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**Tuesday 5 May 2026 - Thursday 7 May 2026**

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# THEME : ARBITRATION IN A FRAGMENTED GLOBAL ORDER: THE FUTURE OF TRADE, INVESTMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

## Monday 4 May 2026

<b>AFSA</b>	AFSA Seminar	<b>09H00 – 13H00</b>
	<b>Arbitration in Practice: Bridging Domestic and International Practice in Southern Africa</b>  <b>Moderator: Judge Margie Victor (Ret)</b> <b>Moderator: Adv Ntibidi Rampete</b> <b>Moderator: Attorney Abena Osei</b> <b>Presenter: Adv Svetlana Vasileva</b> <b>Guests: Brittany Leroni, Caitlin Leahy and Priyesh Daya</b>  <b>Register <a href="https://arbitration.co.za/training/arbitration-in-practice/">https://arbitration.co.za/training/arbitration-in-practice/</a></b>	
		<b>18H00</b>
	VIP reception at AFSA (by invitation only)	

## DAY 1: Tuesday 5 May 2026

<b>REGISTRATION</b>	PLENARY Venue A	<b>08H00 – 08H30</b>
	Registration and refreshments	
<b>OPENING OF VENUE</b>	PLENARY Venue A	<b>08H30 – 08H55</b>
	Choir	
<b>WELCOME</b>	PLENARY Venue A	<b>08H55 – 09H00</b>
	Welcome	
<b>SESSION 1</b>	PLENARY Venue A	<b>09H00 – 09H45</b>
	Opening	
<b>SESSION 2</b>	PLENARY Venue A	<b>09H45 – 10H30</b>
	<b>Statesmen in Dialogue: Leadership and Dispute Resolution in Africa.</b>  <b>Introduction: Adv Michael Kuper SC</b> <b>Panellist: HE Joaquim Alberto Chissano</b> - Former President of The Republic of Mozambique <b>Panellist: HE Goodluck Ebele Jonathan</b> - Former President of The Republic of Nigeria <b>Panellist: HE Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta</b> - Former President of The Republic of Kenya <b>Panellist: HE Ellen Johnson Sirleaf</b> - Former President of The Republic of Liberia	
	PLENARY Venue A	<b>10H30 – 11H00</b>
	<b>Arbitration Through the Eyes of the Bench: Practice Pitfalls and Perspectives.</b>  <b>Moderator: Adv Lindi Nkosi-Thomas SC</b> - AFSA Vice Chair <b>Panellist: Judge Roland Sutherland DJP (Ret)</b> <b>Panellist: Sir Clive Freedman</b> <b>Panellist: Judge Norman Davis</b>	
<b>TEA BREAK</b>		<b>11H00 – 11H20</b>

<b>SESSION 3</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A	AFSA	<b>11H30 – 12H30</b>
<p><b>AFSA@30: Founding and Growth.</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Stanley Nyamanhindi</b> - Executive: Business Development, AFSA  <b>Panellist: Adv Michael Kuper SC</b> - AFSA Chair  <b>Panellist: Des Williams</b> - AFSA Board and Court Member  <b>Panellist: Susan Mutangadura</b> - AFSA International and SADC Panel  <b>Panellist: James Banda</b> - AFSA International and SADC Panel</p>			
<b>LUNCH</b>			<b>12H30 – 13H30</b>
<b>SESSION 4</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A	CDH	<b>13H30 – 14H30</b>
<p><b>BRICS, AfCFTA &amp; the Fading Rules-Based Order: What This Means for Arbitration.</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Jackwell Feris</b> - Director &amp; Head of Industrialisation, Manufacturing and Trade Sector, Cliff Decker Hoffmeyer (CDH)  <b>Panellist: Rishaban Moodley</b>  <b>Panellist: Bruno Barata</b>  <b>Panellist: Arthur Ma</b>  <b>Panellist: Stanislav Karandasov</b> - Askari Legal</p>			
<b>TEA BREAK</b>			<b>14H30 – 14H50</b>
<b>SESSION 5</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A	Webber Wentzel	<b>15H00 – 16H00</b>
<p><b>Beyond Expropriation: Performance Obligations, Resource Nationalism and Mining Arbitration in Africa</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Prianka Soni</b> - Partner, Webber Wentzel  <b>Kudakwashe Chitanga</b> - Legal Manager, First Quantum Minerals;  <b>Michael Schottler</b> - Head of Legal: Global Disputes; and Interim Head of Legal: South Africa, Anglo American  <b>Diamana Diawara</b> - Partner, International Arbitratio, Talex International  <b>Nick Alp</b> - Partner, Webber Wentzel</p>			
<b>SESSION 6</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A	JSA/AFT	<b>16H00 – 17H00</b>
<p><b>Reseating Africa: Structural Reform, Judicial Confidence and the Rise of African Arbitral Hubs</b></p>			
<b>COCKTAIL PARTY</b>			<b>17H00 for 17H30</b>
Bill Gallagher Room			

