) and Certified Mediator.

With a multi-sectoral experience of more than 25 years in top management positions in renowned multinationals in Africa and internationally (France), she has held executive positions within the ExxonMobil, MTN (Mobile Telephone Network), and Canal+ Group in France.

She has successfully led multiple structuring projects, which have reinforced her strategic vision and given her a holistic understanding of organisations.

Lyna-Laure AMANA is a member of the Permanent Committee of the GICAM Arbitration and Mediation Centre (CMAG), a mediator in France, and at CAMCO.

She is currently Managing Partner of KNOWTIFY Partners, a business consulting firm.

Ms Beatrice CHAYTOR, Ghana,



Beatrice Chaytor is an international trade lawyer, called to the Bar in England and Wales as well as Sierra Leone, with around 30 years' experience in providing advice and support to African governments in their engagement with regional and international trade policy processes. She is currently Head of Trade in Services in the AfCFTA Secretariat and works on the negotiations and implementation of the Agreement on establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Ms Chaytor has previously run her own law firm, Chariot Eight in Freetown, Sierra Leone, providing legal services to local, regional and international clients on a range of corporate law matters. From 2008 to 2010, she worked with the International Lawyers and Economists Against Poverty (ILEAP) in providing capacity building support to several African regions in their negotiations with the European Union on trade in services under the EPAs, and in defining solutions and strategies for African countries' needs on Aid for Trade.

From 2004 to 2008, Beatrice Chaytor was a Senior Trade Policy Advisor in the Ministry of Trade and Industry in Sierra Leone, on assignment by the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Ms Chaytor is interested in research and analysis on a range of legal and economic policy issues affecting Africa. She has undertaken assignments for DFID, the European Union Commission, and the UN FAO.

### Professor Ike IHIRIBE, U.K.,



Prof Ike Ehiribe is a Barrister, Chartered Arbitrator, Adjudicator, Expert Determiner and Accredited Mediator practicing from 7 Stones Commercial & IP Chambers in London and the firm of Ike Ehiribe & Co. in Nigeria. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1982 and the Bar of England & Wales by the Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn in 1996. He became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London in 1994 and an Accredited Mediator of the Academy of Experts in Gray's Inn in 1998 and is also a CEDR Mediator in Investor-State Disputes. Prof. Ehiribe is listed on the Court of Arbitration of Arts (CAfA), in the Netherlands, on the Panel of Neutrals of the United Nations backed World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva and the Court of Arbitration for Sports in Lausanne among other International Alternative Dispute Resolution panels. He was member and then Chairman of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Committee of CIArb and member of the Board of Management in 2005. He was also a member of the executive committee of the London branch of CIArb from 2004 to 2014 and officer of the African Users Council of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) from 2013 - 2019.

■ **PANEL V** : Updates on Maritime law and Arbitration



### Chef Gbola AKINOLA, SAN, CIArb, Nigeria, Chairman CiArb, Nigeria Branch

**MODERATOR**

### James CLANCHY, U.K.,



James Clanchy, FCIArb is a full-time arbitrator in independent practice and an associate member of Six Pump Court chambers in London. He is an Aspiring Full Member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) and served as its Honorary Secretary from September 2021 until September 2022.

He has taken appointments in ad hoc and institutional arbitrations, seated in London, Dubai, Singapore, and Copenhagen, as a sole arbitrator and as a member of two and three member tribunals. A solicitor in England & Wales (admitted 1990, non-practising since 2019), James was also an *avocat* at the Paris bar from 1994 to 2008. He spent 20 years as a commercial disputes lawyer in London and Paris, with Withers, Holman Fenwick Willan, and Stephenson Harwood, specialising in shipping, energy, and international trade. He was Registrar and Deputy Director General of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) for four years (2008 to 2012).

### Karina ALBERS, FCIArb, U.K



Karina Albers is a full-time commercial arbitrator and mediator based in the United Kingdom. She possesses both British and German Citizenship. Her profession as arbitrator and mediator has been built from her experience in derivative trading, the maritime industry and commodity trade.

Her career hitherto as derivative trader, chartering manager, broker, agent, expert and consultant enables her to service an ever-increasing complex and diverse world of disputes. She has received over 60 appointments so far, participated in hearings and has published 17 awards with claims amounting up to USD 15 million under LMAA, LCIA, SIAC and GMAA rules.

