

**General Assembly Meeting**  
**&**  
**AfAA First Annual International Arbitration Conference**

Venue: Radisson Blu, Hotel & Convention Centre, Kigali  
 Kigali, Rwanda 3- 4 April 2019

***The Coming of Age of International Arbitration in Africa***

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Conference languages:** Arabic, English, French and Portuguese

08:30	Registration (tea and coffee served)
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Wednesday, 3 April 2019</b>
10:00	General Assembly Meeting
<b>12:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
14:00	Welcome Remarks by <b>Chief Bayo Ojo, SAN</b> , President, <i>African Arbitration Association</i>
14:15	Presentation of the African Arbitration Survey by <b>Dr Emilia Onyema</b> , <i>Associate Professor, SOAS, London</i>
14:45	Responses to the Survey by African States
16:00	Opening Ceremony and Official Launch of the African Arbitration Association in the Host State
16:30	Concluding Remarks
<b>16:45</b>	<b>GROUP PHOTO</b>
18:00	Welcome Drinks Reception
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Thursday, 4 April 2019</b>
08:30	Registration (tea and coffee served)
09:30	Welcome by <b>Dr Rukia Baruti</b> , Secretary General, <i>African Arbitration Association</i>
09.35	Address by <b>Chief Bayo Ojo, SAN</b> , President, <i>African Arbitration Association</i>
09.45	Keynote Address
<b>10:15</b>	<b>GROUP PHOTO/COFFEE BREAK</b>
10.45	<p><b>The African Arbitration Association is here: Now What?</b>  <i>[This panel will discuss the significance of the establishment of the AfAA and what needs to be done by stakeholders to ensure that the AfAA's objectives are met]</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Dr. Faustin Ntezilayo</b>, <i>Senior Lecturer University of Rwanda</i>  <b>Julius Nkafu</b>, <i>Barrister, Great James Street Chambers, London</i>  <b>Bwalya Lumbwe</b>, <i>Arbitrator, Zambia</i>  <b>Tafadzwa Pasipanodya</b>, <i>Partner Foley Hoag LLP, Washington DC</i></p>

12.00	<p><b>The Africanization of International Disputes: Rethinking Our Approach to International Dispute Practitioners</b> [<i>This panel will discuss ways to encourage disputing parties to select African arbitration practitioners in international arbitrations</i>]</p> <p><b>Moderator: John Ohaga</b>, <i>Managing Partner, TripleOKLaw</i></p> <p><b>Panellists</b>  <b>Dr Emilia Onyema</b>, <i>Associate Professor, SOAS, London</i>  <b>Diane Okoko</b>, <i>Principal Partner, Marcus-Okoko &amp; Co.,</i>  <b>Adebayo Adenipekun, SAN</b>, <i>Managing Partner, Afebabalola &amp; Co.</i></p>
<b>13.15</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
14.30	<p><b>The Use of African Arbitral Institutions: The Pan African Investment Code Paves the Way</b> [<i>This panel will discuss whether and to what extent African States should play a role in increasing the use of African arbitral institutions in Africa-related arbitrations. Reference will be made to the approach adopted by the Pan African Investment Code</i>]</p> <p><b>Moderator: Babajide Ogundipe</b>, <i>Partner Sofunde, Osakwe, Ogundipe &amp; Belgore</i></p> <p><b>Panellists</b>  <b>Dr Ismail Selim</b>, <i>Director, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration</i>  <b>Oluwatosin Lewis</b>, <i>Executive Secretary, Lagos Court of Arbitration</i>  <b>Dr Fidele Masengo</b>, <i>Secretary General, Kigali International Arbitration Centre</i></p>
15.45	<p><b>Investment Arbitration Developments in Africa: We Are Awake But Are We Smelling the Coffee?</b> [<i>This panel will discuss recent changes in legislation by African States such as Tanzania and South Africa, in their attempt to curb the adverse effects of investment arbitration and the wider implications of such changes</i>]</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Panellists</b>  <b>Fui Tsikata</b>, <i>Head of Chambers, Reinford Chambers</i>  <b>Dr Gaston Kenfack Douajni</b>, <i>President, APAA</i>  <b>Vlad Mavshovich</b>, <i>Partner, Webber Wentzel</i></p>
17.00	Concluding Remarks
<b>19:00</b>	<b>DINNER</b>