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Africa & International Trade Law

Friday to Saturday, 29-30 October 2021

– Virtual Conference –

Friday, 29 October 2021

3.00 pm (Dar es Salaam)/2.00 pm (Paris)/8.00 am (D.C.):

Opening Ceremony

- » Makane Moïse Mbengue, Professor, University of Geneva, Sciences Po
- » Raymond Ranjeva, Former Judge, International Court of Justice

3.15 pm (Dar es Salaam)/2.15 pm (Paris)/8.15 am (D.C.):

Keynote Speech & Conversation: African Trade in the 21st Century

- » Emily Mburu-Ndoria, Director, Directorate of Trade in Services, Investment, Intellectual Property Rights & Digital Trade, AfCFTA Secretariat
- » James Gathii, Wing-Tat Lee Chair in International Law & Professor of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law
- » Tafadzwa Pasipanodya, Partner, Foley Hoag LLP (Co-Chair)
- » Olabisi Akinkugbe, Professor, Dalhousie University, Founding Editor, Afronomicslaw (Co-Chair)

4.15 pm (Dar es Salaam)/3.15 pm (Paris)/9.15 am (D.C.): | STRETCH BREAK

4.30 pm (Dar es Salaam)/3.30 pm (Paris)/9.30 am (D.C.):

Dispute Resolution under the AfCFTA and Africa's International Investment Agreements

- » Kabo Balkissou, Expert & Legal Counsel, AfCFTA Secretariat (Chair)
 - Isaias Berhe, Assistant Lecturer, Xiamen University (“Public Health Emergencies and Necessity Defense in International Investment Law: the African States Bilateral Investment Treaties Revisited”)
 - Harrison Mbori, Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law, (“Reinventing the Wheel? The MFN Principle/Obligation(s) in the AfCFTA”)
 - Prof. Fulvio M. Palombino, Professor, Naples Federico II and Rome Luiss Universities, (“The African Way to Investment Disputes Between Domestic/Regional Mechanisms and the “Humanization of International Law” Argument Taken Properly”)

- **Ravindra Pratap**, Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Faculty of Legal Studies, *South Asian University* (“Facilitating the Participation of African Countries in WTO Dispute Settlement: Exploring the Possibility of Litigation Costs”)

5.30 pm (Dar es Salaam)/4.30 pm (Paris)/10.30 am (D.C.): | STRETCH BREAK

5.45 pm (Dar es Salaam)/4.45 pm (Paris)/10.45 am (D.C.):

TRACK 1: Questions of International Property & Competition Law in African Trade

- » **Edward Kwakwa**, Assistant Director General, *World Intellectual Property Organization* (Keynote)
- **Dr. Martin Jarrett**, Senior Research Fellow, *Max Planck Institute* (“Competition Authorities and Foreign Investors: Managing the Litigation Risk under the AfCFTA Investment Protocol”)
- **Jean-Paul Mushagalusa Rwabashi**, Lecturer, *Université Catholique de Bukavu* (« Commerce africain, investissement, droit de la concurrence et propriété intellectuelle : quel apport pour la Zlecaf à l’ère de la globalisation économique »)
- **Chijioke Okorie**, Lecturer, *University of Pretoria*, (“Multi-territorial Digital Copyright licensing within the AfCFTA: considerations for appropriate guiding principles”)
- » **Hery Ranjeva**, Partner, *Clyde & Co* (Chair)

TRACK 2: Regional Integration & Governance in African Trade

- » **Edefe Ojomo**, Lecturer, *University of Lagos* (Chair)
- **Etienne Marque** (« Le Projet d’Acte Uniforme OHADA de droit international privé –une initiative bienvenue dans le contexte de la ZLECAf »)
- **Prof. Wahab Egbewole**, Professor of Law, University of Ilorin (“The AfCFTA and the Challenges of Economic Integration in West Africa: Issues & Options”)
- **Linda Kiguhi**, Founder & Managing Partner, *Linda Kiguhi Advocates* (“Implementing the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement for AfCFTA – A Case Study on the East African Community”)
- **Falou Samb**, Special Advisor to the President on Trade & Investments, *Republic of Senegal*

– END OF CONFERENCE DAY 1 –

Saturday, 30 October 2021

3.00 pm (Dar es Salaam)/2.00 pm (Paris)/8.00 am (D.C.):

