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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

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

DAY 1: Tuesday 5 May 2026

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| REGISTRATION | PLENARY Venue A | 08H00 – 08H30 |
| Registration and Refreshments | | |
| WELCOME, OPENING | PLENARY Venue A | 08H30 – 09H00 |
| Choir | | |
| SESSION 1 | PLENARY Venue A | 09H00 – 09H30 |
| Welcome, Opening and Thematic Review | | |
| SESSION 2 | PLENARY Venue A | AFSA Africa Forum |
| | | 09H30 – 10H15 |
| <p>Statesmen in Dialogue: Leadership and Dispute Resolution in Africa</p> <p>Moderator: Leslie Mkhabela, Managing Director and Co-founder of Mkhabela Huntley Attorneys Introduction: Adv Michael Kuper SC, AFSA Chair Panellist: HE Joaquim Alberto Chissano, Former President of The Republic of Mozambique Panellist: HE Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, Former President of The Republic of Nigeria Panellist: HE Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, Former President of The Republic of Kenya Panellist: HE Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Former President of The Republic of Liberia</p> <p>Signing of a Partnership Agreement</p> | | |
| SESSION 3 | PLENARY Venue A | 10H15 – 11H10 |
| <p>Arbitration Through the Eyes of the Bench: Practice Pitfalls and Perspectives</p> <p>Moderator: Adv Lindi Nkosi-Thomas SC, AFSA Vice Chair Panellist: Judge Roland Sutherland DJP (Ret) Panellist: Judge LT Modiba ADJP Panellist: Judge Norman Davis ADJP Panellist: Judge Margie Victor (Ret) Panellist: Sir Clive Freedman</p> | | |
| TEA BREAK | | 11H10 – 11H25 |

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| SESSION 4 | PLENARY Venue A | AFSA | 11H30 – 12H30 |
| AFSA@30: Founding and Growth Moderator: Prof Michael Katz, Chair, ENSafrica Panellist: Adv Michael Kuper SC, AFSA Chair Panellist: Des Williams, AFSA Board and Court Member Panellist: Deline Beukes, CEO, CAJAC Panellist: Susan Mutangadura, AFSA International and SADC Panel Panellist: James Banda, AFSA International and SADC Panel | | | |
| LUNCH | | | 12H30 – 13H30 |
| SESSION 5 | PLENARY Venue A | CDH | 13H30 – 14H30 |
| BRICS, AfCFTA & the Fading Rules-Based Order: What This Means for Arbitration Moderator: Jackwell Feris, Director & Sector Head, CDH Panellist: Brent Williams, Chief Executive Officer, CDH Panellist: Bruno Barata, Senior Partner, BCDM Law Panellist: Arthur Ma, Partner, Dahui Lawyers Panellist: Stanislav Karandasov, Partner, Asari Legal | | | |
| TEA BREAK | | | 14H30 – 14H50 |
| SESSION 6 | PLENARY Venue A | Webber Wentzel | 15H00 – 16H00 |
| Beyond Expropriation: Performance Obligations, Resource Nationalism and Mining Arbitration in Africa Moderator: Prianka Soni, Partner, Webber Wentzel Panellist: Kudakwashe Chitanga, Legal Manager, First Quantum Minerals Panellist: Michael Schottler, Head of Legal: Global Disputes and Interim Head of Legal: South Africa, Anglo American Panellist: Diamana Diawara, Partner, Talex International, AFSA Court Member Panellist: Nick Alp, Partner, Webber Wentzel | | | |
| SESSION 7 | PLENARY Venue A | JSA/AFT | 16H00 – 17H00 |
| Reseating Africa: Structural Reform, Judicial Confidence and the Rise of African Arbitral Hubs Moderator: Prof Dr Lindelwa Mhlongo Panellist: Priyesh Dhaya Panellist: Charles Martin Mhone Panellist: Adv Pule Seleke SC Panellist: Mojau Ramathe | | | |
| COCKTAIL PARTY | | | 17H00 for 17H30 |
| Bill Gallagher Room | | | |

DAY 2: Wednesday 6 May 2026

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| AFSA Breakfast - Women in Arbitration Breakfast (by invitation only) | | | 07H00 – 09H00 |
| SESSION 1 | PLENARY Venue A | Bowmans | 09H00 – 10H00 |
| Leveraging Opportunities in Times of Uncertainty: Africa's Legislative Modernisation, BITs and Increased Judicial Support for Enforcement Moderator: Clement Mkiva, Co-Head of Litigation, Bowmans Panellist: Gerhard Rudolph, Partner, Bowmans Panellist: Jonathan Barnes, Partner, Bowmans Panellist: John Kawana, Partner, Bowmans Panellist: Brian Mambosho, Partner, Bowmans Panellist: Akshav Mossuddee, Associate, Bowmans | | | |

