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...celebrating the **leaders in Africa's disputes market!**

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Congratulations to all awardees of the Africa's 20 Arbitration Powerlist 2022. This prestigious recognition, now in its 2nd edition, was established to celebrate the achievements of leading African arbitration practitioners 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 a measure, or creating a significant impact in the arbitration space within the continent. Our tradition is 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 African policy reforms. 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 of 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 and governments in Africa when drafting their arbitration rules and laws.

Notably, parties, arbitral institutions, and African governments are now adopting the Academy's Protocol when conducting virtual proceedings or designing rules/laws on virtual hearings. The Protocol featured prominently in the Schedule to the recently passed Sierra Leone Arbitration Act 2022. The Protocol was nominated for the GAR Pandemic Response Award in June 2020, won the "Innovation in Arbitration" Awards at the Africa Arbitration Awards and AfAA Awards in 2020, and is the only Africa-specific resource listed by the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICAA) in its Resources and Information on Virtual Hearings.

Continuing the giant strides, the Academy recently commissioned experts to conduct the Survey on Costs and Disputes Funding in Africa 2022. The Survey, funded by the African Legal Support Facility, is the first Africa-wide Survey focusing on the costs of resolving disputes, the financing of claims, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on litigation, and arbitration costs and measures to drive cost-efficiency in African disputes. Based on responses from 25 African jurisdictions, the Survey provides useful insights from sole practitioners, associates, partners of law firms, in-house counsel, academics, third-party funders, representatives of arbitral institutions, and other users of litigation and arbitration in Africa. The Survey collates views from a diverse pool of participants, including sole practitioners, associates, and partners of law firms, in-house counsel, academics, third-party funders, arbitral institutions' representatives, and other arbitration users in Africa. It explores and evaluates the cost of disputes in Africa and identifies the different initiatives or models that governments and institutions may introduce to make dispute resolution more affordable and accessible.

The Academy recently published its Model Bilateral Investment Treaty for African States 2022. The Model BIT was developed as a comprehensive document comprising uniform texts which African States may adopt as a basis for developing their specific model investment treaties. It is to serve as a source of cohesion for African States in relation to their ISDS reform strategies and promote the harmonization of African States' investment policies and laws. The Model BIT captures critical reform-oriented provisions, including innovative provisions to ensure that African States attract responsible, inclusive, and sustainable investments. The Africa Arbitration Academy Model Bilateral Investment Treaty for African States 2022 is available in English, French, and Portuguese. The Model BIT recently won the "Innovation in Arbitration" Awards at the AfAA Awards held on 5th November 2022 in Accra, Ghana.



As the year 2022 is winding down, the Powerlist reminds us of the many positives around us despite the challenging times. The Academy appreciates the support of leading institutions and organizations, including the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Chattered Institute of Arbitrators (Kenya Branch), Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC), Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA), Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC), Tanzania International Arbitration Centre (TIAC), Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA), Tanzania Institute of Arbitrators (TIArb), East Africa International Arbitration Centre (EAIAC), and the Mauritius International Arbitration Centre (MIAC).

We look forward to a brighter year in 2023. Compliments of the season, and happy holidays!

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## MEET THE AWARDEES



### Prof Mohamed S. Abdel Wahab

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Prof. Dr. Mohamed S. Abdel Wahab is the incoming President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2025. He is a Founding Partner & Head of International Arbitration at Zulficar & Partners, Cairo, Egypt, Chairman, Private International Law and Professor of Dispute Resolution, Cairo University. He is qualified to practice in Egypt. Prof Mohamed S. Abdel Wahab's expertise in cross border multi-jurisdictional and highly complex transactions and disputes is broad. He featured in proceedings governed by Bahraini, Egyptian, English, French, Iraqi, Italian, Japanese, Jordanian, Kenyan, Kuwaiti, Libyan, Moroccan, New York, Nigerian, Omani, Pakistani, Qatari, Rwandan, Saudi, Spanish, Swiss, Syrian, United Arab Emirates law(s) and Uzbekistani as well as the general principles of law. 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. 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. Prof. Abdel Wahab is the only African listed in Who's Who Legal: International Arbitration Global Elite Thought Leaders 2021 for the EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa) regions. He is a holder of over fifty-five prizes for academic merit and achievement during academic studies, the only individual, amongst institutions to be nominated in (2020) for the GAR COVID-19 Pandemic Response Award, he is also the only African to be nominated four times in (2013), (2014), (2018) and (2019) for the Global Arbitration Review Award for the Best Arbitration Lecture/Speech.