The type of disputes she covers involve demurrage/despatch/laytime, liability/cost for cancelling of charter parties, speed and performance claims, allocation of port disbursements, insurance claims, bunker claims, freight and TCE, cargo claims both for dry and wet claims, Energy and Commodity disputes.

Karina has acted as sole arbitrator, sole arbitrator by default and as part of a tribunal of three.

### Mr. Eru TAKEM, MCIArb, Cameroon

#### Ministry of Transports, Service Head Maritime Regulation



Eru A. Takem is a Maritime Expert with the Ministry of Transport (Department of Maritime Affairs and Inland Waterways).

He is a highly motivated professional with extensive experience in ship management, tanker & dry cargo chartering and port State Control.

■ **PANEL VI** : There is increasing concerns about Corruption in International/investment arbitrations.  
How are tribunals and institution dealing with this problem?



### Professor Ike IHIRIBE, U.K.,

**MODERATOR**





### Jackson SHAW KERN, *Dubai*

Jackson Shaw Kern is an international lawyer who advises and represents private interests as well as sovereign clients in a diversity of matters. An advocate of acknowledged litigation instincts, he has delivered successful results in complex international disputes of the highest stakes. He is a Partner at ALG LLP.

Jackson has been a visitor to leading law firms in London, Lima, and Kuala Lumpur and is a past visiting fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge. He is a frequent guest lecturer and speaker at institutions around the globe. Appearances have included the Peking University School of Transnational Law, the National University of Singapore, the Addis Ababa University, the Catholic University of Peru, the International Law Association, the African Arbitration Association, the Society of International Economic Law, and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes of the World Bank Group. In addition to numerous articles and book chapters, he is a co-author of the title *Arbitrating the Conduct of International Investors* (Cambridge University Press, 2017) which has gained renown for its reform proposals in the realm of international investment law.



### Mariam DIAWARA, *MCI Arb, France*

Mariam Diawara is a senior executive with over 25 years of leadership and experience in International Finance Institutions and international law firms. She is the current Executive Secretary of the Sanctions Appeals Board at the African Development Bank (AfDB). Prior to that, she worked in the Legal Department at AfDB as Chief Legal Counsel and Principal Legal Counsel, managing strategic projects.

Mariam is a French Avocat (currently omitted) and a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) with diverse cross-sectoral expertise in both public and private sectors lending, international dispute resolution, institutional affairs, and sanctions regime of multilateral development banks.

Mariam has advised on several development projects in over 10 African countries including regional road corridors and energy projects.

Mariam is also active in the arbitration community. She is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators MCI Arb, (London, UK), and the African Arbitration Association.



### Pierre DAUREU, *France*

Pierre DAUREU is an international lawyer and the founding Partner of the boutique law firm TALEX INTERNATIONAL. Pierre has extensive experience in complex cross-border litigations and international arbitrations in both commercial and investment matters. Over the last decade, he has developed a particular expertise in disputes involving sovereign states, state entities and state-owned companies, particularly in the oil and gas, mining, and construction industries.

Pierre has participated in over 50 arbitrations as both party representative and a member of arbitral tribunals, while maintaining a significant practice before domestic courts in pre- and post-arbitration proceedings.

Thanks to the wide diversity of his practice, Pierre knows what clients expect from their counsels and what arbitrators expect from counsels, being as such a key partner for efficiently preventing and resolving disputes and enforcing awards worldwide.



### Mrs. Abosede Alli FOLASHADE, *Nigeria* LL.M, FCI Arb, C.Arb (Juriste, Notaire et Arbitre)

Folashade Alli is the Principal Partner of Folashade Alli and Associates. She is practising lawyer and a Chartered Arbitrator with over 35 years of Experience.

She has extensive experience in arbitration and mediation and has been an arbitrator, counsel and registrar on numerous tribunals in disputes relating to maritime, construction, oil and gas, finance and intellectual property. She has acted as the Chairman of Arbitral Tribunals, sole arbitrator, a member of different arbitration panels and has served as legal counsel in various complex arbitration disputes under the auspices of all the major arbitration institutions.

She is an active member of the International Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the ICC Commission Task Force on Arbitration and ADR.

■ PANEL VII : Mediation and other ADR, what is different? Why several?

**MODERATOR**



### Dr Christian POUT, *Cameroon* Chairman of CEIDES

Dr Christian Pout is a Minister Plenipotentiary Diplomat and an internationally renowned expert on the Africa's peace, security, development nexus issues. He is the chairman of the central african leading think tank CEIDES ([www.ceides.org](http://www.ceides.org)).