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| SESSION 2 | PLENARY Venue A | AFSA | 10H00 – 11H00 |
| <p>AFSA in the World: The Architecture of International Arbitration Practice</p> <p>Moderator: Prof Lise Bosman, AFSA Court President and Executive Director of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)</p> <p>Panellist: Diamana Diawara, Partner, Talex International, AFSA Court member</p> <p>Panellist: Jonathan Ripley-Evans, AFSA Court Vice President</p> <p>Panellist: Clement Mkiva, AFSA Court Member and Co-Head of Litigation Bowmans</p> <p>Panellist: Aisha Abdallah, Partner and Head of Disputes at ALN Kenya: Anjarwalla & Khanna LLP</p> | | | |
| TEA BREAK | | | 11H00 – 11H20 |
| SESSION 3 | PLENARY Venue A | AFSA Initiative | 11H30 – 13H30 |
| <p>KALAGADI/IDC: Moot and Judiciary-led discussion and dialogue</p> <p>Judge: Judge Fayeenza Kathree-Setiloane, Supreme Court of Appeal</p> <p>For Kalagadi: Adv Andre Gautschi SC, Senior Counsel, Group 621 Ndimiso Luthuli, Junior Counsel, Group 621</p> <p>For IDC/AfDB: Vlad Movshovich, Partner, Webber Wentzel Ahmed Rajan, Senior Associate, Webber Wentzel Qaasim Ganey, Associate, Webber Wentzel and Margeaux Wassenaar, Candidate Attorney, Webber Wentzel Dr Faadhil Adams, Senior Lecturer, UCT</p> | | | |
| LUNCH | | | 13H30 – 14H30 |
| SESSION 4 | BREAKAWAY 1 Venue B | Webber Wentzel | 14H30 – 15H30 |
| <p>The Impact of Sanctions on International Arbitration and Enforcement</p> <p>Moderator: Chandni Gopal, Partner, Webber Wentzel</p> <p>Panellist: Lele Modise, Group Chief Legal and Regulatory Affairs Officer, MTN</p> <p>Panellist: Neil Boyd, Counsel, Linklaters</p> <p>Panellist: Trevor Versfeld, Partner, Webber Wentzel</p> | | | |
| BREAKAWAY 2 Venue C | | | JSA/AFT |
| <p>Energy, Infrastructure and Transition Risk: Arbitration at the Centre of Africa's Commercial Transformation</p> <p>Moderator: Adv Kerusha Pillay</p> <p>Panellist: Clive Hendricks</p> <p>Panellist: Adv Don Mahon SC</p> <p>Panellist: Adv Lintle Tuke</p> <p>Panellist: Peter Tshisevhe</p> <p>Panellist: Mmisele Freedom Qumba</p> | | | |
| TEA BREAK | | | 15H30 – 15H50 |
| SESSION 5 | BREAKAWAY 1 Venue B | CDH | 16H00 – 17H00 |
| <p>Critical Minerals, Energy Security & Strategic Supply Chains: Disputes in the New Geopolitical Battleground</p> <p>Moderator: Denise Durand, Director, CDH</p> <p>Panellist: Clive Rumsey, Director & Sector Head, CDH</p> <p>Panellist: Jackwell Feris, Director & Sector Head, CDH</p> <p>Panellist: Vivien Chaplin, Director & Sector Head, CDH</p> <p>Panellist: Burton Meyer, Director, CDH</p> | | | |
| BREAKAWAY 2 Venue C | | | Jus Mundi |
| <p>The Use of AI in Arbitration Proceedings</p> <p>Moderator: Sarah McKenzie, Partner, Webber Wentzel</p> <p>Panellist: Alexandre Vagenheim, VP Institutional & Legal Affairs</p> <p>Panellist: Prof Fola Adeleke, Executive Director of the Global Centre on AI Governance, University of the Witwatersrand</p> <p>Panellist: Prof Sylvia Papadopoulos, Associate Professor, Department of Private Law UP, and a member of the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA – Consumer Advisory Panel)</p> | | | |
| GALA DINNER | BALLROOM | | 18H30 for 19H00 |