## DAY 2: Wednesday 6 May 2026

<b>SESSION 1</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A	Bowmans	<b>09H00 – 10H00</b>
<p><b>Leveraging Opportunities in Times of Uncertainty: Africa's Legislative Modernisation, BITs and Increased Judicial Support for Enforcement.</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Clement Mkiva</b>  <b>Panellist: Gerhard Rudolph</b>  <b>Panellist: Jonathan Barnes</b>  <b>Panellist: John Kawana</b>  <b>Panellist: Brian Mambosho</b>  <b>Panellist: Akshav Mossuddee</b></p>			

<b>SESSION 2</b>	<b>PLENARY Venue A</b>		<b>10H00 – 11H00</b>
	<p><b>AFSA in the World:</b> The architecture of international arbitration practice.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Prof Lise Bosman</b> - AFSA Court President and Executive Director of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Diamana Diawara</b> - AFSA Court member and Partner International, Arbitratio, Talex International</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Jonathan Ripley-Evans</b> - AFSA Court Vice President</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Clement Mkiva</b> - AFSA Court Member and Co-Head of Litigation Bowmans</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Aisha Abdallah</b> - Partner and Head of Disputes at ALN Kenya: Anjarwalla &amp; Khanna LLP</p>		
<b>TEA BREAK</b>			<b>11H00 – 11H20</b>
<b>SESSION 3</b>	<b>PLENARY Venue A</b>		<b>11H30 – 13H30</b>
	<p><b>KALAGADI:</b> Judiciary Lead Dialogue</p> <p><b>Judge:</b> <b>Judge Fayeza Kathree-Setiloane</b></p> <p><b>For Kalagadi:</b> <b>Andre Gautschi SC</b> - Senior Counsel, Group 621</p> <p><b>For Kalagadi:</b> <b>Ndumiso Luthuli</b> - Junior Counsel, Group 621</p> <p><b>For IDC/AfDB:</b> <b>Vlad Movshovich</b> - Partner, Webber Wentzel</p> <p><b>For IDC/AfDB:</b> <b>Ahmed Rajan</b> - Senior Associate, Webber Wentzel</p> <p><b>For IDC/AfDB:</b> Assisted by: <b>Qaasim Ganey</b> - Associate Webber Wentzel and <b>Margeaux Wassenaar</b> - Candidate Attorney, Webber Wentzel</p> <p><b>Faadhil Adams</b> - Senior Lecturer, UCT</p>		
<b>LUNCH</b>			<b>13H30 – 14H30</b>
<b>SESSION 4</b>	<b>BREAKAWAY 1 Venue B</b>	Webber Wentzel	<b>14H30 – 15H30</b>
	<p>The Impact of Sanctions on International Arbitration and Enforcement.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Chandni Gopal</b> - Partner, Webber Wentzel</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Lele Modise</b> - Group Chief Legal and Regulatory Affairs Officer, MTN</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Roman Zykov</b> - Founding Partner, MANSORS</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Neil Boyd</b> - Counsel, Linklaters</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Trevor Versfeld</b> - Partner, Webber Wentzel</p>		
	<b>BREAKAWAY 2 Venue C</b>	JSA/AFT	<b>14H30 – 15H30</b>
	<p><b>Energy, Infrastructure and Transition Risk:</b> Arbitration at the centre of Africa's Commercial Transformation.</p>		
<b>TEA BREAK</b>			<b>15H30 – 15H50</b>
<b>SESSION 5</b>	<b>BREAKAWAY 1 Venue B</b>	CDH	<b>16H00 – 17H00</b>
	<p><b>Critical Minerals, Energy Security &amp; Strategic Supply Chains:</b> Disputes in the New Geopolitical Battleground.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Denise Durand</b></p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Clive Rumsey</b></p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Jackwell Feris</b> - Director &amp; Head of Industrialisation, Manufacturing and Trade Sector, Cliff Decker Hoffmeyer (CDH)</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Vivien Chaplin</b></p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Burton Meyer</b></p>		
	<b>BREAKAWAY 3 Venue C</b>	Jus Mundi	<b>16H00 – 17H00</b>
	<p><b>The Use of AI in Arbitration Proceedings</b></p> <p><b>Moderator/Panellist:</b> <b>Alexandre Vagenheim</b> - Jus Mundi VP Global Legal Data</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Sarah McKenzie</b> - Partner, Webber Wentzel</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Prof Fola Adeleke</b> - University of the Witwatersrand</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Prof Sylvia Papadopoulos</b> - Associate Professor, Department of Private Law UP, Conduct Authority (FSCA), Consumer Advisory Panel</p>		
<b>GALA DINNER</b>	<b>BALLROOM</b>		<b>18H30 for 19H00</b>

