



In collaboration with the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA),

The Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA) and ICAMA are organizing the 4th edition of the African Arbitration and Mediation Day (JAAM)

On the

Theme: “The mediation agreement and the arbitral award”

March 31, 2026 at the CONCORDE INTERNATIONAL Hotel in Yaoundé (Cameroon) and on the videoconferencing platform of the Regional School of Magistrates (ERSUMA)



I. CONTEXT AND JUSTIFICATION

Mediation and arbitration are Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) methods that are highly valued, and their promotion and good practice have an undeniably positive impact on the development of nations.

In a context dominated by the need to strengthen legal certainty and economic attractiveness in Africa, these dispute resolution mechanisms deserve greater acceptance by both practitioners and various players in the business world.

While the purpose of mediation and arbitration is to resolve a dispute between two or more parties in a business relationship while preserving those relationships, it is important to note that the mediation agreement and the arbitration award, which are the legal instruments putting an end to these mechanisms, must be properly drafted to ensure their smooth implementation.

This fourth edition of the African Arbitration and Mediation Day (AAMD) aims to provide an in-depth analysis of mediation agreements and arbitration awards, and to offer a forum for discussion on the drafting and content of these decisions, as well as on the remedies available.

II. OBJECTIVES

A. GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of this 4th edition of the African Arbitration and Mediation Day (AAMD) is to strengthen participants' knowledge and practice of mediation and arbitration in Africa elsewhere.

B. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

More specifically, the 4th edition of the African Arbitration and Mediation Day (JAAM) will focus on:

- analyse the legal framework of the mediation agreement and the arbitration award;
- examine the conditions for the validity, recognition and enforcement of a mediation agreement and an arbitral award;
 - identify the practical difficulties encountered in their implementation;
 - promote the sharing of experiences between practitioners and the business community on the perception and execution of a mediation agreement and an arbitration award.

III. TARGET AUDIENCE

This conference is intended for executives responsible for litigation involving African States and other legal entities governed by public law, as well as for those in the business world who are involved in or considering becoming involved in the settlement of commercial and investment disputes, either directly or indirectly. These include:

- Leaders and executives of African community organizations for economic and legal integration;
- Executives, managers and senior staff in private organizations;

- Magistrates, solicitors, notaries and court officials;
- Economic operators;
- Corporate lawyers;
- Managers and executives of arbitration and mediation institutions;
- Researchers in the field of international trade and litigation;
- Students and trainees in the field of commercial law and international litigation.

IV. LANGUES OF THE CONFERENCE

The proceedings will be conducted in English and French, with simultaneous interpretation into Spanish and Portuguese.

V. ANIMATION

This 4th edition of the African Arbitration and Mediation Day will be led by eminent dispute resolution specialists, national and international experts, and institutional partners of the APAA.

VI. LOCATION

This 4th edition of the African Arbitration and Mediation Day will take place on 31 March 2026, at the CONCORDE INTERNATIONAL Hotel in Yaoundé (Cameroon) and on the ERSUMA videoconferencing platform.

VII. REGISTRATION

Participants must register via the ERSUMA training platform, the details of which are provided below: <https://sigweb.ersuma.org>

Registered participants will receive confirmation of their payment and will be invited to attend the training venue according to their chosen mode of participation, either in person or via videoconference.

VIII. REGISTRATION FEES

The 4th edition of the African Arbitration and Mediation Day will be held in a dual format, in person and via videoconference.

A- Participation fees

Cost of in-person participation: **200,000 CFA francs**,
Participation fee for videoconferencing: **150,000 CFA francs**.

