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Showcasing Arbitration in Africa

Tuesday 5 May 2026 - Thursday 7 May 2026

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**JAW PROGRAMME**

**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>
<p><b>Arbitration in Practice: Bridging Domestic and International Practice in Southern Africa</b></p> <p><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></p>		
		<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>WELCOME, OPENING</b>	PLENARY Venue A	<b>08H30 – 09H00</b>
Choir		
<b>SESSION 1</b>	PLENARY Venue A	<b>09H00 – 09H45</b>
Welcome, Opening and Thematic Review		
<b>SESSION 2</b>	PLENARY Venue A	AFSA Africa Forum
		<b>09H45 – 10H30</b>
<p><b>Statesmen in Dialogue: Leadership and Dispute Resolution in Africa</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Leslie Mkhabela</b>, Managing Director and Co-founder of Mkhabela Huntley Attorneys  <b>Introduction: Adv Michael Kuper SC</b>, AFSA Chair  <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</p> <p>Signing of a Partnership Agreement</p>		
	PLENARY Venue A	<b>10H30 – 11H10</b>
<p><b>Arbitration Through the Eyes of the Bench: Practice Pitfalls and Perspectives</b></p> <p><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>Panellist: Judge Margie Victor (Ret)</b></p>		
<b>TEA BREAK</b>		<b>11H10 – 11H25</b>

<b>SESSION 3</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A	AFSA	<b>11H30 – 12H30</b>
<b>AFSA@30: Founding and Growth</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Prof Michael Katz, Chair, ENSafrica <b>Panellist:</b> Adv Michael Kuper SC, AFSA Chair <b>Panellist:</b> Des Williams, AFSA Board and Court Member <b>Panellist:</b> Deline Beukes, CEO, CAJAC <b>Panellist:</b> Susan Mutangadura, AFSA International and SADC Panel <b>Panellist:</b> James Banda, AFSA International and SADC Panel <b>Panellist:</b> Stanley Nyamanhindi, Executive: Business Development, AFSA			

**LUNCH** **12H30 – 13H30**

<b>SESSION 4</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A	CDH	<b>13H30 – 14H30</b>
<b>BRICS, AfCFTA &amp; the Fading Rules-Based Order: What This Means for Arbitration</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Jackwell Feris, Director & Sector Head, CDH <b>Panellist:</b> Brent Williams, Chief Executive Officer, CDH <b>Panellist:</b> Rishaban Moodley, Director & Head of Dispute Resolution, CDH <b>Panellist:</b> Bruno Barata, Senior Partner, BCDM Law <b>Panellist:</b> Arthur Ma, Partner, Dahui Lawyers <b>Panellist:</b> Stanislav Karandasov, Partner, Asari Legal			

**TEA BREAK** **14H30 – 14H50**

<b>SESSION 5</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A	Webber Wentzel	<b>15H00 – 16H00</b>
<b>Beyond Expropriation: Performance Obligations, Resource Nationalism and Mining Arbitration in Africa</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Prianka Soni, Partner, Webber Wentzel <b>Panellist:</b> Kudakwashe Chitanga, Legal Manager, First Quantum Minerals <b>Panellist:</b> Michael Schottler, Head of Legal: Global Disputes and Interim Head of Legal: South Africa, Anglo American <b>Panellist:</b> Diamana Diawara, Partner, Talex International, AFSA Court Member <b>Panellist:</b> Nick Alp, Partner, Webber Wentzel			

<b>SESSION 6</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A	JSA/AFT	<b>16H00 – 17H00</b>
<b>Reseating Africa: Structural Reform, Judicial Confidence and the Rise of African Arbitral Hubs</b>			

