Biennial IBA African Regional Forum Conference: future-proofing the African legal profession:
meeting the opportunities of regional integration, technological disruption and fostering sustainability

13–15 September 2023, Kigali, Rwanda

Topics include:

• Regional integration: prospects for the successful implementation of AfCFTA
• Technological disruption in the African legal sector
• The ESG agenda in Africa: from people, business and legal perspectives
• Opportunities and challenges for regulating new tech players in African services sectors
• Mapping international arbitration in Africa: what has changed in the last decade?
• Data protection and privacy: the art of risk-management
• Is the future of international criminal law domestic?
• Training the future lawyer: is current legal education fit for 21st century purpose?
• Making a success of the post-pandemic law firm
• The evolution of Force Majeure clauses in commercial contracts to address emerging global treats

Young Lawyers Seminar and Bar Leaders Summit on 13 September 2023

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Programme

Conference Co-Chairs
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Nankunda Katangaza  Hook Tangaza, London; Advisory Board Member, IBA African Regional Forum
Victor Mugabe  Rwanda Bar Association, Kigali
Calis Nii Oman Badoo  Securities & Exchange Commission Legal & Enforcement Department, Accra; Chair, IBA African Regional Forum

Wednesday  13 September

1900 – 2100  Opening cocktail

Thursday  14 September

0800 – 1430  Registration

0900 – 0915  Welcome address and introduction to Keynote speaker
Almudena Arpon de Mendivil  Gomez Acebo & Pombo, Madrid; IBA President
Moïse Nkundabarashi  Trust Law Chambers, Kigali; President, Rwanda Bar Association
Carola Van den Bruinhorst  Loyens & Loeff, Amsterdam; Chair, IBA Legal Practice Division

0915 – 0945  Keynote speaker
Dr Emmanuel Ugirashebuja  Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Kigali

0945 – 1100  Plenary session
Regional integration: prospects for the successful implementation of AfCFTA
- What do new free trade agreements between African states and the UK or US mean for African regional integration?
- Do trends from outside the continent such as Brexit and the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement have any lessons for African agreements?
- The lessons from cross border legal services in regional blocs before the African Continental Free Trade Area (what new approach is expected?)
- What are the experiences of pan-African law firms thus far?

Moderator
Daniel Achach  Regiolex, Nairobi

Speakers
Beatrice Chaytor  African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat, Accra
Michael Sudarkasa  Africa Business Group, Johannesburg

1100 – 1130  Coffee/tea break
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<td><strong>Breakout sessions</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Breakout session 1</strong>&lt;br&gt;Are we ready? Technological disruption in the African legal sector&lt;br&gt;• What are the technology needs for African law firms – does size matter?&lt;br&gt;• Can technology improve access to justice?&lt;br&gt;• How to implement the most effective technology strategy for your firm or legal department&lt;br&gt;• Managing cybersecurity and new risks&lt;br&gt;• The impact, value and challenges of data as an asset on the legal services market – how law firms and other entities that render legal services should consider the use of data to enhance their business strategies&lt;br&gt;<strong>Moderator</strong>&lt;br&gt;Isioma Idigbe Punuka Attorneys, Lagos; Membership Officer, IBA African Regional Forum&lt;br&gt;<strong>Speakers</strong>&lt;br&gt;Steven De Backer Afriwise, Brussels&lt;br&gt;Robert Muoka MyShamba Digital, Nairobi&lt;br&gt;Alice Namuli-Blazevic Katende Ssempebwa &amp; Co Advocates, Kampala&lt;br&gt;Moïse Nkundabarashi Trust Law Chambers, Kigali; President, Rwanda Bar Association&lt;br&gt;Ayomitunde Omolola DigitsLaw, Lagos</td>
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<td><strong>Lunch</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>1430 – 1600 Breakout sessions</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Breakout session 3</strong>&lt;br&gt;From M-Pesa to Jumia: opportunities and challenges for regulating new players in the African services sectors&lt;br&gt;• How best should regulators support innovation whilst ensuring consumer protection?&lt;br&gt;• How to regulate life of civil society in this new age?&lt;br&gt;• What will be the most efficient way for law and regulation to close the gap and catch-up with the realities of disruptive technologies?&lt;br&gt;• In light of recent legislation, international developments and the recent COMESA Competition Commission’s ruling on Jumia, is the gig economy already under threat in Africa?&lt;br&gt;<strong>Moderator</strong>&lt;br&gt;NanaAma Botchway N Dowuona &amp; Company, Accra&lt;br&gt;<strong>Speakers</strong>&lt;br&gt;Monica Kyamazima Willow International, Kampala&lt;br&gt;Adeola Olumeyan Channels TV, Lagos&lt;br&gt;Daudi Ramadhani Rex Attorneys at Law, Dar es Salaam&lt;br&gt;Mickael Vogel Hawilti, Lagos&lt;br&gt;Robert Wabunoha UN Environment Programme, Nairobi</td>
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<td><strong>Breakout session 4</strong>&lt;br&gt;Mapping international arbitration in Africa: what has changed in the last decade?&lt;br&gt;• From available data: are we there yet or are African arbitrations still taking place mostly outside the continent? Was it enough to establish new centres in the continent and other initiatives to keep disputes resolution in the continent?&lt;br&gt;• What are the challenges and opportunities?&lt;br&gt;• Can the AFCTFA bring international arbitration home – especially investment arbitration?&lt;br&gt;<strong>Moderator</strong>&lt;br&gt;Olasupo Shasore SAN Africa Law Practice, Lagos&lt;br&gt;<strong>Speakers</strong>&lt;br&gt;Francoise Ingabire Kigali International Arbitration Centre, Kigali&lt;br&gt;Lawrence Muiruri Ngugi Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration, Nairobi&lt;br&gt;Helena Prata ALC Advogados, Luanda&lt;br&gt;Hicham Zegrary Casablanca Intl Mediation &amp; Arbitration Centre, Casablanca</td>
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Friday 15 September