B- Payment of participation fees

These fees are paid either:

- directly at the APAA headquarters located in Yaoundé, BASTOS district, on the second floor of the building housing the General Consulate of Burkina Faso. **Contact Ms DJOMO DJANPA Chantal. Administrative Assistant, tel: +237 676 89 64 37 Mobile Money or +237 658 80 84 79 Orange Money** (transfer fees are payable by the applicant);

- by Western Union transfer to the following address: **DJOMO DJANPA Chantal**, city: Yaoundé, tel: **+237676 89 64 37**, no later than four (4) days before the conference (transfer fees are the responsibility of the registrant).
- by bank transfer to the APAA account, domiciled at Bange Bank, l'hôtel Hilton branch in Yaoundé

Bank details : Bank	Account	Agency	key
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Swift code: NAGCCMCM

- by online payment on the ERSUMA SIGWEB payment platform on the following link in your browser to access it: <https://sigweb.ersuma.org>

SERVICES

Registration includes: conference materials assistance from and return travel to the Yaoundé Nsimalen airport (for participants not residing in Cameroon)/coffee breaks/lunch/documentation kit.

PARTICIPATION FEES DO NOT INCLUDE AIRFARE OR ACCOMMODATION COSTS FROM ABROAD TO YAOUNDE, WHICH ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

RESERVATIONS

Participants may book accommodation at the hotel listed below, where preferential rates have been negotiated by the organizing committee:

CONCORDE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

TEL: 237 680 22 52 65 / 690 65 91 42

Email : contact@concord-hotel.cm

Olezoa, Charles Atangana Ntsana Avenue, Yaounde, Cameroon

Room types. (to be completed) 145,000 CFA francs

When making your reservation, please specify that it is for the 4th edition of the African Arbitration and Mediation Days (AAMD) organized by the APAA on 31 March 2026, or call (to be completed) and ask to speak to (to be completed).

Room type's	preferential rate
	145.000 CFA francs
	80,000 CFA francs

HOTEL PRESTIGE OLEZOA

Contact person: Ms. TADIESSE Hotel Prestige

Tel.: 699900717 / 677457371

Email: m.tadiesse@yahoo.fr

Room type's	preferential rate
Standard room:	25,000 CFA francs

DRAFT PROGRAM FOR THE 4TH EDITION OF AFRICAN ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION DAY (JAAM)

9:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.:
Opening ceremony

9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.: Welcome address by the President of the APAA, Mr. Gaston KENFACK DOUAJNI, President of the Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA).

9:10 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.: Address by the Director of ICAMA, Mr. OJO BAYO; former Minister of Justice of the Republic of Nigeria.

9:20 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.: Welcome address by the Permanent Secretary of OHADA.

9:30 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.: Mediation and Arbitration as perceived, by UNCITRAL, by Ms. Anna JOUBIN BRET, Secretary of UNCITRAL ([online](#)).

9:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: Introductory report on the conference, by Ms. Esther NGO MOUTNGUI, wife of IKOUE, Senior Magistrate, former President of the OHADA Common Court of Justice and Arbitration.

10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.: Opening speech

10:30-11:30 a.m.:
FIRST SESSION: Drafting the Mediation Agreement

Moderator: Professor Etienne NSIE, OMAR MBONGO University, Libreville

10:30-10:45 a.m.: Drafting the mediation agreement, by Dr. Boli BINTOU DJIBO, President of the Network of Professional Mediators of Africa, Coordinator of the OHADA Mediation Certificate, member of the Steering, Monitoring, and Evaluation Committee of the CCJA Arbitration Center (COSECA).

10:45-11:00 a.m.: The Office of the Mediator, by Mr. SOROU William Bernardin DOSSOU, former Permanent Secretary of the Arbitration and Mediation Conciliation Center of Benin.

11:00-11:15 a.m.: The issue of enforcing a mediation agreement obtained outside the OHADA area in Cameroon, by Ms. Brigitte ADA NNENGUE, wife of LEBRETON, President of SCP CEPFOMEN, President-elect of CAMA, Conciliator at ICSID, former President of the General Assembly of Lawyers at the Cameroon Bar.

11:15-11:30 a.m.: The binding force of mediation agreements, by Mr. Godwin OMOAKA SAN, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mediation and Conciliation Institute of Nigeria. ([online](#))

11:30 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.
SECOND SESSION: Implementation of the Mediation

Moderator: Dr. Karel OSIRIS DOGUE, Managing Director of ERSUMA

11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.: Enforcement of mediation agreements in the OHADA zone, by Patrick LIBAM MOUTNGUI, Lawyer, Legal Advisor at Cabinet d'Avocat Eméritus, Abidjan, Executive President of the Association des Clubs OHADA du Cameroun.

