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Arbitration
Powerlist
2020

...celebrating the **leaders** in **Africa's Dispute Market!**

Award Brochure



Congratulations to Africa's Shining Stars...

It is fitting to start by congratulating all awardees of the maiden Africa's 30 Arbitration Powerlist 2020. This prestigious recognition is a new initiative of the Africa Arbitration Academy, established with the support of Africa Arbitration and the Association of Young Arbitrators (AYA Africa), to celebrate the achievements of leading arbitration practitioners from Africa and recognize their contributions to the development of arbitration in the continent. The basis of our celebration may be a singular act of extraordinary excellence, constant brilliance in all measures or creating significant impact in the arbitration space within the continent. It has become our tradition to celebrate people of influence and project Africa's best to the international arbitration community.

Apart from the Academy's work in promoting African practitioners, it has also been in the vanguard of policy reforms in Africa. In 2020, the Academy published its Protocol on Virtual Hearings in Africa (a) setting out guidelines and best practices for conducting virtual arbitration proceedings in Africa, where a physical hearing is impracticable due to health, safety, cost, or other considerations, (b) encouraging African institutions and governments to make express references to virtual hearings in arbitration rules and laws; and (c) serving as guiding standards, principles, and provisions to be adopted by arbitral institutions or governments in Africa when drafting their arbitration rules and laws.

Notably, the Academy's Protocol is now being adopted by parties, arbitral institutions and African governments when conducting virtual proceedings or designing rules/laws on virtual hearings. The Protocol was nominated for the GAR Pandemic Response Award in June 2020 and won the "Innovation in Arbitration" Awards at the Africa Arbitration Awards and AfAA Awards in 2020. The Protocol is the only Africa-specific resource listed by the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) in its Resources and Information on Virtual Hearings.

Continuing the giant strides, the Academy recently commissioned arbitration and investment law experts to develop a Model Bilateral Investment Treaty for African States ("the AAA Model BIT"). The AAA Model BIT will provide modern and innovative provisions which can be adapted by African governments and foreign counterparties when negotiating bilateral investment treaties or investment agreements.

As we commence 2021, the Powerlist is a reminder of the many positives around us despite the challenging times. The Academy appreciates the support of leading arbitral institutions and organisations including: the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Kenya Branch), Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC), Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA), Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CIMAC), Lagos Court Of Arbitration (LCA), Tanzania Institute of Arbitrators (TIArb), East Africa International Arbitration Centre (EAIAC), AfricArb, and IResolve (Tanzania).

Congratulations again, Africa's Shining Stars!

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Prof. Mohamed Abdel Wahab is the Founding Partner & Head of International Arbitration at Zulficar & Partners, Cairo, Egypt and Professor of Dispute Resolution at Cairo University. He is qualified to practice in Egypt. Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab's expertise in cross border multi-jurisdictional and highly complex transactions and disputes is broad. He is widely published and recognized as a world-leading arbitrator and arbitration practitioner on international investment and international commercial arbitration, Arab and African Laws, Islamic Shari'a, private international law and online dispute resolution. Holder of over fifty-five prizes for academic merit and achievement during academic studies, Prof. Abdel Wahab is listed in all major legal directories as a star practitioner and is listed in Who's Who Legal: International Arbitration Global Elite Thought Leaders 2021 for the EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa) regions.

He has served as 'Sole Arbitrator', 'Presiding Arbitrator', 'Party Appointed Arbitrator', 'Legal Expert' or 'Counsel' in more than 220 cases, including complex, high value

institutional and ad hoc arbitral proceedings involving parties from the Middle East, Europe, Africa, Asia, Canada, and the United States. He is the Vice President, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris (2015 – 2021), Member of the Governing Board, ICCA; Member of the Court (Egypt), PCA; Member of the Board of Trustees, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK). Prof Abdel Wahab is the Dean, Africa Arbitration Academy; First African Director for the many Africans as Tutors and Faculty Members. He chaired the Africa Arbitration Academy's Technical CIArb Diploma on International Arbitration and the first Director to introduce Review Committee for the Academy's Protocol on Virtual Hearings for Africa and is Chair of the African Arbitration Academy's Technical Review Committee for the Academy's Model African BIT Project. He is a Mentor to many African young practitioners from African jurisdictions, including Egypt, Nigeria, Kenya and Tanzania. Some of his notable cases include:

1. Appointed as co-arbitrator in an UNCITRAL multi-hundred million dollars construction arbitration in relation to a contract governed by the laws of Saudi Arabia.
2. Appointed as presiding arbitrator in a multi-hundred million dollars ICC construction arbitration in relation to a subcontract agreement governed by the laws of Qatar.
3. Appointed as co-arbitrator in a multi-hundred million dollars ICC construction arbitration in relation to a construction contract governed by the laws of Saudi Arabia.



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FUNKE ADEKOYA SAN

Partner, Aelex
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Funke Adekoya SAN is a founding partner at the firm and heads the dispute resolution practice group. Appointed notary public in 1986 and elevated to the rank of senior advocate of Nigeria (SAN) in 2001. Qualified to practice in Nigeria and England and Wales, Funke has over 45 years' experience in litigation and arbitration. As a litigator, she represents clients regularly before the Nigerian courts at all levels. She also provides expert opinions and has appeared as an expert witness on Nigerian law issues before the courts of England, the United States and Turkey.

In the field of arbitration, she represents both local and transnational parties as counsel in domestic and international arbitration proceedings within Nigeria and abroad and has acted in numerous disputes as either party appointed arbitrator, sole arbitrator or presiding arbitrator. She was appointed to the Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) for a period of six years, commencing on 16 September 2017. She lectures regularly on

arbitration law and procedure and has been approved by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators as a tutor at the Associate to Fellowship Course level. She is a member of the Advisory Council of the African Arbitration Academy and was a member of the Technical Review Committee for the Academy's Protocol on Virtual Hearings for Africa. Some of her notable cases include:

1. Party appointed arbitrator by the Government of Grenada in an investment dispute - Grenada Private Power Limited and WRB Enterprises, Inc. v. Grenada, ICSID Case No. ARB/17/13, <https://www.italaw.com/cases/57471>
2. Sole Arbitrator in an ICC Arbitration between a Swiss inspection company and a Kenyan motor fleet supplier, involving the alleged breach of a Reseller Agreement;
3. Chair of tribunal in an investment dispute brought pursuant to alleged breaches of the India - Macedonia BIT in Binani v North Macedonia - <https://investmentpolicy.unctad.org/investment-dispute-settlement/cases/946/binani-v-north-macedonia>



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**HON. JUSTICE
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Hon. Justice Edward Torgbor is a specialist practising international arbitrator and mediator based in Nairobi with cases in Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, France and England. He was formerly a practicing barrister in England and Judge of the High Court of Kenya. Qualified to practice in Zambia, Ghana and England & Wales, Justice Torgbor is an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Zambia, Attorney at Law in Ghana, and Lecturer in arbitration law and practice. He has published professional articles and is a Contributor to LCIA and Chartered Institute of Arbitrators' journals, Chairman, Participant and Presenter at numerous arbitration conferences, seminars and workshops in Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, Lesotho, South Africa, and England.