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), Member of the Court of Arbitration, Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CIMAC), Member of the Court of Arbitration, Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Center (LACIAC), Member of the Advisory Board, Mauritius International Arbitration Centre (MIAC), Member of the Advisory Committee, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), Egypt, Member of the Governing Board, International Council on Online Dispute Resolution (ICODR), Chair of the International Expert Advisory Committee of the Permanent Forum of China Construction Law – China, Senior Vice-Chair, IBA Arab Regional Forum, Member of the SIAC African User's Council, Member of the Advisory Council – Africa Arbitration Blog, Dean, African Arbitration Academy, first African Director for the CIArb Diploma on International Arbitration, and the first Director to introduce many Africans as Tutors and Faculty Members, Chair, the African Arbitration Academy's Technical Review Committee for the Academy's Protocol on Virtual Hearings for Africa, Chair, African Arbitration Academy's Technical Review Committee for the Academy's Model African BIT Project,





Chair, Committee entrusted with drafting the AfAA Constitution, Co-Chair of the Group entrusted with developing the African Guidelines on Written Pleadings and Witness Statements, AfAA Standards and Guidelines Project (2021), Trainer and Lecturer at the African Union's international investment and commercial arbitration workshops. He is a mentor to many African young practitioners from African jurisdictions, including Egypt, Nigeria, Kenya, and Tanzania.

He has appeared as arbitrator, counsel and legal expert in cases under the auspices of the AAA-BCDR (Bahrain), ADCCAC (UAE), CRCICA (Egypt), DIAC (UAE), DIFC-LCIA (UAE), ICC (France), ICSID (USA), KIAC (Rwanda), LCIA (UK), LMAA (UK), RCICAL (Nigeria), SCC (Sweden), SIAC (Singapore), TIAC (Uzbekistan) as well as ad hoc UNCITRAL proceedings, involving mega multi-hundred million dollars disputes involving private parties, investors, States and State-owned entities from many different countries. 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.

## MEET THE AWARDEES



### Funke Adekoya SAN

Independent Arbitrator  
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Nationality: Nigerian

Funke Adekoya SAN, is an Independent Arbitrator and Litigation Consultant. 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>

## MEET THE AWARDEES



### Samaa Haridi

Global Disputes Partner, King & Spalding  
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Samaa Haridi is a Partner at King & Spalding LLP. She is a civil and common law-trained, trilingual lawyer with over 20 years' 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 the five North America female international arbitration practitioners singled out by Who's Who Legal as a Global Elite Thought Leader – Arbitration 2021. She is the Vice President of the ICC Court of Arbitration; Senior Co-Chair, IBA Arbitration Committee; Founding Member, IBA Arbitration Committee Africa Network; Executive Committee Member, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA); Member, ICCA's Governing Board; Vice President of Arbitration Committee, Lagos Court of Arbitration; Advisory Committee Member, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA); Member, Advisory Council of Africa Arbitration (AA); Member, Global Steering Committee Member, Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge Initiative; Member, ICCA ISDS Watch Group; Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA); Former Vice President, LCIA Arab Users' Council; Former Co-Editor-in-Chief, ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin. Some of her notable cases include:

1. Representing an African state in relation to a dispute between its national port authority and an international port operator, arising out of allegations of breach of a concession agreement for the rehabilitation and management of the country's port.
2. Representing Lebanese investors in ICSID arbitration proceedings against a Caucasus state, in connection with the expropriation of waste management contracts in the country's capital.
3. Chairing a PCA-administered UNCITRAL arbitration brought by Middle-Eastern investors pursuant to the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments Among Member States of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), against a North African government, involving allegations of expropriation of an investment in the host country.
4. Representing a large international organisation in an international commercial arbitration pursuant to the UNCITRAL arbitration rules involving a contractual dispute with an aircraft vendor servicing the international organisation in South Sudan.
5. 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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### Chief Bayo Ojo SAN