11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Enforcement of mediation agreements under the Singapore Convention, by Mr. Julius NKAFU, Lawyer at the London and Cameroon Bars.

12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.: The enforcement of decisions resulting from various alternative dispute resolution methods, by Mr. Jean François TOSSENS, Lawyer at the Brussels Bar, President of the Francarbi Association. (online)

12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.: The Mediation Agreement and the ICSID Award, by Frauke NITSCHKE, Senior Legal Advisor at ICSID (online)

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.: Post-arbitration mediation, by Mr. Alain Fénéon, Honorary Lawyer, Arbitrator and International Mediator-Paris. (online)

12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.: Mediation Agreement and Arbitration Award in Russia, by Mr. ROMAN ZYKOV, Secretary General of the Russian Arbitration Association; **The Changing Landscape of Arbitration for Russian Disputes**, by Mr. ROMAN ZYKOV, Secretary General of the Russian Arbitration Association.

1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.: Questions and answers

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.: Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Russian Arbitration Association and the Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA).

1:45 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.: Lunch break

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
THIRD SESSION: THE ARBITRAL AWARD

Moderator: Mr. Jean Marie KAMBUMA NSULA, Senior Magistrate, President of the OHADA Common Court of Justice and Arbitration.

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Drafting of the OHADA arbitration award, by Dr. Sylvie BEBOHI EBONGO, Lawyer at the Paris and Cameroon Bars.

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.: Preliminary review of CCJA arbitration awards by the Procedures Monitoring Committee, by Dr. MAMADOU KONE, Secretary General of the CCJA Arbitration Center

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.: Recent and significant trends in OHADA arbitration, by Ismaël MAMADOU KONATE, former Minister of Justice, Keeper of the Seals of Mali, Lawyer at the Paris and Mali Bars.

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.: The international circulation of OHADA arbitral awards, by Mr. Hamidou TANGARA, Lecturer-Researcher at Sorbonne Paris Nord University and Trainee Lawyer at the Paris Bar Professional Training School.

3:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
FOURTH SESSION: Non-OHADA Arbitration Awards

Moderator: Mr. Dominique HASCHER, former General Counsel of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, former Counsel to the French Court of Cassation, former President of the Society for Comparative Legislation.

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Enforcement in Cameroon of an arbitral award rendered outside the OHADA area, by Dr. Martin ATEBAH, Magistrate, Assistant Researcher at the Legislation Department, Ministry of Justice of Cameroon.

4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.: The drafting of arbitral awards in Kenya, by Professor Kenneth WAYNE, President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Kenya Branch.

4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: How to ensure the finality of arbitral awards, by Ms. Diane OKOKO, Attorney at Law in Nigeria.

4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.: The metamorphosis of the arbitral award, by Professor Sébastien MANCIAUX, University of Burgundy, France.

4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Arbitration and Mediation in the Age of Artificial Intelligence, by Mr. TAKASHI TAKASHIMA. (online)

5:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.: The recognition and enforcement of electronic arbitral awards, by Dr. Gaston KENFACK DOUAJNI, President of the Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA)

5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.: The peaceful enforcement of OHADA arbitral awards, by Mr. Benoît Placide MEVOUA, Magistrate – Head of the Legal Affairs Division of the Cameroon Ministry of Finance.

5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.: The role of diplomacy in the enforcement of enforceable titles, by Dr. MOUGNAL SIDI ; Director of Legal Affairs and International Commitments of the State at the Ministry of External Relations of Cameroon.

5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.: The motivations of the OHADA legislator with regard to the enforcement of mediation agreements and arbitration awards, by Dr. Alex NDZUENKEU, Director of Legal Affairs, Documentation, and Communication at OHADA.

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.: Questions and answers.

7:00 p.m.: End of the conference and cocktail reception Closing remarks by Professor MAYATA.