He was lead Counsel for the Eastern and Central African Trade Development Bank (PTA Bank) and Legal Consultant for UNEP and UN-Habitat. He drafted a Framework Environmental Law for the Kingdom of Cambodia and compiled a Compendium of Judicial Decisions on Environmental Law under UNEP

Consultancy, and wrote a Guidebook on "The Right to Adequate Housing" for UN-Habitat. He is a law graduate from the Universities of Edinburgh, Cambridge and Stellenbosch, with many years experience as Barrister in England, Judge in Kenya, and an International Arbitrator. Some of his notable cases include:

1. Tribunal President in an ICC arbitration over a USD5 Million claim arising from a construction sub-contract.
2. Sole Arbitrator in an arbitration conducted under the Kigali International Arbitration Centre Rules (KIAC) over a dispute arising from alleged breaches of a Consultancy Services Contract.
3. Counsel/Expert Witness in an ICSID arbitration over a USD5 Billion claim arising from an alleged unlawful revocation of a Special Mining License.



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TAFADZWA PASIPANODYA
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Tafadzwa Pasipanodya is a partner in Foley Hoag's international litigation and arbitration department and chairs the firm's Africa practice group. For over a decade, she has represented sovereign States from all over the world in investor-state arbitrations concerning natural resources, mining, the environment, infrastructure, and health policy before ICSID, UNCITRAL, and ICC tribunals. Tafadzwa has also advised States in disputes against other States concerning the law of the sea, maritime delimitations, territorial claims, human rights, and environmental rights before the ICJ, UNCLOS tribunals, and other fora. In addition, she has represented foreign States in U.S. federal court proceedings.

Tafadzwa has served as counsel to the following African states: Djibouti, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, and Nigeria. She has been recognised by Latinex and The Legal 500: USA for her dispute resolution expertise and is a member of the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law and as well as Vice President of the African Society of International Law. Some of her recent cases include:

- 1. Gosling et. al v. Mauritius (2020)** - Tafadzwa co-led the team that helped Mauritius defeat an ICSID arbitration concerning Mauritius' right to prevent the Claimants, UK investors, from carrying out luxury real estate development projects at the Le Morne UNESCO World Heritage Site commemorating freedom from slavery. In its Award of 18 February 2020 in favor of Mauritius, the tribunal held that Mauritius was entitled to protect the status of the Le Morne World Heritage Site from commercial development that would detract from its cultural significance and jeopardize its UNESCO registration. The Tribunal also upheld Mauritius' cancellation of the Claimants' lease to a separate property for failure to fulfill the terms of the lease. The case presented novel issues concerning a State's ability to protect and regulate its cultural heritage against investors' claims.
- 2. Mehta et al. v. Uruguay (2020)** - Tafadzwa helped Uruguay defeat a \$4 billion claim in an investment arbitration administered by the Permanent Court of Arbitration concerning the denial of an iron-mining permit. The case involved an iron ore mine that would have been the largest in Uruguay's history. Uruguay contended that the mine failed for financial and technical deficiencies attributable to the investor, while the investor blamed Uruguay's adoption of a new mining code. The tribunal dismissed the case for lack of jurisdiction on the basis that the claimants lacked standing to invoke the protections of the investment treaty between Uruguay and the UK. A unanimous tribunal dismissed a US\$4 billion claim against Uruguay over a failed mining investment, upholding the State's jurisdictional objections. The tribunal ordered the UK claimants to pay Uruguay US\$4 million in attorney's fees and costs.
- 3. Niko v. BAPEX and Petrobangla (2020)** - Represented Bangladeshi hydrocarbon state entities in a unique Investment arbitration in which the tribunal issued a decision finding the Canadian claimant liable for causing a gas blowout. The tribunal issued an ICSID decision in favor of respondents, finding the claimant liable for a gas blowout, and determining that the case should go to a damages phase in order to determine how much the Claimant must pay Bangladesh. The case is notable because it is a rare ICSID arbitration case in which the claimant has been asked to pay damages to state entities for the harm caused by its conduct.



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Samaa Haridi is a Partner at Hogan Lovells LLP, New York and leads the firm's Middle East practice. She is a civil and common law-trained, trilingual lawyer with 20 years of experience representing corporations and financial institutions from all over the world in international commercial and investment arbitration, under the rules of all major arbitral institutions. She also frequently sits as an arbitrator in international commercial and investment disputes.

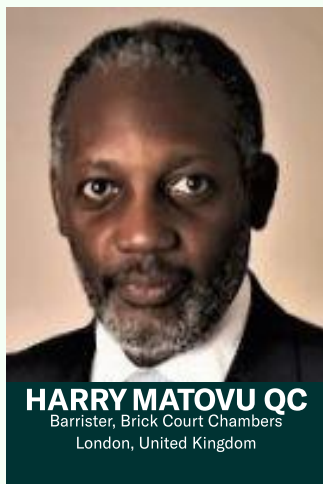
Samaa is a trail blazer and has been singled out for being "spectacular" and "really, really phenomenal" (Chambers USA 2020). Sources also acknowledge her as being a "first-class arbitration lawyer; one of the best in the region" (Who's Who Legal 2021). She is one of five North American female international arbitration practitioners singled out by Who's Who Legal as a Global Elite Thought Leader – Arbitration 2021. She is currently serving as an officer in a number of arbitral organizations, including as Court Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration; Co-Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the

International Bar Association; Vice President of the LCIA Arab Users' Council; Advisory Committee Member of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA); Member, Africa Sub-Committee of the Equal Representation Pledge initiative; Arbitration Committee Member of the Lagos Court of Arbitration; Member of the Africa Arbitration Academy's Technical Review Committee for the Protocol on Virtual Hearings in Africa; and Mentor Member of AYA Mentoring Programme. Some of her notable cases include:

1. Representing a large international organization in an international commercial arbitration pursuant to the UNCITRAL arbitration rules involving a contractual dispute with an aircraft vendor servicing the international organization in South Sudan.
2. Chairing an ad hoc arbitration brought by investors pursuant to the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments Among Member States of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, against a North African government, involving allegations of expropriation of an investment in the host country.
3. Acting as co-arbitrator (appointed by the Claimant) in BRIF TRES d.o.o. Beograd and BRIF-TC d.o.o. Beograd v. Republic of Serbia (ICSID Case No. ARB/20/12) in relation to a dispute involving the construction of a shopping mall in Belgrade.