Senior Partner, Bayo Ojo & Co  
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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 is the Immediate Past President of the African Arbitration Association (AFAA) 2018-2022, he co-organised the Annual Conference of the African Arbitration Association in Accra, Ghana November 2022., he is an Accredited Tutor for Associate, Membership and Fellowship Examinations of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators London and a former Member of the Board of Trustees of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London. 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 Nigerian State.
2. Was a member of arbitral panel that sat over a Multi-Billion Dollars investment dispute between P&ID vs. Federal Government of Nigeria. Details are in public domain.
3. Was sole arbitrator in a Multi-Million Dollar investment dispute between an Indian Company and a Rwandan Company.
4. Chaired a Multi-Million Dollar ICC Arbitration Between a UK Mining Company And The Republic Of Tanzania
5. Member of an ICSID Panel over a Multi-Million Dollar Arbitration between a UK Power Company and The Republic Of Tanzania
6. Sole Arbitrator in A Multi-Million Dollar Telecommunication Investment Arbitration between two Nigerian Companies and a Nigerian Financial Institution and Four International Conglomerates

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### John M. Ohaga SC

Managing Partner, TrippleOk LLP  
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Nationality: Kenyan

John M. Ohaga SC is the Managing Partner and Co-Head of the Dispute Resolution at the 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 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 board of several companies and public tribunals.

As a litigator, John represents clients regularly before the Kenyan courts at all leaves and has provided expert opinions and appeared as experts witness in Kenyan law issues before the courts of England and 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 a Chartered Arbitrator and is recognized by the 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. He is regularly invited to speak at international arbitration conferences and has facilitated trainings on international arbitration across various jurisdictions in Africa. He is a mentor in the International Commercial Council Arbitration (ICCA) mentorship programme and he mentors several young arbitrators on the African continent. He was designated by Kenya to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators; and nominated to the ICC Commission on Arbitration. In December 2022, he was named Arbitrator of the year by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Some of is notable cases include:

1. Co-Arbitrator in LCIA Arbitration involving an insurance company and Note Trustees relating to a claim arising out of the issuance of commercial paper; The claim was for approximately US 5.00 million;
2. Sole Arbitrator in a PCA administered arbitration involving a South African entity and a Mozambique government body involving a dispute arising from a World Bank administered contract for the construction of various utilities;
3. 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;
4. 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 telecommunication equipment. The claim was approximately US 11.5 million;
5. Appointed as co-arbitrator as part of a Panel in a dispute arising from alleged unlawful termination of contract. The award of Approximately US 15 million was upheld by the Supreme Court of Kenya.



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### Adedoyin Rhodes-Vivour SAN

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Nationality: Nigerian

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, 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 has facilitated several arbitration conferences by major arbitral institutions, domestic and international including ICC Paris, LCIA London, KIAC and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She is an approved tutor of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Adedoyin has held various leadership positions including being a past Chairperson of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Nigerian Branch; Member, International Law Association [ILA]; International Committee on International Commercial Arbitration and the Pioneer Chair (2014-2022), Committee on International Commercial Arbitration of the Association's Nigerian Branch; Founding Member and Pioneer President of the Maritime Arbitrators Association of Nigeria (MAAN); Pioneer Chairperson of the Nigerian Bar Association Section on Business Law, Committee on Arbitration/ADR. She is the author of the arbitration book titled Commercial Arbitration Law and Practice in Nigeria Through the Cases published by LexisNexis in 2018. She has significant experience as Presiding arbitrator, Sole-arbitrator, Co-arbitrator and Counsel in arbitration proceedings domestically and internationally under various Institutional Rules including the International Chamber of Commerce Court of Arbitration (ICC) Paris, United Nations Commission on Trade Laws, London Court of International Arbitration and Kigali International Arbitration Rules. Some of her notable cases include:

1. Presiding arbitrator in an ICC Arbitration proceeding pertaining to alleged breaches of a contract in respect of the engineering, procurement, construction, installation and commissioning of a fertilizer terminal.
2. Member of a three-member arbitral tribunal in an LCIA Arbitration proceeding pertaining to the alleged breaches of a Mining Options Agreement.
3. Member of a three-member arbitral tribunal in an ICC Arbitration proceeding between a major international oil and gas company and gas refining company in relation to alleged breaches of a Gas Sales and Purchase Agreement.
4. Presiding Arbitrator in a Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC) Arbitration proceedings pertaining to the alleged breaches of a Financial Technological Consultancy Contract.