Dr Pout holds a PhD Degree in International Relations and Diplomacy from the EHEI-CEDS Paris. He is a Senior Researcher of the International Politics Department of the International Relations Institute of Cameroon. He is a Visiting Associate Professor at the Catholic Institute of Paris where he leads the African geopolitics Seminar. He is a research associate of the Tutu Center for Peace and Security Studies, Liverpool Hope University, UK and an international consultant for UNDP, Francophonie, African Union ACRST, Niger High Authority on Peace Building, ISS, Swiss FDFA among others.

Dr. Christian Pout has experience as a leader of employers organizations. Indeed, he has been Deputy Executive Secretary of the Interpatronal Group of Cameroon ; Director General of the Patronage Movement "Cameroon Enterprises, ECAM" ; Country Director of the Central African Organization ; Corporate Relations Director, Cameroon, West and Central Africa for the world's leading DiAGEO-Guinness premium beverage brand.



### Marge LOWHAR, *U.K.*

Director of Tranzition and Krik Krak Media. Organisation Development Consultant, Executive coach and Facilitator specialising in Organisational Learning and Development and Personal Effectiveness.

As an experienced facilitator, adviser and educator she brings to her role over 30 years of experience working internationally in Europe, USA, Asia, The Caribbean and Africa, amongst diverse cultures and across all hierarchical levels within a variety of business sectors, including: Energy, Professional Services, Higher Education, Health and Government.

Strong interest in helping organisations examine their culture and leadership, evaluate and deliver their policies, and working with individuals and groups to challenge and overcome non-productive behaviours.



**Uwala Esther MURPHY-AKPIEYI , Nigeria,**  
**FICMC, MCArb**

Uwala Murphy-Akpieyi FICMC, MCArb is the principal of Uwala Murphy-Akpieyi and Co, a boutique law and Adr company. She is admitted to practice in Nigeria and holds a UK law degree. She started her professional journey as a practicing lawyer, and from there moved to the corporate world as manager, legal services, and personnel, then company secretary/legal adviser.

Uwala is an accredited and certified mediator, mediation advocate, arbitrator, a restorative justice, and peace practitioner.

She is an expert- assessor and has assessed and judged several international mediation and negotiation competition. She is affiliated with professional bodies including, the African Bar Association ( AFBA) where she is a council member and chair of the section on alternative dispute resolution (ADR), the Lagos Court of Arbitration ( LCA), the Nigeria Institute of Chartered Arbitrators (NICArb), she is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (ICMC) and member Standing Conference of mediation Advocate UK (SCMA). Mediators beyond borders international (MBBI) and the Society for Peace Studies and Practice, (SPSP).

In addition to serving as a neutral She advises and act for clients. Her focus is preventing and resolving disputes in a cost effective and commercial manner.



**Dr Diana ACHA MORFAW, Cameroon,**

**MODERATOR**

Dr Acha-Morfaw has been a practising lawyer, a lecturer in law and a social and governance activist for some 35 years. Her PhD thesis “The Legal Aspects of Foreign Investment in Africa” led her towards commercial and investment law. She has acted as legal counsel for governments, multinational corporations operating in the industrial, service and extractive sectors as well as consultant to the Commonwealth, OIF, World Bank, IMF and UNDP.

She has represented her clients at the ICC in Zurich and Paris. Past Vice President of the Cameroon Athletics Federation, she is currently a member of the Ethics Committee of the National Olympic and Sports Committee of Cameroon and Rapporteur of the Disciplinary Committee of the Arbitration Chamber of the committee. As Acting President of the Cameroon National Elections Observatory, she supervised the first combined legislative and municipal elections held in 2002 and 2007 as well as the 2004 presidential election in Cameroon. Since its inception, she has been Board Chair of Cameroon's Investment Promotion Agency, which enables her to work with both private sector and public institutions to foster a more conducive business and investment environment in Cameroon. She sits on a number of other Boards including the Global Advisory Council of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council.



**Ivaylo DIMITROV, U.K.,**

Ivaylo is dual-qualified in England and Wales and Bulgaria. He has over 8 years of experience practicing in the areas of international dispute resolution and public international law. He represents and advises sovereign clients, multinationals and private individuals in relation to contentious and advisory matters, including investment and commercial arbitrations under the UNCITRAL, ICSID, ICC, and LCIA rules. Alongside his arbitration focus, Ivaylo also has a strong expertise in public international law related matters.