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Harry Matovu QC is a leading silk for Africa-related disputes at Brick Court Chambers in London. He is a noted advocate, “a consummate cross-examiner, who's great on his feet” and “tremendously tenacious and committed, he's an absolute team player” (Chambers & Partners). He has a wide-ranging and high-profile commercial practice, both domestically and abroad, including energy and natural resources, and international arbitration. Historic cases of note have included *Excalibur Ventures LLC v Texas Keystone Inc* (a US\$1.7 billion dispute over oil exploration rights in Iraqi Kurdistan); *Mbasogo v Logo Ltd* (major conspiracy claim arising out of an attempted coup against the Government of Equatorial Guinea); and *R (Luton BC and others) v Secretary of State for Education* (judicial review of the decision to cut the government's Building Schools for the Future programme).

Harry Matovu has a substantial international arbitration practice, acting both as counsel and as arbitrator (party appointments and appointments as tribunal chairman), under

LCIA, ICC, UNCITRAL and ARIAS Rules, as well as ad hoc references. He is instructed as Leading Counsel in major oil and gas, natural resources, infrastructure and insurance/reinsurance disputes; and he has recently been appointed as arbitrator/presiding arbitrator in a wide range of disputes, including claims concerning the control of a leading energy conglomerate in Africa, a major telecoms dispute in Tanzania, the sale of a significant energy interest in Gabon and large infrastructure projects in Zambia and Mozambique. Harry Matovu was nominated as Silk (QC) of the Year for International Arbitration in the Legal 500 Awards 2020. Other notable Africa-related cases are

1. Counsel for Federal Republic of Nigeria in English High Court proceedings to enforce US\$9.5 billion arbitral award against it in very high-profile dispute raising multiple issues of arbitration law *P&ID v Federal Republic of Nigeria*)
2. Counsel for State of Libya in UK Supreme Court appeal in proceedings to enforce arbitral award against it in a case raising important issues of public international law (*General Dynamics v State of Libya*)
3. Arbitrator in a complex US\$470m shareholders dispute between BVI, Panamanian and Nigerian companies concerning a joint venture to purchase and finance substantial petroleum assets in Nigeria.



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Prof. Konyin Ajayi SAN is the Managing Partner of Olaniwun Ajayi LP, Lagos, Nigeria and his legal expertise spans the disparate yet connected fields of disputes and transactional work. With over forty years (40) experience, Prof. Ajayi is regarded for the depth and breadth of his expertise, and often described by peers as “a lawyer's lawyer”. As a litigator, Prof. Ajayi represents clients regularly before the Nigerian courts at all levels and has provided expert opinions and appeared as an expert witness on Nigerian law issues before the courts of England. He has also represented parties as counsel in several arbitration proceedings and acted in numerous complex disputes as either party appointed Arbitrator, Sole Arbitrator or Presiding Arbitrator. He is recognized by Who is Who Legal as one of the leading arbitrators in Nigeria and leading lawyer by International Financial Law Review (IFLR1000).

As a transaction lawyer, Prof. Ajayi has led the structuring of some of the biggest and most complex commercial transactions on the continent. He is highly regarded for the depth and breadth of his expertise in banking, project finance, capital markets, power, infrastructure, M&A, energy and natural resources, privatisation and disputes. He has vast experience in commercial and investment disputes. Professor Ajayi is admitted to practice in both the Nigerian Bar and the English Bar (Middle Temple). He has authored over 150 academic articles, he is a Fellow, Society of Advanced Legal Studies, England, listed on the panel of International Arbitrators at the Kigali International Arbitration Center; and is a member of the advisory board of the Africa Arbitration Academy. Some of his notable cases include:

1. Arbitrator in a landmark arbitration by an oil and gas company against a Nigerian Corporation in relation to alleged breach of Production Sharing Contract.
2. Counsel in an LCIA Arbitration in relation to alleged breach of warranties in a Share Purchase Agreement.
3. Counsel in an ICC arbitration by a Turkish company against its technical partner, in connection with a US\$17.5 Million claim arising from its acquisition of a 60% stake in a Nigerian successor electricity distribution company in Nigeria.



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Emmanuel Amofa is the Founder & Managing Partner of Amofa & Partners, Accra, Ghana. Emmanuel has expertise in domestic and international arbitration practice and has acted as counsel and arbitrator in several complex disputes. He has served as Sole Arbitrator, Co-Arbitrator and Chairman in several domestic arbitrations under the Rules and Procedures of the Ghana Arbitration Centre and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Act, 2010 (Act 798). He has been the administrator of the Ghana Arbitration Centre since its incorporation in 1996 and a Panel member of Arbitrators at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, Washington DC.

Emmanuel is a Lecturer in Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms at the Ghana School of Law and an adjunct lecturer at the University of Ghana School of Law. He is the country contributor for Ghana on contemporary law on arbitration in Ghana published in *Arbitration in Africa: A Practitioner's Guide*, Kluwer Law International, 2013 edited by Boseman Lise. Authoured Chapter on Ghana Arbitration Centre in *Onyema Emilia* (gen ed.)

The Transformation of Arbitration in Africa: The Role of Arbitral Institutions. Some of his notable cases include:

- 1.** As sole arbitrator in a consolidated dispute involving subsidiaries of two foreign companies on the one hand and a Ghanaian electrical company and an insurance company on the other.
- 2.** Counsel for a State Party in a dispute administered by the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) under UNCITRAL Rules arising from a declaration that an emergency power agreement (EPA) between the Parties had been validly terminated by the Claimant on account of the State Party's alleged repudiatory conduct.
- 3.** Counsel for a State Party in a dispute administered by the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) over a US\$1 billion recovery fee for breach of certain obligations under a Gas Sales Agreement executed by the Parties.