5. Joint counsel in arbitration proceedings conducted under the ICC Rules in respect of a Power Purchase Agreement.
6. Counsel to a major multinational company in a dispute relating to alleged breach of a construction contract
7. Represented a major multinational company in a dispute relating to an alleged breach of a Franchise Agreement
8. I have represented the government regulatory/supervisory body in the Oil & Gas Sector in arbitration proceedings in respect of a dredging contract



## Njeri Kariuki

Founder, Njeri Kariuki Advocate  
Nairobi, Kenya  
Nationality: Kenyan

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 license 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.
4. Sole Arbitrator in a dispute between the State & a Construction Company over a Building Project worth USD1.5m
5. Sole Arbitrator in a dispute between the State & a Construction Company over a Road Project worth USD.5m
6. Co-Arbitrator in dispute between the State & an Inspection Agency over Non-payment of Services worth USD21m

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### Ace Anan Ankomah

Senior Partner, Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah  
Accra, Ghana  
Nationality: Ghanaian

Ace Anan Ankomah is the Managing Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution at Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah, Accra, Ghana. He has over 24 years' experience in legal practice and is an acknowledged leader in litigation and dispute resolution, possessing wide experience in the practice and in the teaching of Company Law, Tax Law and Civil Litigation & Procedure. Ace is a member of the Ghana Bar Association. He has served on the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, and as the Regional Vice-Chair for Europe/Middle East/Africa of the Lex Mundi Managing Partners Committee.

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 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. Counsel in international arbitration, representing the cCaimant, an 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. Counsel in international arbitration, representing Claimant, international software company, in a 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.
4. Acted as Arbitrator in an International arbitration of a contractual dispute between a Nigerian service provider and Ethiopian-based medical research institution. Appointed by the High Court in Abuja pursuant to an arbitration agreement between the parties. Award pending.
5. Acted as Counsel for Claimant in an arbitration proceeding of a contractual dispute between a gold mining company and a supplier of mining equipment and services. The gold mining company is the subsidiary of an international mining conglomerate, and the claims, amounting to more than \$34 million, arise from equipment hire costs, crusher downtimes, rise and fall adjustment claims, fuel supplied and construction.
6. Acted as Counsel for Claimant in an arbitration proceeding of a corporate dispute relating an investment agreement and a shareholders' agreement. The Claimants are in a shareholder dispute with another shareholder and director over an investment of approximately \$4 million.

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### Dorothy Udeme Ufot SAN

Dorothy Ufot & Co  
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Nationality: Nigerian

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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### Kamal Shah

Partner, Stephenson Harwood  
London, United Kingdom  
Nationality: Kenyan

Kamal Shah is the head of Stephenson Harwood's Africa and India groups. He specialises in complex, cross-border international arbitration, litigation and fraud and asset recovery. Kamal is highly regarded by his peers and clients in his abilities in multi-jurisdictional disputes. Kamal acts for governments, government entities, banks, private corporations and high net worth individuals in a range of matters including those relating to projects and infrastructure, joint ventures, banking and finance, shareholder arrangements, energy and a range of schemes commonly used to defraud individuals and corporations.

Kamal is the President of the London Court of International Arbitration's (LCIA) African Users' Council. Prior to his appointment as President, he was the Vice President of the Africa Users' Council and a 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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### Babatunde Fagbohunlu SAN

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Nationality: Nigerian

Babatunde Fagbohunlu SAN is a Partner, Aluko & Oyedode, Lagos, Nigeria. He specializes 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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### Oba Nsugbe KC, SAN

Barrister, Pump Court Chambers  
London, United Kingdom  
Nationality: Nigerian

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 international works include 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. Some of his notable cases are:

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.