Keynote Speech & Conversation

- » **Yenkong Hodu**, Professor and Chair of International Economic Law, University of Manchester
- » **Namira Negm**, Legal Counsel, *African Union Commission*

4.00 pm (Dar es Salaam)/3.00 pm (Paris)/9.00 am (D.C.): | STRETCH BREAK

TRACK 1: Règlement des différends dans le cadre de ZLECAf et des accords internationaux d'investissement de l'Afrique

- » **Isabelle Rouche**, *Partner, Asafo & Co. (Chair)*
- **Prof. Ali Kairouani**, Professor of Public International Law, *Mohammed V de Rabat University*, (« Quelques observations sur la multiplication des procédures contentieuses en matière d'investissements sous la ZLECAf »)
- **Dr. Evelyne Memphil Ndi**, Lecturer, *Yaounde University II*, (« Commerce Africain et résolutions des conflits: Le régime de règlement des différends au sein de la ZLECAf »)
- **Mawuto Tossa**, *Université de Lomé & Université de Grenade* (« Le protocole de la CEDEAO sur l'énergie : un instrument juridique à moderniser »)
- **Antoine Lerosier**, *Associate, Clyde & Co* (« La ZLECAf au défi des critiques du système de règlement des différends entre investisseurs et Etats »)

TRACK 2: African Trade with other Global Regions

- » **Karim M'ziani**, Associate, *Foley Hoag (Chair)*
- **Reagan Etale**, Trade Lawyer, *The Department for International Trade, UK* (« African trade relations with the rest of the world post-Covid; the aftershock »)
- **Daniel Ngumy**, *Partner, Anjarwalla & Khana* (« Avenues for bilateral trade negotiations between state parties and third parties within the AfCFTA Framework »)
- **Prof. Paolo Davide Farah**, Professor, *West Virginia University* (« Africa: The Belt & Road Initiative: Trade Facilitation, Infrastructure Connectivity and Institutional Collaboration in the China-Africa Relations »)
- **Baptiste Rigeaudau**, Associate, *LALIVE*, (« The Belt and Road Initiative in Africa: Disputes and their impact on China-Africa trade »)

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5.30 pm (Dar es Salaam)/4.30 pm (Paris)/10.30 am (D.C.):

TRACK 1: Aligning Socio-Economic Development & Human Rights with Trade

- » **Olabisi Akinkugbe**, Professor, *Dalhousie University*, Founding Editor, *Afromicslaw (Chair)*
- **Dr. Alia Al-Gazaar**, Senior Associate, *Zulficar & Partners*
- **Jean Bertrand Azapmo**, *Regional Trade Advisor, African Union* (« Corporate Social Responsibility provisions in African Regional Trade and Investment Agreements: Rebalancing investors' rights to achieve inclusive and sustainable investment in Africa »)
- **Brenda K. Kombo**, Norbert Elias Fellow, *University of Bielefeld*, (« A Case for Better Integration of Human Rights within the African Continental Free Trade Area »)
- **Yannick Kouassi**, Doctoral Student, *Strasbourg University* (« Enforcement of Investors' Environmental Obligations Under Domestic Investment Acts in West Africa: Normative and Jurisdictional Interactions with International Law »)
- **Ines Ndonko Nnoko**, (« Innovating with the African Continental Free Trade Area: the environmental challenge associated with free trade and approaches to resolving it »)

TRACK 2: Digital Economy, Technologies and Financial Integration

- » **Agnes Gitau**, Partner, *GBS Africa (Chair)*
 - **Awele Ikobi-Anyali**, Research Fellow, *Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies* (“Integrating African Financial Markets Through Cross-Listing Under the AfCFTA”)
 - **John Saidi Nyanje**, Lecturer, *Africa Nazarene University* (“Uniting Africa through Trade: Cryptocurrency usage and regulation as a tool of creating a common currency in Africa”)
 - **Dr. Collins C Ajibo**, Senior Lecturer, *University of Nigeria* (“SME under the AfCFTA: Will the future be a bane or Boon?”)

6.30 pm (Dar es Salaam)/5.30 pm (Paris)/11.30 am (D.C.):

Closing Ceremony (15 minutes)

- » **Amne Suedi**, Founder & Partner, *ShiKana Law Group (Chair)*
 - **Hajer Gueldich**, Professor, *University of Carthage*, Member, *African Union International Law Commission*
 - **Makane Moïse Mbengue**, Professor, *University of Geneva, Sciences Po*

