

African Society of International Law Fifth Annual Conference

"Africa, Foreign Investment, and International Investment Law"

In Honour of Professor Maurice Kamto

Accra, Ghana

28 and 29 October 2016

Friday 28 October

08:00: Registration of Participants

09:00: Opening Ceremony

- Welcome address: Dean Ernest Abotsi, Dean, GIMPA Law School
- Welcome address: AFSIL President, H.E. Judge Raymond Ranjeva
- Speech by Guest of Honor: H.E. Marietta Brew Appiah-Opong, Attorney's General & Minister of Justice

10:00: Keynote Lecture: Prof. Maurice Kamto (Professor of International Law, University of Yaoundé II, Former President and Member of the International Law Commission) – The Development of International Investment Law in Africa

10:30: Coffee Break

10:45: Session 1: Africa and the International Investment Law Architecture

Chair: Prof. Uche Ewelukwa (ABA Professor of Law, University of Arkansas)

Speakers:

Prof. Makane Moïse Mbengue (Professor of International Law, University of Geneva) – *African States and the Shaping of the Investment Regime: From Investment Rules "Consumers" to Investment "Rules Producers"*

Justice Osei Afriyie (Assistant Lecturer in Law, KNUST, Ghana) – *Foreign Investment Treaties and the Sovereignty of Developing Host States: Ants Riding Elephants?*

Dr. Tarcisio Gazzini (Scientific Collaborator, University of Lausanne) – *The South Africa's Investment Protection Act, 2015*

Magalie Masamba (Researcher and PhD Candidate, University of Pretoria) – *The Changing Architecture of Sovereign Debt Restructuring: Finding the African Perspective*

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12:45: Lunch (Keynote Address): Prof. Diego Fernandez-Arroyo (Professor, Sciences Po Paris School of Law) – *International Investment Law and Latin American States: Lessons for Africa*

14:00: **SESSION 2: Foreign Investment and Sustainable Development in Africa**

Chair: Prof. Miranda Musil Betou (Professor of International Law, University of Yaoundé II)

Speakers:

Thokozani Ngwira (Trade Law Expert, TRAPCA, Arusha) – *An Analysis of the CFTA Guiding Principles: A Case for New Generation Investment Regime*

Collins Ajibo (Independent Researcher) – *Catalyzing Development in Africa through International Investment: The Role of Technology Transfer*

Christopher Nyinevi & Maame Efua Koom (Lecturers in Law, KNUST, Ghana) – *The Public Interest Litigant – A Guardian of the Public Purse or Needless Intermeddler in Investor-State relations?*

Alain Sipowo (Post-doctoral researcher, McGill University) – *The African Human Rights System and Accountability of Multinational Corporations in Africa*

Dr. Komlan Sangbana (Lecturer, University of Geneva) – *Les investissements fonciers et la protection des ressources en eau transfrontières: les enjeux en question*

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16:00: Coffee Break

16:30: **SESSION3: Intra-Africa Investments and Regional Investment Law**

Chair: Prof. Yenkong Hodu (Professor of Law, University of Manchester)

Speakers:

Amne Suedi – *Investment Promotion and Protection in the East African Community: Trends and Prospects*

Prof. Makane Moïse Mbengue (Professor of International Law, University of Geneva) – *Investment Promotion and Protection in West Africa: Trends and Prospects*

Fidele Masengo (Executive Director of Kigali International Arbitration Centre) – *Addressing Legal and Institutional Challenges Affecting the Implementation of EAC Common Market Protocol*

Olasupo Owoeye (University of South Australia) – *Patents and the Trans-Pacific Partnership: Do the Existing Flexibilities offer much to LDCs in the East African Community?*

Mahamat Atteib (University Gaston Berger of Saint-Louis) – *Les contrats miniers déséquilibrés à l'épreuve des Principes d'Unidroit relatifs aux contrats du commerce international*

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19:30: Reception and Dinner

Saturday 29 October

09:00: Keynote Speech: Prof. Jean d'Aspremont (Professor of International Law, University of Manchester) – *The Control of Knowledge by Investment Arbitral Tribunals*

09h30: Session 4: Investor-State Disputes and Dispute Resolution: Litigation, Arbitration, Mediation

Chair: Me. Hery Ranjeva (Foley & Hoag LLP)

Speakers:

Prof. Emmanuel Laryea (Associate Professor of Law, Monash University, Australia) – *African Countries and International Investment Law: How African Countries can Minimise, if not Prevent, International Investment Disputes*

Dominic Dagbanja – *The Internationalization of International Investment Dispute Settlement Questioned: Legal and Normative Perspectives from Ghana*

Stefanie Schacherer (Teaching and Research Assistant, University of Geneva) – *Towards an Investment Court System in Europe? What Lessons for Africa?*

Francis Botchway (Sir William Blair Chair in ADR) – *Models of Dispute Resolution and Economic Development*

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11:15: Coffee Break

11:45: Closing Remarks: Prof. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes (Professor of International Law, University of Geneva)

12.15: Closing Ceremony

- GIMPA Law School
- AFSIL President, H.E. Judge Raymond Ranjeva

13:00: Lunch

14:30: AfSIL Bureau Meeting and Establishment of the Ghana Branch of AfSIL