Ivaylo has developed considerable regional expertise in disputes involving Eastern Europe and, in particular, Balkan



**Dr Emmanuel OLOWONONI, Nigeria,**

Emmanuel Olowononi (PhD, LL.M, BL) is a Legal Practitioner; Sport Disputes Arbitrator; Notary Public of the Supreme Court of Nigeria; Senior Lecturer, Nigerian Law School and member, National Executive Council (NEC) of the Nigerian Bar Association.

He holds Ph.D Degree in Law with specialty in football contracts, football disputes and football arbitration. He has written extensively in both local and international journals on Sports Law, Sports Arbitration and Entertainment Law. He is arguably the author of the leading book in Sports Law and Practice in Africa among other books.

He is the founder, Institute of Capacity Building, Entertainment and Sports Law Development (ICESLAD), an Institute pacesetter professional capacity building, Entertainment and Sports Law Development in Africa through research, trainings, publications and public lectures.

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**Laurence ELONG MBASSI, France,**

15-year experience providing corporations, private equity firms and entrepreneurs operating in Africa with international corporate legal and tax services including transfer pricing assistance, as well as tax audits and litigations assistance.

Expertise in a large number of sectors: mining and cement industry, automotive industry, bank/financial services/Fintechs, telecommunications, hydrocarbons, renewable energies, agriculture/agro-industry, FMCG, pharmaceutical industry, etc.

Experience of a large number of projects in West and Central Africa: Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Cameroon, Republic of Congo, Gabon, DRC, etc.

Founded Lem&Co in 2021 to serve her clients with a strategic positioning in both Europe and Africa.

Attorney at Law (Paris Bar, France), Professional Master Degree in Business and Tax Law and Research Master Degree in Tax Law (respectively René Descartes University and Pantheon-Assas University, Paris, France)

Accredited Arbitrator with the Centre for Mediation and Arbitration of Paris and the Centre for Mediation and Arbitration of the GICAM (Interpatronal grouping of Cameroun)



**Professor Ike IHIRIBE, U.K,**



**Diana OKOKO, Nigeria.**

Diane is a highly knowledgeable and skilled Corporate Lawyer and Counsel, Arbitrator and Notary Public. She serves as the Principal Partner of Marcus-Okoko & Co, an Abuja-based international corporate law firm. She has garnered extensive knowledge and experience in her areas of practice over the years, from her participation in several transactions across these fields. She is a Fellow and an approved Faculty member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) Nigeria Branch, a Fellow of the Institute of Construction Industry Arbitration and a member of the Institute of Directors. She is a Corporate Governance Practitioner and facilitator, with vast expertise in board performance management and audit.

Diane is a registered Capital Market Solicitor, a member of the Governing Council of Janada International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (JICAM). She currently serves as the Lead for the Arbitration Thematic Area for National Assembly Business inclusive of the Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA) Small Claims Panel, the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), the Dispute Resolution Centre of the Nigerian Chamber of Commerce Dispute Resolution Centre (NCC DRC), the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), the Federal High Court Dispute Resolution Centre (FHC DRC), the Rivers State Multi-Door Courthouse (RSMDC) as well as the Abuja Multi-Door Courthouse (AMDC).



**Baptiste RIGAudeau, MCI Arb, France**  
**Avocat, LALIVE**

Baptiste specialises in international arbitration, with a focus on commercial and investor-State disputes. He has experience working as counsel and secretary to international arbitration tribunals under ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, SCC, CIETAC, CMAP, ICSID and UNCITRAL rules, in proceedings governed by various procedural and substantive laws, both common and civil. He has experience in the energy, particularly in oil and gas, construction, banking, telecommunications, hotel and pharmaceuticals sectors. He also has experience in cross-border litigation and asset recovery matters. He is a member of the ICC's Commission on the Belt & Road Initiative and of the Global Steering Committee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Young Members' Group. He is also a member of several professional associations such as ICC YAF, LCIA YIAG and the International Wine Law Association. He has spoken at conferences and has published several articles on international arbitration, notably on topics relating to Africa

**PANEL IX** : The Role of YMG and its advantages to young practitioners below the age of 40.



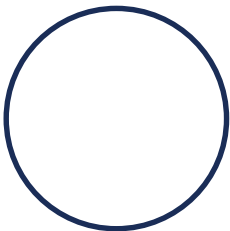
**Noreen KINDUNDUHU,**

**MODERATOR**

Noreen is a common law qualified lawyer who routinely represents clients in both institutional and ad hoc arbitrations under a wide variety of arbitral rules. She also appears in court matters related to arbitration.