## MEET THE AWARDEES



### Dr. Ismail Selim

Director, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration  
Nationality: Egyptian

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 (IFCAL); and Vice-President of the Egypt Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CArb). 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 is a Board member of the African Arbitration Association (AfAA); Board member of Francarbi; Member of the Executive Board of the “Groupe Egypte” of the “Association Henri Capitant des amis de la culture juridique française”; Member of the ICCA; Member of the Comité Français de l'Arbitrage; Member of the UNESCO Conciliation and Good Offices Commission and Expert Member of the International Commercial Expert Committee of the Supreme People's Court of China. He teaches Private International Law at the IDAL 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, DIAC, 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.
4. Serving as Co-Arbitrator in an ICC Arbitration proceedings involving Dispute arising out of Management of Cement Factory
5. Serving as Presiding Arbitrator in an ADCCAC proceeding involving a Construction Dispute seated in Abu Dhabi

## MEET THE AWARDEES



### Dr. Gaston Kenfack Douajni

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Nationality: Cameroonian

Dr. Gaston Kenfack Douajni, is the Director of Legislation at the Ministry of Justice of Cameroon and Chairman of the Management Board of the African Legal Support Facility. A Doctor of International Economic Law from the University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne, France), he also holds a Certificate in Trade Negotiations and Trade Dispute Resolution from the Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University in the United States, as well as an Habilitation to Lead Research (HDR) from the University of Pau (France). Director of the Cameroonian Review of Arbitration, Gaston is also President of the Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA), and on the list of arbitrators and conciliators of ICSID, on the list of arbitrators of the Common Court of Justice and Arbitration of OHADA and member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (CPA).

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 Douala Cameroon 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.



## MEET THE AWARDEES



### Dr. Mohamed Abdel Raouf

Partner, Abdel Raouf Law Firm  
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Nationality: Egyptian

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 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 (CArb), former member of the Board of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), former Vice President, the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI), Egypt's Alternate Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), Member of the Board of Directors of the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA) and Member of the Arbitration Committee of the Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA). Some of his notable cases include:

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.
4. Co-arbitrator appointed by the appointing authority designated by the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in an international arbitration pursuant to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules between a European company and an African State arising out of a sale and purchase agreement for crude oil.



5. Presiding arbitrator jointly nominated by the parties following a list procedure in an international arbitration pursuant to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules between two Middle Eastern companies arising out of a Power and Water Purchase Agreement.
6. Co-arbitrator in an international multi-party ICC commercial arbitration between a North African 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

## MEET THE AWARDEES



### Prof. Emilia Onyema

Professor of International Commercial Law SOAS, University of London  
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Nationality: Nigerian

Prof. Emilia Onyema is a Professor of International Commercial Law at SOAS, University of London, United Kingdom. Dr Emilia Onyema is a Professor in International Commercial Law, and Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching) of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, at SOAS, University of London; a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Committee Member of the London branch; and a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Her teaching and research cover international sales law, law and development in Africa and international commercial arbitration. She was formerly a Research Fellow at the School of International Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London, and the Alternate Tribunal Secretary of the Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal in London. She is qualified to practice law in Nigeria and is (np) solicitor in England & Wales. She holds a PhD in international commercial arbitration and is widely published in this area. She is the author of the Chartered Institute's workbook on Introduction to International Commercial Arbitration and International Commercial Arbitration and the Arbitrator's Contract.

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.

## MEET THE AWARDEES



### Prof. Makane Mbengue

Professor of International Law  
University of Geneva

Prof. Makane Mbengue is Professor of International Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva and Director of the Department of International Law and International Organization. He is also an Affiliate Professor at Sciences Po Paris (School of Law). He holds a Ph.D. in Public International Law from the University of Geneva. Since 2017, he is the President of the African Society of International Law (AfSIL). He is a Member of the Curatorium of The Hague Academy of International Law and an Associate Member of the Institut de droit international (IDI).

He was the Lead Expert for the negotiations and drafting of the Pan-African Investment Code (PAIC) in the context of the African Union. He has acted and acts as expert for the African Union, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank, the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), the Islamic Development Bank and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) among others. He also acts as a Professor for courses in International Law organized by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) and by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

He also acts as counsel in disputes before international courts and tribunals, arbitrator in investment disputes and as advisor for governments. He is involved in the negotiations of several International Investment Agreements in Africa. He is the author of several publications in the field of international law. Some of his notable cases include:

1. President of the Arbitral Tribunal (Commercial Arbitration between The European Union (EU) and The Southern African Development Community (SADC) – 2021-2022 – First International Arbitration ever between two International Organizations and related to International Trade Issues
2. Counsel for The Republic of Madagascar in Annulment Proceedings Before ICSID – 2020-2022
3. Party-Appointed Arbitrator in an Investment-Treaty Arbitration before The Permanent Court of Arbitration – 2019-2022.