DAY 3: Thursday 7 May 2026

| SESSION 1 | PLENARY Venue A | AFSA Initiative | 09H00 – 09H45 |
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| | <p>ADR as Critical Infrastructure in Africa's Critical Mineral Value Retention for Sustainable Development</p> <p>Moderator: Jackwell Feris, Director & Head of Industrialisation, Manufacturing and Trade Sector, Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr (CDH)</p> <p>Panellist: Deprose Muchena, Director, Resources Future Program, Open Society Foundations (OSF)</p> <p>Panellist: Mkhululi Ncube, Programs Management Officer, Africa Minerals Development Centre (AMDC)</p> <p>Panellist: Kossi Toulassi, Head of Industrialization, Trade, Markets & Economic Analysis African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)</p> <p>Panellist: Dr. Claude Kabemba, Executive Director, Southern Africa Resource Watch (SARW)</p> <p>Panellist: Justice David Unterhalter, ALSF Representative</p> | | |
| SESSION 2 | PLENARY Venue A | AFSA Initiative | 09H45 – 10H30 |
| | <p>Legal Sector Contribution towards Revamp of an Inclusive Africa Mining Vision Compact: ESK, Business and Human Rights Considerations</p> <p>Moderator: Angelista Nashon, Partner, Africorp, Tanzania.</p> <p>Panellist: Lauren Hermanus, Co-Founding Director, Southern Transitions</p> <p>Panellist: Alaka Ligonzo, Partnership Lead - Africa, Global Witness</p> <p>Panellist: Mutuso Dhlwayo, Executive Director, Zimbabwe Environmental Law Organisation</p> <p>Panellist: Darlington Muyambwa, Business & Human Rights Consultant, Danish Institute for Human Rights</p> | | |
| SESSION 3 | PLENARY Venue A | AFSA Strategic Partnerships/ Signing Ceremony | 10H30 – 10H45 |
| | <p>Moderators: Adv Tshepo Sibeko SC, AFSA Board Member Adv Svetlana Vasileva, AFSA Secretary General</p> <p>MOU Signing with AUDA-NEPAD and AMDC</p> <p>Signatories: Andile Nikani, AFSA CEO Signatories: Mrs Nardos Bekele Thomas, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD Signatories: Mkhululi Ncube, Head of Programs, AMDC</p> <p>The UCT Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Unit of the Law Faculty of the University Of Cape Town</p> <p>Signatories: Andile Nikani, AFSA CEO Signatories: Dr Faadhil Adams, Senior Lecturer, UCT Signatories: Prof Lise Bosman, AFSA Court President and Executive Director of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)</p> <p>Chamber Of Arbitrators, Belarus</p> <p>Signatories: Andile Nikani, AFSA CEO Signatories: Dr Aleksei Korochkin, Chair</p> <p>Russian Arbitration Association</p> <p>Signatories: Andile Nikani, AFSA CEO Signatories: Roman Zykov, Secretary General</p> <p>Swiss Arbitration Centre</p> <p>Signatories: Andile Nikani, AFSA CEO Signatories: Korinna von Trotha, Executive Director and Guillaume Tattevin</p> <p>AFSA International Rules Translation</p> <p>Representative: Prof Lise Bosman, AFSA Court President and Executive Director of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)</p> <p>Representative: Rajeev Sharma Fokeer, FTPA Avocats, France</p> <p>Representative: Dimetrio Manjate and Pascoal Bie, Moçambique</p> <p>Representative: Dr K. Wyne Mutuma, Wyne & Associates, Kenya</p> | | |

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| TEA BREAK | | 10H45 – 11H10 |
| SESSION 4 | PLENARY Venue A AFSA | 11H15 – 12H30 |
| <p>Collaborating for Credibility: Institutional Cooperation and the Future of Arbitration in Africa</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Jamsheed Peeroo, Bar of England and Wales (36 Stone), the Mauritian Bar (Peeroo Chambers)</p> <p>Panellist: Adv Svetlana Vasileva, AFSA Secretary General</p> <p>Panellist: Dr Henry Murigi, NCIA CEO</p> <p>Panellist: Dr Dalia Hussein, CRCICA Director</p> <p>Panellist: Victor Mugabe, KIAC Secretary General</p> <p>Panellist: Karim M'ziani, Legal Counsel at the PCA, and the Registrar of the MIAC</p> <p>Panellist: Guillaume Tattevin, Swiss Arbitration Centre</p> <p>Panellist: Korinna von Trotha, Executive Director of ASA and the Swiss Arbitration Centre</p> <p>Panellist: Adv Henk Louw, Chair CIArb South Africa Branch</p> <p>Panellist: Dr Aleksei Korochkin, Chair Arbitration Chambers, Belarus</p> <p>Panellist: Dr John Nyanje, Africa Germany Arbitration Cooperation (AfgAC), LawCom.Institute</p> | | |
| SESSION 5 | PLENARY Venue A Young AFSA | 12H30 – 13H30 |
| <p>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</p> <p>An Oxford-style debate focusing on audience persuasion, with two opposing sides arguing the motion.</p> | | |
| SESSION 6 | PLENARY Venue A | 13H30 – 14H00 |
| Conference Theme: Looking to the Future | | |
| CLOSING | PLENARY Venue A | 14H00 – 14H15 |
| LUNCH | | 14H15 – 15H15 |