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Dr. Mohamed Abdel Raouf is Partner and Head of the international Arbitration Group at Abdel Raouf Law Firm, Egypt and an Associate Professor at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. He has acted as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and chairman of arbitral tribunals in numerous domestic and international commercial arbitrations (institutional and ad hoc). He has also acted as counsel, for private and public entities in many international commercial and investment arbitrations. His arbitration experience covers a wide range of arbitration Rules including those of CRCICA, UNCITRAL, ICC, LCIA, ICSID, PCA, AAA, DIAC, CAS, GCC, ADCCAC and the BCDR.

He is a member of the Governing Board and former Vice President of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), a member of both the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Committee of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), Chairman of the Egypt Branch of the Chartered Institute of

Arbitrators (CIArb), a CEDR Accredited Mediator, an Arbitrator listed in the Panel of Arbitrators of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), a Conciliator designated by the President of the World Bank Group to serve on the Panel of Conciliators maintained by the ICSID, an Approved Faculty List Tutor and Assessor at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), former member of the Board of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) and former Vice President, the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI).

- 1.** Sole Arbitrator appointed by the President of the International Court of Justice in an international arbitration pursuant to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules between an African Company and an International Organization.
- 2.** Presiding arbitrator in an international arbitration pursuant to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules between two Middle Eastern companies arising out of a Power and Water Purchase Agreement.
- 3.** Co-arbitrator in an international multi-party ICC commercial arbitration between a Middle Eastern Company and three European and Asian companies arising out of multiple agreements relating to a project for the desalination of seawater in a North African State.



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Dorothy Udeme Ufot SAN is a Senior Advocate of Nigeria and the founding partner of the leading Nigerian firm Dorothy Ufot & Co., where she heads the international arbitration and litigation departments of the firm. Dorothy has acted as an arbitrator in several complex, high-volume arbitrations in oil and gas, international construction projects, international supply contracts, infrastructure development, telecommunications and financial services. She has been appointed as an arbitrator by major multinational oil corporations, the ICC International Court of Arbitration, LCIA, AAA/ICDR, RCICAL, the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, DIAC, state governments, federal government agencies and large and medium-sized public and private companies in arbitrations taking place in Africa, Europe and the UAE.

Dorothy is a former member of the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Paris (2006-2018), member of the Court of Arbitration of the Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Centre Morocco, since 2016. Dorothy was designated to serve a six-year term on the panel of arbitrators of the International Centre

for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in February 2017. She is a former global vice president of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, former vice chair of the arbitration committee of the International Bar Association (IBA), and currently a member of the council of the ICC Institute of World Business Law and vice chair of the arbitration and ADR commission of ICC. She recently won the award of African Arbitrator of the Year 2020, in the African Arbitration Awards organized in Nairobi, Kenya on 28th August 2020. Some of her notable cases include:

1. Part appointed arbitrator over a USD 3.2 Billion dispute between an Energy Drilling and Development Company and a Subsidiary of the Nigerian State Oil Corporation. Dispute was in respect of Strategic Alliance Agreements for the production and development of hydrocarbon resources in several Oil Mining Leases.
2. Member of Tribunal in an LCIA Arbitration over a USD 1 Billion dispute arising from the breach of a Gas Sales Agreement between an International Gas Company and the Government of an African state.
3. Party appointed arbitrator in an ICC Arbitration over a USD303 Million dispute arising from a Gas Supply/Refining Contract involving an indigenous Gas Company and a Multinational Oil Company.



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Oba Nsugbe QC, SAN is regarded as a leading practitioner in the UK and Nigeria. He has a broad international practice focusing on Africa related litigation and dispute resolution. He provides high-level advice and representation for individuals, corporate clients and other organizations, (including NGOs), in matters ranging from business crime and corrupt practices to contractual and corporate disputes. His ongoing international work includes advising the Swiss Government in its case against Nigeria before ITLOS; acting as joint lead Counsel for two US companies in only Nigeria's second case at ICSID; and Counsel in a multi-jurisdictional claim for families of multiple victims of the Dana Air Crash in Lagos in 2012. He advised and appeared for the Lagos State Government in arbitral proceedings instituted against it following the collapse of Enron and the termination of various related contracts entered into by the State. Oba has also provided expert advice and evidence on issues of Nigerian law to a wide range of institutional, corporate and individual clients ranging from the Treasury Solicitors to leading City firms and business entrepreneurs.

Called to the Bar in 1985, when Oba took silk in 2002 aged only 39, he was described in a leading law commentary as “a rising star of the Bar of England and Wales”. He is also a Senior Advocate of Nigeria and Court Member of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC). Numerous entries in Chambers and Partners over the years have described him as “a first-class advocate” as well as “a true gentleman who deserves his fabulous reputation”, adding that he has a “fine forensic mind” and is admired for his “technical excellence”. Oba is a Visiting Professor of Law at City University, London, United Kingdom.

1. In *Interocean Oil Development Company v Federal Republic of Nigeria*, Oba acted as Counsel for Claimants in USD1 billion dollar claim against the Nigerian Government. This was a major and complex ICSID arbitration that lasted over a period of seven years.
2. Sole Arbitrator in LCIA arbitral dispute over alleged breaches of Business Transfer Agreement following private sale of manufacturing company to P.E entities in Kenya.
3. Co-Arbitrator in ICC dispute over tripartite oil and gas services contract in Nigeria.



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SUZANNE RATTRAY

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Suzanne Rattray is the Director, Rankin Engineering Consultants, Zambia. She is a senior engineer with more than 30 years professional experience. She has a master's degree in Civil Engineering from McGill University in Canada. She has had lead responsibilities on numerous infrastructure projects, in the transportation, building and energy sectors, in Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique and DR Congo. She has been practising Arbitrator since 2008 and was admitted as a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2012. She qualified to Fellow Status in 2017.

She assumed the Chairmanship of the Zambia Branch in March 2018. She is on the panel for FIDIC Adjudicators in Zambia. Her ADR experience includes projects in the environmental, construction and energy sectors.

She is on the Approved Faculty List for the Zambia Branch of the CI Arb and regularly tutors on the Arbitration and Adjudication Pathways. She has presented at numerous conferences and webinars, most recently on Ethics and Professional Responsibility in ADR for the CI Arb Kenya Branch (November 2020). She currently (2021) sits on the Board

of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC) and is a member of the Training and Conference Working Group. She is actively involved in the Arbitration Law Reform process in Zambia. She has been Sole Arbitrator agreed by the parties in numerous high-profile disputes involving statutory bodies and private companies in Zambia.