**COCKTAIL PARTY** Bill Gallagher Room **17H00 for 17H30**

## DAY 2: Wednesday 6 May 2026

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

<b>SESSION 2</b>	<b>PLENARY Venue A</b>	<b>AFSA</b>	<b>10H00 – 11H00</b>
<p><b>AFSA in the World: The Architecture of International Arbitration Practice</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Prof Lise Bosman, AFSA Court President and Executive Director of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Diamana Diawara, Partner, Talex International, AFSA Court member</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Jonathan Ripley-Evans, AFSA Court Vice President</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Clement Mkiva, AFSA Court Member and Co-Head of Litigation Bowmans</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Aisha Abdallah, 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>AFSA Initiative</b>	<b>11H30 – 13H30</b>
<p><b>KALAGADI/IDC: Moot and Judiciary-led discussion and dialogue</b></p> <p><b>Judge:</b> Judge Fayeza Kathree-Setiloane</p> <p><b>For Kalagadi:</b> Adv Andre Gautschi SC, Senior Counsel, Group 621 Ndumiso Luthuli, Junior Counsel, Group 621</p> <p><b>For IDC/AfDB:</b> Vlad Movshovich, Partner, Webber Wentzel Ahmed Rajan, Senior Associate, Webber Wentzel Qasim Ganey, Associate, Webber Wentzel and Margeaux Wassenaar, Candidate Attorney, Webber Wentzel Dr Faadhil Adams, Senior Lecturer, UCT</p>			
<b>LUNCH</b>			<b>13H30 – 14H30</b>
<b>SESSION 4</b>	<b>BREAKAWAY 1 Venue B</b>	<b>Webber Wentzel</b>	<b>14H30 – 15H30</b>
<p><b>The Impact of Sanctions on International Arbitration and Enforcement</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Chandni Gopal, Partner, Webber Wentzel</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Lele Modise, Group Chief Legal and Regulatory Affairs Officer, MTN</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Neil Boyd, Counsel, Linklaters</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Trevor Versfeld, Partner, Webber Wentzel</p>			
<b>BREAKAWAY 2 Venue C</b>			<b>14H30 – 15H30</b>
<p><b>Energy, Infrastructure and Transition Risk: Arbitration at the Centre of Africa's Commercial Transformation</b></p>			
<b>TEA BREAK</b>			<b>15H30 – 15H50</b>
<b>SESSION 5</b>	<b>BREAKAWAY 1 Venue B</b>	<b>CDH</b>	<b>16H00 – 17H00</b>
<p><b>Critical Minerals, Energy Security &amp; Strategic Supply Chains: Disputes in the New Geopolitical Battleground</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Denise Durand, Director, CDH</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Clive Rumsey, Director &amp; Sector Head, CDH</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Jackwell Feris, Director &amp; Sector Head, CDH</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Vivien Chaplin, Director &amp; Sector Head, CDH</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Burton Meyer, Director, CDH</p>			
<b>BREAKAWAY 2 Venue C</b>			<b>16H00 – 17H00</b>
<p><b>The Use of AI in Arbitration Proceedings</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Alexandre Vagenheim, VP Institutional &amp; Legal Affairs</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Sarah McKenzie, Partner, Webber Wentzel</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Prof Fola Adeleke, Executive Director of the Global Centre on AI Governance, University of the Witwatersrand</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> Prof Sylvia Papadopoulos, Associate Professor, Department of Private Law UP, and a member of the Financial Sector 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	AFSA Initiative	09H00 – 09H45
	<p><b>AFSA and Partners in Africa:</b> Africa Minerals Development Centre (AMDC), African Union Development Agency - New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Jackwell Feris</b>, Director &amp; Head of Industrialisation, Manufacturing and Trade Sector, Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr (CDH)</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Deprose Muchena</b>, Director, Resources Future Program, Open Society Foundations (OSF)</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Mkhululi Ncube</b>, Programs Management Officer, Africa Minerals Development Centre (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	AFSA Initiative	09H45 – 10H30
	<p><b>AFSA Partnerships in Business and Human Rights</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Angelista Nashon</b>, Partner, Africorp, Tanzania.</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>Prof David Unterhalter</b>, Supreme Court Judge, SA Supreme Court of Appeal</p>		
SESSION 3	PLENARY Venue A	AFSA Strategic Partnerships/ Signing Ceremony	10H30 – 10H45
	<p><b>Moderators:</b> <b>Adv Tshepo Sibeko SC</b>, AFSA Board Member <b>Adv Svetlana Vasileva</b>, AFSA Secretary General</p> <p><b>MOU Signing with AUDA-NEPAD and AMDC</b></p> <p><b>Signatories:</b> <b>Andile Nikani</b>, AFSA CEO <b>Signatories:</b> <b>Mrs Nardos Bekele Thomas</b>, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD <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 Of Cape Town, Cape Town</b></p> <p><b>Signatories:</b> <b>Andile Nikani</b>, AFSA CEO <b>Signatories:</b> <b>Dr Faadhil Adams</b>, Senior Lecturer, UCT <b>Signatories:</b> <b>Prof Lise Bosman</b>, AFSA Court President and Executive Director of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)</p> <p><b>AFSA International Rules Translation</b></p> <p><b>Representative:</b> <b>Prof Lise Bosman</b>, AFSA Court President and Executive Director of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) <b>Representative:</b> <b>Rajeev Sharma Fokeer</b>, FTPA Avocats, France <b>Representative:</b> <b>Dimetrio Manjate and Pascoal Bie</b>, Moçambique <b>Representative:</b> <b>Dr K. Wyne Mutuma</b>, Wyne &amp; Associates, Kenya</p>		
TEA BREAK			10H45 – 11H10

<b>SESSION 4</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A	<b>AFSA</b>	<b>11H15 – 12H30</b>
<p><b>Collaborating for Credibility: Institutional Cooperation and the Future of Arbitration in Africa</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Dr Jamsheed Peeroo</b>, Bar of England and Wales (36 Stone), the Mauritian Bar (Peeroo Chambers)</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Adv Svetlana Vasileva</b>, AFSA Secretary General</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Dr Henry Murigi</b>, NCIA CEO</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Dr Dalia Hussein</b>, CRCICA Director</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Victor Mugabe</b>, KIAC Secretary General</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Karim M'ziani</b>, Legal Counsel at the PCA, and the Registrar of the MIAC</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Guillaume Tattevin</b>, Swiss Arbitration Centre</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Korinna von Trotha</b>, Executive Director of ASA and the Swiss Arbitration Centre</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Adv Henk Louw</b>, Chair CIArb South Africa Branch</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Dr Aliaksei Korachkin</b>, Chair Arbitration Chamber, Belarus</p> <p><b>Panellist:</b> <b>Dr John Nyanje</b>, Africa Germany Arbitration Cooperation (AfGAC), LawCom.Institute</p>			
<b>SESSION 5</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A	Young AFSA	<b>12H30 – 13H30</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>13H30 – 14H00</b>
<b>Conference Theme: Looking to the Future</b>			
<b>CLOSING</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> Venue A		<b>14H00 – 14H15</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>			<b>14H15 – 15H15</b>

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