Noreen was in the inaugural cohort of the Africa Arbitration Academy and is the immediate former Chair of CIArb's Young Members Group (YMG) Global Steering Committee. She recently completed her term as Africa Regional Representative of the LCIA Young International Arbitrator's group. She is part of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR (Kenya). In 2021, Noreen co-founded Energy Related Practitioners (ENERAP) Kenya. Since her admission to the Kenyan bar, Noreen has been a member of the Law Society of Kenya's ADR Committee. In 2020, she led the ADR Committee in drafting the LSK Arbitration Rules, 2020. Noreen has been recognised as one of 'Africa's 30 Most Promising Young Arbitrators' by the Association of Young Arbitrators.

**Tony NGOA CHEFFOR,**



## ● ABOUT FOCG

FoCG is Friends of Chartered institute of Arbitrators. It is an initiative of NAS Africa made up independent people interested in Arbitration and Alternative Disputes Resolution (ADR) and are either members of the Chatered institute of Arbitrators or working towards becoming members of the institute. The group has an executive and steering committee co-chaired by His Lordship Justice Abednego Bea Kalla of the Supreme Court of Cameroon and Madam Marie Andre Ngwe, the President of GICAM Arbitration and Mediation Centre in Douala, Cameroon.

## ● ABOUT NAS (NKAFU ARBITRATION SERVICES)

<https://www.nas-africa.com/about-us>

Founded to meet the growing arbitration needs of business in Africa, Nkafu Arbitration Services (NAS) is a consultancy created to provide a dedicated portal through which all arbitration-related issues can be resolved. As necessary, we draw upon the experience of arbitration practitioners that all share one thing in common: a genuine expertise in advising clients working in Africa. We are a boutique consultancy that provides senior-led, strategic & commercial advice to help our clients achieve their objectives. We work with a carefully selected list of consultants to give our clients access to legal advice when needed, whether reviewing contracts, assessing risk, pursuing/defending legal rights or achieving settlement.

## ● ABOUT CIArb (Chartered Institute of Arbitrators)

<https://www.ciarb.org/constitution/>

CIArb is an international centre of excellence for the practice and profession of alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

Our growing membership of over 17,000 is based across 149 countries and supported by an international network of 42 branches.

CIArb provides education and training for arbitrators, mediators and adjudicators. It also acts as a global hub for practitioners, policy makers, academics and those in business, supporting the global promotion, facilitation and development of all ADR methods.

CIArb offers a range of resources including guidance, support, advice, networking and promotional opportunities, as well as facilities for hearings, meetings and other events. It is a not-for-profit, UK registered charity.

## ● ABOUT CMAG (Centre de Médiation et d'Arbitrage du GICAM)

<https://www.legicam.cm/index.php/p/centre-darbitrage-du-gicam>

CMAG administers mediation and arbitration procedures, organises practical training, colloquia and conferences. It is present on the national and international scene through its interventions and participation in various events.

The General Secretariat and the Standing Committee administer the procedures in complete confidentiality and independence.

The CMAG has at your disposal, on request, the mediation rules, the arbitration rules and the internal rules.

## ● ABOUT AFBA (AFRICAN BAR ASSOCIATION)

<https://afribar.org/about/>

Established in 1971 as a professional body uniting individual lawyers and national legal associations in Africa, the African Bar Association (AFBA) was designed to be a federation of national legal associations, corporate and unincorporated legal entities, and individual lawyers.

The Association seeks amongst other objectives to foster the exchange of opinions and experiences among members, formulation of policies that would better reposition the continent's socio-economic and political development and advancement with the law as the bedrock for these developments, and lastly breaking new legal frontiers. The Association brings together the five African sub-regional Lawyers, their respective National Associations spread over the AFBA continent.

## ● ABOUT APAA

<http://apaafrique.org/presentation/>

The PURPOSE of APAA is to promote arbitration and mediation/conciliation in Africa, by encouraging the establishment and culture of Alternative Dispute Resolution on the continent.

The resources of the APAA are essentially made up of donations, legacies, subsidies and any other contribution authorized by the law; no compulsory contribution is expected from the members of the APAA.

To be a full member of the APAA, one must be approved by the Bureau. The candidate for membership shall send to the Bureau an application for membership accompanied by a duly signed curriculum vitae. It is also possible to join APAA by clicking on: [www.apaafrique.org](http://www.apaafrique.org).