- 1.** Sole Arbitrator in a dispute valued over US\$1 Million concerning residual obligations persisting post-termination of a construction contract and valuation of Final Accounts.
- 2.** In 2013, parties to an arbitration agreement which provided for three arbitrators agreed to vary the agreement to allow for one arbitrator only and agreed to her appointment as Sole Arbitrator in a dispute concerning obligations related to conditions precedent to start of construction in a public infrastructure project.
- 3.** Presiding Arbitrator in a multi-million dollar international dispute with Asian and African parties. This dispute concerned the legality of termination of a design-build contract using the FIDIC form of contract and consequent liabilities.



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SALIM MOOLLAN QC

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Salim Moollan QC is a Barrister at Essex Court Chambers in London, specialising in international and commercial law, and in particular international and commercial arbitration. He is called to the English and Mauritian Bars. He regularly advises and appears as Counsel before the English Courts, the Mauritian Courts, and international arbitral tribunals in numerous jurisdictions. He also regularly acts as arbitrator in ad hoc and institutional arbitrations. He is a past Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the current Chairman of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Working Group and a current Vice-Chairman of the Commission, a Vice-President of the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC, a member of the LCIA Court, a Senior Visiting Lecturer in International Arbitration Law at King's College London, and a member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators.

Salim has taken a leading role over the past 15 years in developing international arbitration talent and expertise in Africa and in growing the role of international arbitration and its legitimacy in Africa. He has been the architect of a state-of-the-art framework for international arbitration in Africa which has involved drafting Mauritius' international arbitration legislation (the International Arbitration Act 2008). He was the President of the Host Committee of the Mauritius ICCA Congress 2016. He chaired the UNCITRAL Working Group sessions which led to the conclusion and promulgation of the UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency and of the Mauritius Convention on Transparency, and is at the forefront of efforts to reform the investment dispute settlement system at UNCITRAL in a manner which would give an increased and proper voice to the developing world as a whole and to Africa in particular. He is also a member of the ICC Africa Commission.

Salim specialises in international commercial and investment arbitration. He has acted as Counsel in high profile investment arbitration cases (White Industries v. India, Philip Morris v. Australia), and currently acts as lead Counsel in a number of prominent investment arbitrations for both States and investors. In the commercial field, he acts in high-value cases in (in particular) the energy and telecoms fields. He frequently sits as arbitrator (party-appointed and chair) in investment and commercial arbitrations.



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Adedoyin Rhodes-Vivour SAN is a Senior Advocate of Nigeria and the Managing Partner of Doyin Rhodes-Vivour & Co (Legal Practitioners and Arbitrators), Lagos, Nigeria. Adedoyin has practiced law for nearly four decades and specializes in commercial transactions, international and domestic arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. Her areas of expertise include oil and gas, energy, construction and infrastructural projects, maritime, banking and finance, franchise and commercial disputes generally. Adedoyin has extensive experience in Arbitration and ADR mainly under the UNCITRAL, ICC and LCIA Rules. Her expertise has been recognized in publications such as the arbitration chapter of Who's Who Legal Nigeria and recognized as one of the world's leading arbitrators. She was recently appointed as a member of the World Bank Group Sanction Board (2020 – 2026).

Adedoyin has held various leadership positions. She is a member of the Court of the ICC Paris International Court of Arbitration, a vice president of the LCIA African Users Council, the immediate past Chairperson of the CIARB (UK) Nigeria Branch, pioneer President and Founding Member of the Maritime Arbitrators Association of Nigeria (MAAN), pioneer

Chairperson of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Section on Business Law, Arbitration & ADR Committee, member of the Advisory Board of the Africa Arbitration and Board and Founding member of the AfAA. She is author of the book “Commercial Arbitration Law and Practice in Nigeria through the Cases” published by LexisNexis in 2016. Some of her notable cases include:

1. Presiding arbitrator in an ICC Arbitration proceedings pertaining to alleged breaches of a contract in respect of the engineering, procurement, construction, installation and commissioning of a fertiliser terminal
2. Member of a three-member arbitral tribunal in an LCIA Arbitration proceeding pertaining to the alleged breaches of a Mining Option Agreement.
3. Member of a three-member arbitral tribunal in an ICC Arbitration proceeding between a major international oil and gas company and a gas refining company in relation to alleged breaches of a Gas Sales and Purchase Agreement.



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Sami Huerbi is an Independent Arbitrator and founding partner of Huerbi law firm, where he developed a recognized expertise in the fields of international contracts, international sale of goods, as well as construction and technical installation. Sami started his legal career in 1992 with international law firms in Munich (Germany) and in Paris (France). From 1999 to 2005, he worked for the international Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), where he was responsible for the management and supervision of hundreds of arbitration proceedings related to the MENA. Since 2005, Sami acts as consultant of the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC for the Mediterranean, Middle East and Africa.

Sami acts regularly since 2006 as arbitrator under ad hoc and institutional international arbitrations under the ICC Rules, DIAC, and CRCICA. Moreover, he has proven experience in the implementation procedures of international awards. He is well published with contributions to such arbitration texts as “Arbitration in Africa: A Practitioner's Guide” published by Kluwer Law International, ICCA national reports titled

“Does A Right to A Physical Hearing Exist in International Arbitration?” and “International Commercial and Investment Treaty Arbitration in the Middle East and Africa: Topical Themes and Key Issues” – The ICC's role in arbitration in the MENA, also published by Kluwer Law International. Sami has facilitated conferences, workshops and trainings for the development of Arbitration and ADR across a number of African cities including Dakar, Senegal (2020), Kinshasa, DRC (2020), Lagos, Nigeria (2020), Luanda, Angola (2019), Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire (2019) and Accra, Ghana (2016). Some of his notable cases include:

1. Chairman in a famous Ad hoc arbitration opposing a Lebanese contractor against a Qatari investor related to the construction of two towers in Doha.
2. Co-arbitrator in a CIRCICA arbitration involving a service provider against a state party (Ministry of Defense) resulting in the condemnation of the State Party by the Arbitral Tribunal.
3. Co-arbitrator in a UNCITRAL case opposing a German company to an Egyptian Company about the implementation of environmental measures in one of the power plants in Egypt.



