

# 9th ICC Africa Conference on International Arbitration

Nairobi | 28-30 May 2025



## International Arbitration in Africa: Africa's Role in shaping the next era of Alternative Dispute Resolution

### Wednesday 28 May 2025

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18.00 – 20.00 *Welcome cocktail (Sky Lounge, Emara Ole-Sereni)*

*Welcome remarks:*

- **Julius Opio**, Chairman, ICC Kenya
- **Claudia Salomon**, President, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris

### Thursday 29 May 2025

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08.00 – 09.00 *Registration and welcome coffee*

09.00 – 10.15 **Opening ceremony**

- **Diamana Diawara**, Director, ICC Arbitration and ADR, Africa, ICC Dispute Resolution Services, Paris
- **Patrick Obath**, Vice Chair, ICC Executive Board; Former Chair, ICC Kenya

10.15 – 10.55 *Coffee break and networking*

10.55 – 11.45 **Fireside chat with ICC Court President and Kenyan business representatives: recent economic developments in the region**

- **Claudia Salomon**, President, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris

11.45 – 12.35 **ESG in Arbitration – Procedural consideration and arbitrating ESG related claims on the Continent**

- **Elodie Dulac**, Partner, King & Spalding, Singapore
- **Emmanuel Jacomy**, Partner, A&O Shearman, Singapore
- **Mapanza M. Nkwilimba**, Partner, DLA Piper, Qatar

*Moderator*

- **Benjamin Ng'eno**, Associate, Lalive, United Kingdom

12.35 – 14.00    *Lunch*

14.30 – 15.20    **Parallel sessions:**

**(a) Security for Costs: Unique circumstances that a party can be granted security for costs.**

- **Michael A. Greenop**, Counsel, WilmerHale, United Kingdom
- **Kolawole Mayomi**, Partner, SPA Ajibade & Co, Nigeria
- **Michelle Porter-Wright**, Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution Practice, Baker McKenzie, South Africa

*Moderator*

- **Wale Olawoyin**, SAN, Managing Partner, Olawoyin & Olawoyin, Nigeria

**(b) Crafting efficient conflict management policies for African companies**

- **Sana Belaid**, Arbitrator & Mediator, Belaid Advisory, United Arab Emirates
- **Leilah Bruton**, Partner, Three Crowns LLP, United Kingdom

*Moderator*

- **Noella C. Lubano**, Partner, Oraro & Company Advocates, Kenya
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15.20 – 16:00    *Coffee break and networking*

16.00 – 16:50    **Positive steps towards increased integrity of international arbitration on the Continent**

- **Njeri Kariuki**, Advocate & Chartered Arbitrator, NK Lex, Kenya
- **Julius Nkafu**, Founding Partner, Nkafu Arbitration Services, Cameroon

*Moderator*

- **Richard Ayodele Akintunde**, SAN, Senior Partner, Ayodele Akintunde & Co., Nigeria

16.50 – 17.40    **Third-party funding in international arbitration: Scope of use in African disputes**

- **Chloé de Jager**, Senior Associate, Pinsent Masons, United Kingdom ; Alternate Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration
- **Abayomi Okubote**, Partner, Dispute Resolution, Pensbury Attorneys & Solicitors, Nigeria

*Moderator*

- **Kenneth Miriti**, Principal Consultant, KELE Consulting, Kenya; Chair, ICC Banking Commission

17.40 – 17.50    **Closing remarks**

19.00 – 21.00    *Gala dinner*

## Friday 30 May 2025

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08.30 – 09.00 *Registration and welcome coffee*

09.00– 09.30 **Keynote remarks**

- **Nikhil Desai**, Chair, ICC Kenya Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission, Kenya
- **Hon. Justice Aleem Visram**, Judge, High Court of Kenya, Kenya

09.30 – 10.20 **AI in African arbitration: friend, foe or future?**

- **Charlie Morgan**, Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, United Kingdom
- **Antony Sure**, Founder, Lawlyfy AI, Kenya

*Moderator*

- **Desmond Odhiambo**, Partner, Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Inc., Kenya

10.20 – 11.10 **Demystifying the damages assessment in international arbitration**

- **Ndanga Kamau**, Arbitrator, Ndanga Kamau Law, Netherlands; Council Member, ICC Institute of World Business Law; Former Vice-President, ICC International Court of Arbitration
- **Kwadwo Sarkodie**, Partner, Mayer Brown International LLP, United Kingdom

*Moderator*

- **Selma Baccari**, Senior Director, Kroll Advisory, Expert Services, France

11.10– 11.40 *Coffee break and networking*

**11.40– 12.30      ICC mock court session: Complex arbitration scenarios**

**President - ICC International Court of Arbitration**

- **Claudia Salomon**

**Court Members**

- **Isaiah Bozimo, SAN**, Partner, Broderick Bozimo & Company, Nigeria; Vice-President, ICC International Court of Arbitration
- **Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo**, Attorney, HBE Avocats, France/Cameroon; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration
- **Sen. Sylvia Kasanga**, Senator, Parliament of Kenya; Founder & Managing Director, Sycum Solutions Co. Ltd, Kenya; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration; Board Member, ICC Kenya

**Secretariat - ICC International Court of Arbitration**

- **Colleen Parker Bacquet**, Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris
- **Ziva Filipic**, Managing Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris

**12.30-13.00      Dispute Resolution Today and Tomorrow: Insights from the ICC Dispute Resolution Study**

Drawing on the key findings of the ICC DRS Study, conducted in collaboration with EY, our panelists will share evidence-based insights into the state of dispute resolution today and where it's headed tomorrow. This includes an in-depth discussion of how private practitioners, in-house counsel, government officials and arbitrators around the world perceive current practices in international arbitration and the state of arbitration services worldwide, including regional influences. Based on the anticipated shifts highlighted by the study, the speakers will reflect on how these changes will shape the future landscape of international arbitration and how arbitral institutions may adapt.

- **Ziva Filipic**, Managing Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris
- **Aditi Prakash**, Director, Claims & Disputes, Forensic & Integrity Services, Ernst & Young LLP, United Kingdom

**13.00 – 13.10      Vote of thanks**

- **Samuel Mbiriri Nderitu**, Director, ICC Kenya, Kenya

**13.10 – 14.30      Lunch**