0900 – 1430 Registration

0930 – 1100 Plenary session

Data protection and privacy: the art of risk management
- Extraterritorial and national regulations in Africa – how law firms can ensure compliance and protect themselves and clients
- How personal data regulations change business processes in Africa
- How bar associations and regulators can support their members to implement the new regimes
- Can the impact of fake information through social networks, internet and messaging applications be managed by data privacy regulations or are new frameworks required?
- What should an African data protection framework look like in light of the AfCFTA?

Moderator
Catherine Kariuki Mulika Tripleoklaw, Nairobi

Speakers
Isobel Acquah Certa Foundation, Kigali
Ridwan Oloyede Tech Hive Advisory, Ibadan
Alan Raubenheimer Cenfri, Kigali

1100 – 1130 Coffee/tea break

1130 – 1300 Breakout sessions

Breakout session 5
Is the future of international criminal law domestic?
20 years on from the signing of the Rome Statute, with the winding down of the UN International Criminal Tribunals and the emergence of calls for new hybrid or special criminal tribunals (eg, for ISIS, for Syria) and the proliferation of attempts to bring war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide cases before domestic courts, this panel will analyse the challenges and obstacles that criminal justice currently faces at the international level, and whether the future of international justice lies on an international, hybrid or domestic trajectory.

Moderator
Florida Kabasinga Certa Law, Kigali

Speakers
Peace Malleni UN Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials, Phnom Penh
Sternford Moyo Scanlen & Holderness, Harare; Chair, IBA Nominations Committee
Rashid Rashid UN Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals, Dodoma
Abdoulaye Seye International Criminal Court ICC, The Hague
Dr Charity Wibabara Rwanda National Public Prosecution Authority, Kigali

Breakout session 6
Training the future lawyer: is current legal education provision fit for 21st century purpose?
- With regional integration becoming a reality on the continent, how can law schools ensure they are producing lawyers that can operate cross-border?
- Harmonisation/mutual recognition of training standards and curricula – is this the way to go?
- How can legal education provision in Africa innovate to meet the needs of firms and the wider market and economies of the future?

Moderator
Nankunda Katangaza Hook Tangaza, London; Co-Chair, IBA Regional Fora Coordination Committee

Speakers
Tobenna Erojikwe The Law Crest, Lagos
Professor Ernest Kofi Abotsi UPSA Law School / Axis Legal, Accra
Mary Mugure Council of Legal Education, Nairobi
Ziyanda Ntshona Johannesburg; Scholarship Officer, IBA African Regional Forum
Emmanuel Sebijjo Ssemanda International University of East Africa, Kampala

1300 – 1430 Lunch

1430 – 1600 Breakout sessions

Breakout session 7
What have we come back to? Making a success of the post-pandemic law firm
- Reshaping workplace culture and expectations
- Managing the hybrid team and tracking performance
- Addressing diversity and equity gaps
- Strategies for ensuring well-being and wellness of the team