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John M. Ohaga SC is the Managing Partner and Co-Head of Dispute Resolution at TrippleOk LLP, Nairobi, Kenya. His career spans more than 30 years' during which he has been involved in numerous complex litigation matters, as well as high value domestic and international arbitration cases. He advises numerous blue-chip companies listed on the Nairobi Stock Exchange, private companies, and some of Kenya's largest State Corporations. He sits on the boards of several companies and public tribunals.

As a litigator, John represents clients regularly before the Kenyan courts at all levels and has provided expert opinions and appeared as an expert witness on Kenyan law issues before the courts of England and the United States of America. He has also represented parties as counsel in several arbitration proceedings and acted in numerous disputes as either party appointed Arbitrator, Sole Arbitrator or Presiding Arbitrator. He is Chartered Arbitrator and is recognized by Chambers Global and Legal 500 as one of the leading arbitrators in Kenya. John has been awarded the distinguished title of Senior Counsel which is the highest level of professional recognition for Kenyan Lawyers. He is director of

the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration and chair the Legislative Review & Accreditation Committee. Some of his notable cases include:

- 1.** Sole Arbitrator appointed by the PCA in a dispute between a Ugandan company and the Government of the Republic of South Sudan arising from breach of contract in relation to the supply of certain commodities to the Respondent.
- 2.** Acted as Counsel for a leading telecommunications company in Kenya in a dispute with a Lebanese company arising from a contract for the supply, installation, maintenance and support of certain telecommunications equipment. The claim was for approximately US 11.5 million;
- 3.** Party appointed arbitrator as part of a Panel in a dispute arising from alleged unlawful termination of contract. The Award of Approximately US 15 million was recently upheld by the Supreme Court of Kenya;



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Prof. Githu Muigai is the Senior Partner, Mohammed Muigai LLP and has over 35 years' experience in the practice of law in Kenya and in East Africa. He served as Attorney General of the Republic of Kenya from the 29th August 2011 to March 2018. In addition to the practice of law, he is an Associate Professor of Public law in the School of Law of the University of Nairobi and has also published extensively in the areas of international law. He has previously worked as a consultant to various international organizations, including the African Union, United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and has worked on complex disputes. He has also been a Judge of the African Court of Human & Peoples Right between 2008 – 2010. He is a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration – The Hague; Vice President of the African Users Council of the London Court of Arbitration, UK and Has been the Republic of Kenya's designee to ICSID panel of Arbitrators in the past.

He chaired the committee that oversaw the drafting of the Act and regulations that govern the Nairobi Court of International Arbitration (NCIA) and oversaw the setting up of the NCIA as a functional dispute resolution institution. Some of his notable arbitration cases include:

1. International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Tribunal Cortec Mining Kenya Limited, Cortec Pty Limited and Stirling Capital Limited V. Republic Of Kenya (ICSID CASE ARB/ 15/29);
2. International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Tribunal WalAm Energy Inc. V. Republic of Kenya (ICSID CASE NO. ARB/15/7);
- 3 LCIA Arbitration: Iberdrola Ingenieria SAU, Spain vs KETRACO LCIA Arbitration; (LCIA No. 163443);

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She sits as an independent arbitrator and has experience as sole, presiding and co arbitrator. She is a member of the court of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC) and the Lagos Court of Arbitration, the Advisory Committee of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) and she presides over the Advisory Committee of the Libya Centre for International Commercial Arbitration. She is also a member of various professional associations including the Nigerian Bar Association and the International Bar Association. She convenes the "SOAS Arbitration in Africa" conference series; publishes the Arbitration in Africa survey and co-author of the African Promise. She has published widely on arbitration related issues. Some of her notable cases include:

1. Sat as co-arbitrator in a very major real estate dispute with seat in Abu Dhabi where parties settled following notification of the final award.
2. Chaired a panel over a shareholder's dispute where abuse of powers causing financial loss was at issue.
3. Sat as sole arbitrator in build and install subcontract dispute where the respondent did not participate.

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DR. ISMAIL SELIM

Director,

Cairo Regional Centre for
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Dr. Ismail Selim is the Director of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA); Secretary Treasurer of the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI); and Vice-President of the Egypt Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb). Prior to joining CRCICA, he was once a partner in top law firms in Egypt - Zulficar & Partners Law Firm and Nour and Selim (in association with Al Tamimi and Company, Cairo Office). He teaches Private International Law at the IDAI in Cairo (Sorbonne University) since 2011 and has taught Arbitration Law and Private International Law in several Universities in Egypt. He also teaches Comparative International Arbitration Law at the Sorbonne University Middle East Laws LLM in Paris since beginning of 2018 and is a full approved tutor in CIArb Approved Faculty List (AFL) since April 2018.

He has been constantly appointed as Presiding arbitrator, Sole Arbitrator and Co-Arbitrator and has acted as a Counsel under various rules such as CRCICA, ICC, DIFC-LCIA, ADCCAC, UNCITRAL, CAS and Swiss Rules. Dr. Selim provides Expert

opinions on Egyptian and Libyan Laws in international proceedings. He has published several articles in learned Egyptian and International journals and was a speaker in several national and international conferences, especially in the field of arbitration and investment. Dr Selim has been recognized as a leading individual by many legal directories including in legal 500 (2016). Some of his notable cases include:

- 1.** Serving as Co-arbitrator in an ICC arbitration seated in Cairo Egypt and concerning a dispute arising out of four contracts for the construction and landscape of a real estate complex in Egypt between an Egyptian contractor and UAE owner and governed by Egyptian Law.
- 2.** Appointed by the ICC International Court of Arbitration as Sole Arbitrator on an ICC Arbitration seated in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia concerning two subcontract Agreements in relation to the construction of a refinery and utility project in KSA and governed by KSA laws.
- 3.** Appointed by the ICC International Court of Arbitration as Co-arbitrator in two consolidated ICC Arbitrations seated in London concerning two subcontracts regulating the construction of an oil refinery in Iraq and governed by English Law.



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Mohamed Shelbaya is a partner in Shearman & Sterling's international arbitration practice. Trained in Egyptian, French and English law, Mohamed focuses on oil and gas disputes and matters involving interests in the Middle East. He notably acted on multiple disputes on behalf of the Republic of Egypt and its national energy companies, and on large construction and energy disputes involving Kuwait, UAE and Qatar. He has represented companies, states and state-owned entities in over 60 commercial and investment arbitrations. He was lead counsel in numerous multibillion-dollar energy disputes involving novel international law questions and complex geopolitical issues. He also acts as arbitrator.