## DAY 3: Thursday 7 May 2026

SESSION 1	PLENARY Venue A	09H00 – 09H45
	<p><b>ADR As Critical Infrastructure In Africa's Critical Mineral Value Retention For Sustainable Development</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Jackwell Feris</b> - Director &amp; Head of Industrialisation, Manufacturing and Trade Sector, Cliff Decker Hoffmeyer (CDH)</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Deprese Muchena</b> - Director, Resources Future Program, Open Society Foundations (ASF)</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Mkhululi Ncube</b> - Programs Management Officer, Africa Minerals Development Center (AMDC)</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Kossi Toulassi</b> - Head of Industrialization, Trade, Markets &amp; Economic Analysis African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Dr. Claude Kabemba</b> - Executive Director, Southern Africa Resource Watch (SARW)</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>ALSF Representative</b></p>	
SESSION 2	PLENARY Venue A	09H45 – 10H30
	<p><b>ADR Advancing Shared Vision And Shared Goals: Legal Sector Contribution Towards Revamp Of An Inclusive Africa Mining Vision Compact.</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>TBC</b></p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Lauren Hermanus</b> - Co-Founding Director, Southern Transitions</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Aluka Ligonzo</b> - Extractives Sector Specialist – Senior Civil Society, Global Witness</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Mutuso Dhlwayo</b> - Executive Director, Zimbabwe Environmental Law Organisation</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Darlington Muyambwa</b> - Business &amp; Human Rights Consultant, Danish Institute for Human Rights</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Judge David Unterhalter</b> - Supreme Court Judge, SA Supreme Court of Appeal</p>	
SESSION 3	PLENARY Venue A	10H30 – 10H45
	<p><b>MOU Signing with AUDA-NEPAD and AMDC</b></p> <p><b>Signatories:</b> AFSA CEO, <b>Andile Nikani</b> and AFSA Chair <b>Adv Michael Kuper SC</b></p> <p><b>Signatories:</b> <b>Mrs Nardos Bekele Thomas</b> - AUDA-NEPAD</p> <p><b>Signatories:</b> <b>Mkhululi Ncube</b> - Head of Programs, AMDC</p> <p><b>The UCT Arbitration And Dispute Resolution Unit Of The Law Faculty Of The University</b></p> <p><b>Signatories:</b> AFSA CEO, <b>Andile Nikani</b> and AFSA Chair <b>Adv Michael Kuper SC</b></p> <p><b>Signatories:</b> <b>Dr Faadhil Adams</b></p> <p><b>Signatories:</b> <b>Prof Lise Bosman</b></p> <p><b>Chamber Of Arbitrators, Belarus</b></p> <p><b>Signatories:</b> AFSA CEO, <b>Andile Nikani</b> and AFSA Chair <b>Adv Michael Kuper SC</b></p> <p><b>Signatories:</b> <b>Dr Aleksei Korochkin</b> - Chair</p> <p><b>Russian Arbitration Association</b></p> <p><b>Signatories:</b> AFSA CEO, <b>Andile Nikani</b> and AFSA Chair <b>Adv Michael Kuper SC</b></p> <p><b>Signatories:</b> <b>Roman Zykov</b> - Secretary General</p> <p><b>AFSA International Rules Translation</b></p> <p><b>Representative:</b> <b>Prof Lise Bosman</b> - AFSA International Court President</p> <p><b>Representative:</b> FTPA Avocats: <b>Rajeev Sharma Fokeer</b> - French</p> <p><b>Representative:</b> <b>Dimetrio Manjate Pascoal Bie</b>, Moçambique: <b>Dimétrio Manjate</b> - Portuguese</p> <p><b>Representative:</b> Wyne &amp; Associates, Kenya: <b>Dr K. Wyne Mutuma</b> - Swahili</p>	

<b>TEA BREAK</b>			<b>10H45 – 11H10</b>
<b>SESSION 4</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A	<b>AFSA</b>	<b>11H15 – 12H15</b>
	<p><b>Collaborating for Credibility: Institutional Cooperation and the Future of Arbitration in Africa.</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr Jamsheed Peeroo, Bar of England and Wales (36 Stone), the Mauritian Bar (Peeroo Chambers)</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Adv Svetlana Vasileva - AFSA Secretary General</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Dr Henry Murigi - NCIA CEO</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Dr Dalia Hussein - CRCICA Director</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Victor Mugabe - KIIAC Secretary General</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Karim M'ziani - Legal Counsel at the PCA, and the Registrar of the MIAC</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Guillaume Tattevin - Swiss Arbitration Centre</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Korinna von Trotha - Executive Director of ASA and the Swiss Arbitration Centre</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Adv Henk Louw - Chair CIArb South Africa Branch</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Dr Aleksei Korachkin - Chair Arbitration Chamber, Belarus</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Dr John Nyanje - Africa Germany Arbitration Cooperation (AfGAC), LawCom.Institute</p>		
<b>SESSION 5</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A	Young AFSA	<b>12H15 – 13H15</b>
	<p><b>Sanctions, trade wars, and geopolitical rivalry make mediation (not arbitration) the only realistic mechanism for resolving cross-border commercial disputes involving African parties caught between competing global blocs.</b></p> <p>An Oxford-style debate focusing on audience persuasion, with two opposing sides arguing the motion.</p>		
<b>SESSION 6</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A		<b>13H15 – 13H45</b>
	<b>Conference Theme: Looking to the Future</b>		
<b>CLOSING</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A		<b>13H45 – 14H00</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>			<b>14H00 – 15H00</b>

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