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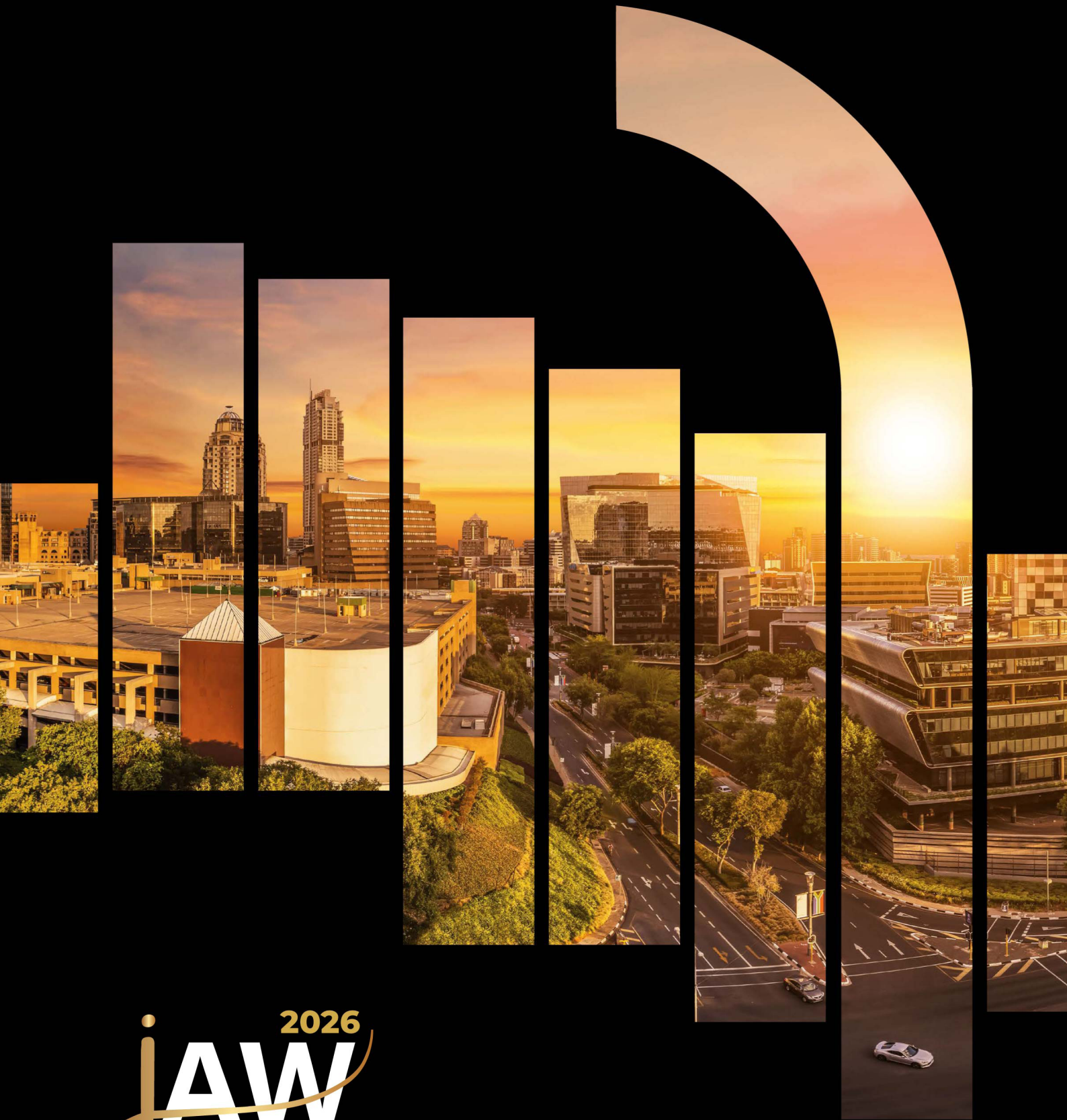


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