Mohamed has extensive experience advising energy companies regarding their contractual portfolio and negotiating on their behalf with their upstream and downstream counter-parties. He advises the Egyptian government on the liberalisation of the Egyptian gas market and the restructuring of the Egyptian petroleum sector. He has also developed a practice focused on liability risk management and effective contract drafting in the oil and gas sector. He is distinguished in leading directories as “one of the greatest arbitration minds of his generation,” who “has the ability to turn prima facie losing points into winning arguments.” Mohamed is a member of the LCIA Court and the President of the LCIA's Arab Users Council. He teaches investment arbitration at Sciences Po School of law. Recent experience includes representing:

1. The Arab Republic of Egypt, Respondent in an arbitration under UNCITRAL Rules, administered by the Permanent Court of Arbitration, in relation to a petrochemical plant. Over USD 2 billion is at stake.
2. EGAS in an ICC arbitration in Paris initiated by Spanish Egyptian Gas Company S.A.E. (SEGAS) and in two CRCICA arbitrations in Cairo and Madrid initiated by Union Fenosa Gas (UFG). The arbitrations, which involved claims in excess of USD 4 billion, arose under a tolling agreement governed by English law and a related long-term gas supply agreement governed by Egyptian law.
3. Two Egyptian State-owned entities in a \$6 billion ICC arbitration in Geneva and a \$4 billion CRCICA arbitration in Cairo arising out of a long-term gas supply contract relating to the export of Egyptian gas to Israel. English law applied to both arbitrations. More than three quarters of the Claimants' claims were dismissed for lack of jurisdiction or on the merits.



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Babatunde Fagbohunlu SAN is a Partner, Aluko & Oyedode, Lagos, Nigeria. He specialises in commercial litigation and arbitration, and has litigated on an extensive range of issues, including maritime, intellectual property, telecommunications, taxation, finance and banking, contracts, receiverships and insolvency, commercial law transactions and general litigation both at trial and appellate levels. He has advised clients in numerous industries, including oil and gas, construction and infrastructure, financial services and telecommunications.

A star-rated arbitration practitioner, Tunde regularly represents Nigerian as well as foreign and multinational clients in ad hoc arbitrations and arbitrations administered by arbitral institutions such as the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the National Committee on the Reform and Harmonization of Arbitration/Alternative Dispute Resolution Laws in Nigeria, served on the ICCA/Queen Mary University Task Force on Third Party Funding in International Arbitration, member of the LCIA African Users' Council and the immediate past Chair, Management Board of the

Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre. He co-authored the important book on arbitration in Africa which was published by Sweet & Maxwell in 2016. Some of his notable cases include:

1. Arbitrator in an ICC Arbitration involving Road Construction Project in a West-African Country
2. Arbitrator in an LCIA Arbitration Involving Power Project in an East African Country
3. Counsel in an ad hoc arbitration under the UNCITRAL Rules involving Crude Handling Agreement and Resulting in an award of USD175 Million



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Prof. Azzedine Kettani has 50 years of practice as Law Professor and Attorney before the Cassation Court including 40 years as Arbitrator and counsel. He is the Founding Partner of Kettani Law Firm. He is a member of the Moroccan Court of Arbitration of the ICC Morocco and was in 2013 ranked as the president of the Mediation Centre of the chamber. He is frequently named as sole arbitrator, as well as member or chairman of arbitral tribunals, and is a chartered arbitrator of the Court of Appeal of Casablanca.

Internationally, his recognized expertise allowed him to be appointed by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC Paris) as an arbitrator for many years. Azzedine Kettani has also been appointed by the ICSID (International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes) as an arbitrator or chairman of arbitral tribunals for many years. In September 2011, he was named for six years by the President of the World Bank, acting as the ICSID's Chairman of the Board of Director, as a member of the panel of 10 international arbitrators. He is also a member of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre panel of arbitrators

and as such, he was named as sole arbitrator or chairman of the arbitral tribunal on many occasions. Some of his notable cases include:

1. Epoux Lahoud v. The Democratic Republic of Congo (President of the annulment Committee).
2. Lundin v. République of Tunisia (President of the annulment Committee).
3. Bernhard von Pezold and others v. Republic of Zimbabwe (member of the annulment Committee).



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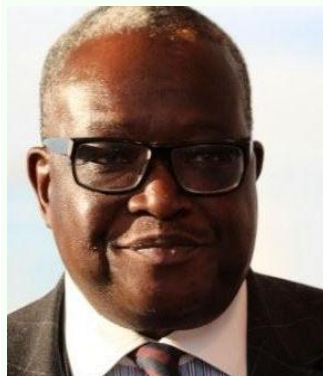
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Kamal is the President of the London Court of International Arbitration's (LCIA) African Users' Council, and Court Member of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC). Kamal co-published the text of the 'African Promise', which seeks to tackle the under-representation of Africans on international arbitration tribunals. He is also the co-author of the leading text "Arbitration in Africa: A Review of Key Jurisdictions". He won the Mentor of the Year Award by the AfAA Award 2020 and is currently a mentor in the mentorship programme for African young practitioners organized by the Association of Young Arbitrators (AYA Africa). Some of his notable cases include:

1. Chairman in a LCIA arbitration involving a shareholder dispute in the healthcare sector in Africa.
2. Counsel in a major ICC arbitration (3 members) involving the banking sector in Africa in a shareholder dispute with both court and arbitration proceedings ongoing.
3. Counsel in the long-running enforcement case of IPCO Nigeria Ltd v Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation which lasted almost 15 years in the Nigerian and English Courts. Represented NNPC which led to the firm winning the prize for Disputes Team of the Year at the British Legal Awards in 2018. The is the leading case on the partial enforcement on New York Convention awards in Africa and further afield too. It also raised issues of major fraud and how that can be used as a public policy defence under the New York Convention.



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Edward W. Fashole Luke II is the Managing Partner of Luke & Associates and one of the leading lawyers in Botswana with a wealth of local and International experience and is listed in Who's Who of Southern Africa. Edward was appointed to the ICSID panel of arbitrators and conciliators at the World Bank in September 2019 and to the SADC panel of arbitrators in 2020.