## MEET THE AWARDEES



### Thierry Ngoga

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Thierry Ngoga is currently an advocate and Arbitrator in Rwanda at Legal Line Partners. He specializes in arbitration, commercial litigation, risk & compliances with much focus in Construction & Engineering, Finance and Banking, Shareholdings, Investment and Joint Venture for the past 18 years. He is listed on various panels of arbitral institutions across the globe and served as Board member in different Organizations both local and international. Thierry was identified as a “Future Leader” of arbitration by Who’s Who Legal 2017, 2019 and 2021 and described him as “one of the fastest-rising stars of African arbitration”.

Thierry is a visiting lecturer of arbitration at the Institute of Legal Practice and Development in Rwanda and a frequent speaker in international arbitration conferences/Lawyers Gatherings. He is a trainer for the ongoing IBA-BIC Globalization training series to lawyers in Africa, Latino America, Asia and Pacific since 2016 with focus on policy reform in Arbitration and trade in legal services. He sits currently as member of the Board of Directors of Rwanda Society of Authors, member of the IBA’s International Trade in Legal Services Committee and have served earlier also as member of Board of Directors of Transparency International Rwanda. He has participated in various international arbitration & ADR events including ICC (MENA, WASHINGTON, LAGOS, ROME), KIAC, NIAC, AFAA, SOAS Arbitration Conference, LCIA, HKIAC, LCIA-MIAC, ICCA, LCA, CI Arb etc.) with speaking engagement.

He served as first Registrar and Project Director of one of the top 5 leading arbitral institution in Africa (KIAC-Rwanda) with now more than 180 cases. Before joining KIAC in 2012, he served as CEO of Rwanda Bar Association and In-House counsel in different Public and Private institutions. He is currently is a member of SIAC (Singapore) users counsel, a member of Advisory Committee of Lagos Court of Arbitration (Nigeria) to revise the rules. He is also a Board Member of Africa Arbitration Association (AfAA), Court member of ICC International Court of Arbitration and Chair of the ICC Africa Commission, Member of the Advisory Council of School of International Arbitration- Queen Mary University of London and member of IBA-ARF’s advisory Board.

Thierry acted as counsel and has been appointed as co-arbitrator, sole arbitrator, Expert and Chairman in KIAC, ICC, CIMAC and Ad hoc arbitration under Rwandan, English, Morocco, Nigeria, Zambia and Swiss Law with seat in Kigali, Casablanca, Nigeria, London and Paris.

He regularly consults internationally for a variety of arbitral institutions across the globe. Some of his notable cases include:





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1. Co- arbitrator in a 228 million USD - ICC arbitration between a west African Oil company and a Western Europe's company arising from various agreements between the Parties relating to an Oil Prospecting License. Parties alleged breach of contract, Misrepresentation
2. Co- arbitrator in a 595, 000,000 million Rwandan Francs - KIAC arbitration between a Belgium's Joint venture and a East-African company. The dispute arises out of a shareholder's agreement (SHA) and its alleged breaches by both parties.
3. Counsel in a 4,300,000 USD-KIAC arbitration between an Eastern African partner state's entity and Southeast Europe's company. A dispute arises over a breach of a Software installation and maintenance contract.

## MEET THE AWARDEES



### 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 a 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 CIArb 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 CIArb 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.

## MEET THE AWARDEES



### Salim Moollan KC

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Salim Moollan QC is a Barrister at Brick 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 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. Some of his notables cases are

1. *Betamax v State Trading Corporation* (Privy Council) – Acted as Counsel for the Appellant in what is now the leading case in the common law world for the public policy exception in setting aside and New York Convention case.
2. *Cairn Energy / Vedanta v India* (UNCITRAL) – Acted as Lead Counsel for India in related multi-billion dollar UNCITRAL investment arbitrations seated in The Hague and Singapore arising out of tax measures.
3. *Investor v State* (UNCITRAL) – Currently chairing a large investment arbitration seated in The Hague in the metallurgic sector, sitting with a former Vice-President of the ICJ and with a former President of the ICC Court

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