Moderator
Dolapo Kukoyi Detail Solicitors, Lagos

Speakers
Feizin Amlani Excellent Consulting, Lisbon
Michael Burke Arnall Golden Gregory, Washington, DC
Alan James Keep Bowmans, Johannesburg; African Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Law Firm Management Committee
Wangoko Njoroge Wangoko & Company Advocates, Nairobi; Advisory Board Member, IBA Law Firm Management Committee
Breakout session 8
The evolution of force majeure clauses in commercial contracts to address emerging global threats

• Exploring how courts and arbitral tribunals are interpreting force majeure (FM) clauses beyond severe economic injury
• Analysing how the Covid-19 pandemic and the current geopolitical climate is impacting the interpretation and enforcement of FM clauses
• Understanding the varying approaches taken by courts across jurisdictions to determine whether unforeseeable events, such as pandemics, geopolitical shifts or cyber-attacks, fall under the FM umbrella
• Assessing the impact of FM clauses on international trade and investment agreements in light of the rapidly changing global and political landscape, including economic sanctions

Moderator
Tsegaye Laurendeau  Signature Litigation, London

Speakers
Luisa Cetina  Anjarwalla & Khanna, Nairobi
Dr Sally El Sawah  Junction, Paris; Member, IBA Diversity & Inclusion Council
Thierry Gakuba Ngoga  Legal Line Partners, Kigali; Advisory Board Member, IBA African Regional Forum
Jamsheed Peeroo  36 Stone Buildings, London
Information

Date
13–15 September 2023

Venue
Kigali Convention Centre
Kimihurura Roundabou - PO Box 662
Kigali, Rwanda
Tel: +250 (252) 252 252
Website: www.kcc.rw

Language
All conference working sessions and conference materials will be in English.

How to register
Register by 1 September at https://biennialibaabc09.ev.smartevent.rw/. You should receive emailed confirmation of your registration within two weeks; if you do not please contact sao.paulo@int-bar.org.

Fee payable by credit card
Online registrations received:

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Please note that registrations are not transferable.

List of participants
In order for your name to appear in the list of participants, which will be made available seven days prior to the conference, your registration form must be received by 1 September at the latest.

Live delegate search
Delegates are able to use the live delegate search via the IBA website, in order to use this function delegates will need to be logged into their MyIBA. This will allow search access to up-to-date attendance lists.

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Certain sessions and/or social functions may be photographed and/or filmed and some of this content may be used for future IBA marketing materials, member communications, products or services. Should you have any concerns with regard to this, or do not wish to be featured in any of these materials please contact the IBA Marketing Department on ibamarketing@int-bar.org.

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All fees payable to us by you in accordance with the terms contained in this ‘Information’ section shall be paid free and clear of all deductions or withholdings whatsoever. If any deductions or withholdings are required by law to be made from any fees payable to us by you under the terms contained in this ‘Information’ section you shall pay such sum as will, after the deduction or withholding has been made, leave us with the same amount as we would have been entitled to receive in the absence of any such requirement to make a deduction or withholding.

If we obtain the benefit of any tax credit or other relief by reference to any such deductions or withholdings, then we shall repay to you such amount as, after such repayment has been made, will leave us in no worse position than we would have been had no such deductions or withholdings been required.

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The IBA places its conference in venues of a suitable size for the event; however there are times when our conferences may sell out. Should this happen, prospective delegates will be informed and a waitlist will operate. The waitlist will function on a ‘first come, first served’ basis, subject to receiving registered delegate cancellations. The IBA will not be liable for any travel or accommodation expenses incurred by an individual who travels to the conference without a confirmed place at the event.

The organisers may at any time, with or without giving notice, in their absolute discretion and without giving any reason, cancel or postpone the conference, change its venue or any of the other published particulars, or withdraw any invitation to attend. In any case, neither the organisers nor any of their officers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be liable for any loss, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred by any person, nor will they return any money paid to them in connection with the conference unless they are satisfied not only that the money in question remains under their control but also that the person who paid it has been unfairly prejudiced (as to which, decision shall be in their sole and unfettered discretion and, when announced, final and conclusive).
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If cancellation is received in writing at the IBA office by 11 August 2023, fees be refunded less a 25 per cent administration charge. Refunds will be made minus any monies owed to the IBA. We regret that no refunds can be made after this date. Registrations or social function bookings received after 11 August will not be eligible for any refund of fees.

Should you have difficulties in obtaining your visa and are not able to attend the Conference this cancellation policy will still apply.