He has received further special training in international arbitration at Allen & Overy, Herbert Smith Freehills, Shearman & Sterling, Steptoe & Johnson, White & Case and Mayer Brown. Mr Luke practised at the chambers of Sir Simon Tuckey QC in London (1987); was barrister at Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison in California (1987-1989); and is an attorney-at-law in Botswana since 1989. Some of his notable cases include:

1. Sole Arbitrator in M vs KA,
2. Sole Arbitrator in TT vs KK in 2018
3. Sole Arbitrator in M vs DDC 2019



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Marie-Andree Ngwe is Cameroonian lawyer at Cabinet Me Marie-Andree NGWEE. She is qualified to practice in Cameroon and France and has over 30 years' experience. Marie-Andree is highly regarded as a trail blazer and a female icon for legal practitioners in Cameroon. She has significant experience sitting as arbitrator in international commercial and investment disputes. In that capacity, she has acted as arbitrator and conciliator in CCJA and ICSID arbitrations and mediations respectively.

Marie-Andrée Ngwe is a Certified Ombudsman; Member of the ICSID Conciliators Panel; Member of the Sanctions Appeal Board of the African Development Bank; - Chair of the GICAM Mediation and Arbitration Centre, CMAG – Cameroon; and listed on Panel of Arbitrators by various national and international centres. In 2020, she co-organized on behalf of CMAG with the University of London, the 6th SOAS conference on arbitration in Africa on "legal culture and arbitration/ alternative modes of dispute resolution in Africa". She is recognized by Chambers Global as “Highly Regarded” and continues to enjoy excellent reputation on the African continent and beyond. Some of her notable cases include:

1. Co-arbitrator in an ICSID arbitration case between Mr. Abou Lahoud and Mrs Leïla Bounafteh and the Democratic Republic of Congo (N° ICSID ARB/10/4 – award of 07 February 2014)
2. Conciliator in an ICSID mediation case between Société d'Energie et d'Eau du Gabon v. Gabonese Republic (ICSID Case N° CONC/18/1 – 19 September 2018 – The commission renders its report)
3. President of the arbitral tribunal in CCJA arbitration proceeding between two financial institutions - 2017



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In addition, Gaston is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) and the International Federation of International Arbitration Centres and Associations. He was the Chair of the 49th Session of the United Nations Commission on International Commercial Law.

Gaston KENFACK DOUAJNI sits as President of Arbitral Tribunal, Arbitrator, co-arbitrator in ICC, ICSID, CCJA and ad hoc arbitrations.

1. Tribunal member over a dispute between a State and an international entrepreneur for the building of an international airport.
2. Presiding arbitrator of an Arbitral Tribunal over a dispute between an international bus provider and a State for the transportation of passengers inside an airport.
3. Counsel in arbitration over a dispute concerning telecommunication equipment.

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Njeri Kariuki is the Founder of Njeri Kariuki Advocate in Nairobi, Kenya and a leading Kenyan Practitioner with over 30 years of practice experience. She is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator. Njeri has been cited in Chambers Global 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018 as a Leading Individual.

Njeri has particularly made her career on acting purely as arbitrator and has delivered awards as a sole arbitrator spanning the petroleum, insurance, banking, industry & corporate sectors during the course of her career. She is the Government of Kenya Nominee to the Panel of Arbitrators at ICSID; Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and has served as sole or co-arbitrator in many arbitrations. Njeri is also an adjudicator who was member of a DRBF where she served a 3-year term as Chair of a Dispute Adjudication Board set-up to midwife an international geothermal project to fruition. Njeri is a Tutor & Trainer with the CIArb and conducts courses and assessments in Kenya. Some of her notable cases include:

1. Sole arbitrator in a domestic dispute involving a GOK entity and a local company over a road construction project
2. Tribunal member in a dispute governed by the Kenyan Arbitration Act where USD2.5m was claimed from a GOK entity by an international company
3. Sole arbitrator in a dispute over breach of a licence agreement involving an international distributor and its local supplier where the former claimed loss of revenue in excess of USD1m. The dispute was governed by the Kenyan Arbitration Act.



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Chief Bayo Ojo SAN is a Senior Partner at Bayo & Co, Lagos Nigeria and a former Attorney General and Minister of Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He is qualified to practice in Nigeria and in England and Wales. He is the Editor-in Chief of the African Journal of Arbitration and Mediation (AJAM) and co-authored a book on arbitration titled "Handbook of Arbitration and ADR Practice in Nigeria". He is a Chartered Arbitrator, past President of the LCIA African Users' Council and was instrumental to the establishment of the African Arbitration Association.

He has acted as sole Arbitrator, member of arbitration panels, and as Counsel in numerous domestic and international arbitrations both at the ICC, ICSID and the LCIA over the last thirty-five years. He has also acted as expert witness in international arbitrations including ICSID. Some of his notable cases include:

1. Chaired a Multi-Million Dollar arbitration dispute over the construction of a power plant and power purchase agreement between a power conglomerate and a Nigerian State.
2. Was a member of the arbitral panel that sat over a Multi-Billion Dollars investment dispute between P&ID Vs. Federal Government of Nigeria. Details are in the public domain.
3. Was sole arbitrator in a Multi-Million Dollar investment dispute between an Indian company and a Rwandan Company.



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Ace is a member – Panel of Arbitrators, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and has acted both as counsel and arbitrator in arbitrations under the LCIA, ICC, Rules, as well as ad hoc references. He is a former law lecturer at both the Faculty of Law of the University of Ghana and Ghana School of Law, Makola. Some of his notable cases include:

- 1. BALKAN V REPUBLIC OF GHANA** – Ace was counsel in international arbitration, representing claimant international energy company in dispute with state party over a Power Purchase Agreement. Award of \$12 million was issued in favour of the claimant.
- 2. BANKSWITCH V REPUBLIC OF GHANA** – Ace was counsel in international arbitration, representing claimant international software company in contractual dispute with state party. Award of approximately \$87 million was issued in favour of the claimant.
- 3. Acted as sole Arbitrator in LUMII Exclusive Digital V African Society for Laboratory Medicine.**



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Dr. Nagla Nassar is Senior Partner at NassarLaw which was established in 1885. Before joining NassarLaw she was Senior partner at a leading Egyptian Law firm which she joined upon her return from the World Bank where she was with the ICSID Secretariat. She graduated from Cairo University and Trinity College where she got her M. Litt and has an LL.M from Harvard University as well as a PhD from Geneva University and the Diploma of The Hague Academy in Private International Law. She has several publications relating to arbitral practice.

She has practiced in several jurisdictions and is a member of several bars and arbitration forums including being a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators with many years of experience both as an arbitrator and counsel in institutional and ad hoc arbitration. She acted as counsel in many major disputes in different fields serving both multinationals and Egyptian entities. Also, Dr. Nassar is appointed frequently as an arbitrator and has chaired many tribunals.

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