Provided you have cancelled your registration to attend an IBA Conference in accordance with the terms of the ‘cancellation of registration’ clause included in the ‘Information’ section of the relevant Conference programme, you must then confirm to us in writing at the IBA office as soon as possible, but in no event later than one year (12 calendar months) from the date of any such Conference, all necessary details to enable any reimbursement owed to you to be paid. We regret that no refunds will be made after the date that is one year (12 calendar months) after the date of the relevant Conference.

Travel arrangements and visas
Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. It is recommended that you check your visa requirements with your local embassy or consulate. We are unable to dispatch visa invitation letters to support your visa application prior to receipt of your registration form and full payment of registration fees.

Please apply for your visa in good time.

Hotel accommodation
A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the Radisson Blu Hotel Kigali and at the Lemingo Hotel for the nights of 13, 14 and 15 September.

**Radisson Blu Hotel Kigali**

KG2 Roundabout
Kigali, Rwanda
Tel: +250 (252) 252 252

The following rates are per room, per night and inclusive of breakfast. Service charges and local taxes are not included.

- **Standard room - single**
  - US$150
- **Standard room - double**
  - US$200
- **Deluxe room - single**
  - US$200
- **Deluxe room - double**
  - US$230

Reservations are subject to availability.

Please contact [reservation.kigali@radissonblu.com](mailto:reservation.kigali@radissonblu.com) or call +250 (252) 252 252 and mention the promo code IBA2023 to make your reservation under the discounted fee. The hotel requires the guarantee through a credit card to secure your reservation, in case of no show and late cancellations.

Any cancellation or modification must be made 7 days prior arrival to avoid any penalty charge of 1-night stay. The same applies for no-shows.

*Delegates are responsible for making hotel accommodation reservations and entering into an agreement with the hotel regarding credit card guarantees, cancellation terms and conditions, and room rates (should these differ from the special IBA rate). The IBA cannot accept responsibility for hotel accommodation disputes between a delegate and the hotel.*

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Website: [www.lemigohotel.com](http://www.lemigohotel.com)

The following rates are per room, per night and inclusive of breakfast. Service charges and local taxes are not included.

- **Standard room - single**
  - US$150
- **Standard room - double**
  - US$200
- **Deluxe room - single**
  - US$200
- **Deluxe room - double**
  - US$230

Reservations are subject to availability.

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Unauthorised accommodation agents
The IBA is not using any travel or accommodation agents for this conference. To make your reservation please contact any of the six hotels directly. Those are the only official accommodation booking systems.

Disabled access
The Radisson Blu Hotel Kigali and the Lemingo Hotel are wheelchair accessible. Please notify us if you require special assistance.

**Social programme**

**Wednesday 13 September**

1900 – 2200

Opening cocktail

**Friday 15 September**

1900 – 2200

Closing dinner

**Dates to remember**

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- **1 September** is the date by which your payment must be received at the IBA office in order for your name and company to be included in the list of participants, which will be made available seven days prior to the conference. After this date no registration forms can be accepted at the IBA office – please therefore register at the conference.
The International Bar Association (IBA), established in 1947, is the world’s leading organisation of international legal practitioners, bar associations, law firms and law societies.

The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world. It has a membership of more than 80,000 individual lawyers and more than 190 bar associations and law societies spanning over 170 countries.

Inspired by the vision of the United Nations, the IBA was founded in the same spirit, just before the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was proclaimed in 1948.

The IBA covers all practice areas and professional interests, providing members with access to leading experts and up-to-date information, enabling them to better represent their clients’ interests.

Through its various committees, fora and task forces, the IBA facilitates the exchange of information and views among its members as to laws, practices and professional responsibilities relating to the practice of law around the globe.

**IBA African Regional Forum overview**

These are exciting times for our Forum! With the primary objective of the enhancement of the value and significance of the Forum to all members globally, we have established various Working Groups which function alongside a panel of distinguished Advisory Board members.

The problems facing African lawyers are different from those affecting lawyers in other regions. To this end, the African Regional Forum was created to identify and address these problems.

**Rwanda Bar Association**

The Bar Association in Rwanda is a legal professional organisation that was created by an act of parliament in 1997 (Law N° 03/97). This law was amended by Law No 83/2013 of 11/09/2013, the law establishing the bar association in Rwanda, determining its organisation and functioning. Having started with 37 lawyers, after twenty five years, the bar’s current membership exceeds 1450 lawyers after fusion of former Judicial Defenders Association and former Kigali Bar Association. The membership is made up of all practicing lawyers, as required by law, and the interns who aspire to be enrolled after 2 years of internship. The bar association fulfills the role of legal representation and regulation for its members and plays a key role in the administration of justice for a strengthened rule of law in Rwanda.

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