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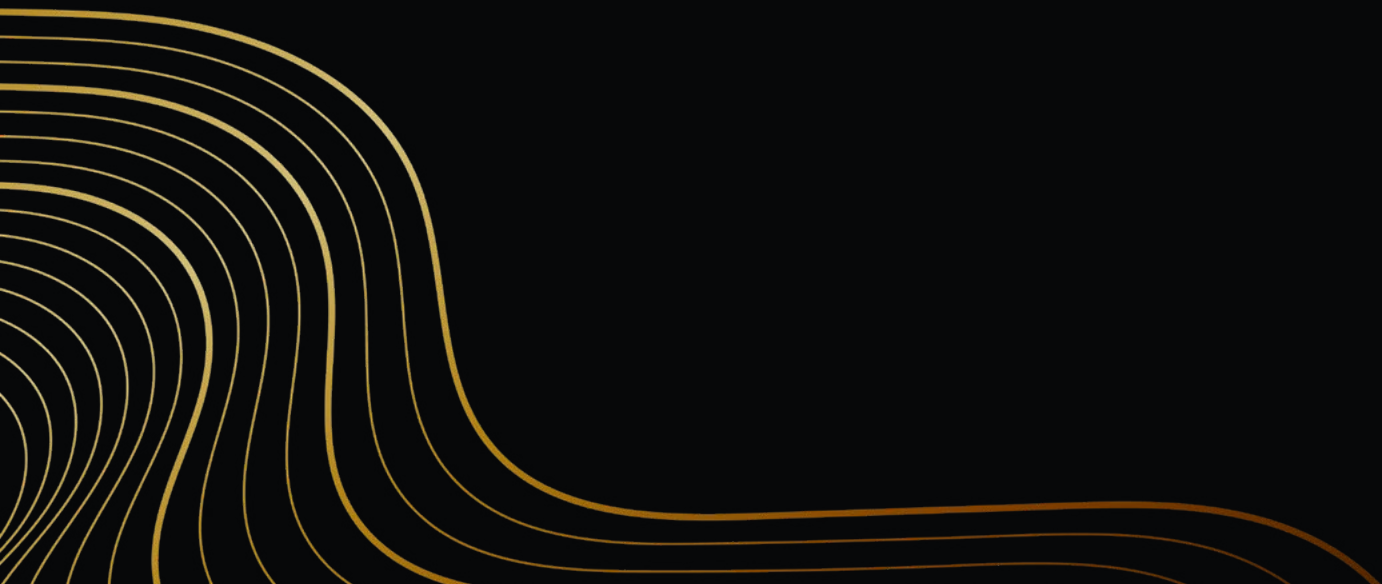
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Dear colleagues, partners and co-hosts,

Welcome to the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa Johannesburg Arbitration Week 2026 (AFSA JAW 2026).

It is a privilege to host you at this event, where the continent's leading minds in arbitration, law, business, policy and infrastructure converge to shape the future of dispute-resolution in Africa. Under the theme "Arbitration in a fragmented global order: the future of trade, investment and sustainable development", JAW 2026 could not be more timely.

As we have seen in recent times, shifting alliances, competing regulatory regimes and heightened geopolitical risk, have directly impacted cross-border trade, investment security and the stability needed for long-term development. Arbitration sits at the intersection of these forces: it is the tool that, when properly designed, can reduce uncertainty, protect investments, and safeguard relationships even when the broader order feels divided.

This year's theme challenges us to ask hard questions: how do we ensure that arbitration remains truly independent, efficient and trusted in an era of fragmentation? How do we harness technology, ESG-aligned disputes practice, and regional cooperation to make Africa a more attractive and predictable destination for investment?

We invite you to lean into the conversations, challenge the status quo, and build partnerships that endure long after JAW 2026 concludes. Please join AFSA and our co-hosts at the social and networking events on offer, and be sure to attend our gala dinner on Wednesday night, where we can enjoy each other's company and sample South African cuisine.

With warm regards,

Andile Nikani

Chief Executive Officer

Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA)

HOST

AFSA was established 30 years ago as a neutral, non-governmental, dispute resolution centre. By 2023 AFSA had been independently rated by SOAS, University of London, as the top arbitration centre in Africa. AFSA maintains specialized separate rules, procedures and administrative expertise for the resolution of international, regional and domestic disputes.

The AFSA domestic division administers 300 – 400 business disputes each year through its headquarters in Sandton and its branches in Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban, Limpopo, the Garden Route and the Eastern Cape. Regionally, the AFSA SADC Division has standardized and harmonized arbitration practice among 12 member states from SADC, representing a partnership association larger in both territory and population than the USA. The AFSA International Division applies a light touch administration to international disputes under the aegis of its Secretary-General and case handlers. Court members who oversee its work are drawn from amongst the leading practitioners in international arbitration working with panels of eminent international practitioners.

AFSA provides comprehensive training in dispute resolution in partnership with the University of Pretoria.

AFSA is a founding member of CAJAC (the China-Africa Joint Arbitration Centre) and represents South Africa in the creation of a BRICS arbitral mechanism.

AFSA is a non-profit and self-funding institution numbering leading local and international attorney and accounting firms, bars and other stakeholders amongst its founding members.



HONOURABLE GUESTS



HE JOAQUIM ALBERTO CHISSANO
FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF MOZAMBIQUE

Born 22 October 1939, served as President of Mozambique from 1986 to 2005. Educated in Mozambique, Portugal and France, he joined FRELIMO in 1962 under Eduardo Mondlane. As President, he led major reforms, including the 1990 Constitution introducing multiparty democracy, and oversaw the 1992 General Peace Agreement with RENAMO, ending civil war. He won elections in 1994 and 1999 and stepped down voluntarily in 2005. Renowned for his role in mediation and conflict resolution, he has served the United Nations as Special Envoy for Guinea-Bissau, chaired the International Committee of Eminent Personalities for the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and led initiatives addressing conflicts linked to the Lord's Resistance Army. He has also contributed to peacebuilding efforts across Africa through platforms such as the African Union and SADC, earning global recognition, including the Mo Ibrahim Prize (2007). As a young man, Joaquim Alberto Chissano was already politically active. In 1962, he traveled to Tanzania and became a founding member of the Mozambique Liberation Front (FRELIMO). Chissano played a fundamental role in the 1974 negotiations on the independence of Mozambique, between FRELIMO and the Portuguese Government. Among the many high positions Chissano subsequently held, he was Chairperson of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and Chairperson of the African Union. After retiring from office, he was appointed Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the 2005 Summit to Review the Implementation of the Millennium Declaration, as well as Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General to Guinea-Bissau, and to the LRA-affected areas and from June 2009, as SADC Mediator for Madagascar. He also led the Comité des Sages deployed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to create an enabling environment for the first multiparty democratic elections in that country. Currently, he is the Chairperson of the Joaquim Chissano and of the Forum of Former African Heads of State and Government (Africa Forum). Chissano is member of the board of the Peace Parks Foundation, Club of Madrid, The Hunger Project, and International Crisis Group. President Chissano is also member of the Advisory Council of the World Food Prize Foundation, member of the High-Level Taskforce for the Climate Services at the World Meteorology Organisation, member of the UNCTAD Panel of Eminent Persons, a member of the High-Level Taskforce for the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD).



HE GOODLUCK EBEBE JONATHAN
FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF NIGERIA

Born in Otuoke, Bayelsa State, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan is an academic by training. He holds Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate degrees in Zoology, Hydrobiology, and Fisheries Biology from the University of Port Harcourt. Prior to politics, he worked as a Science Inspector of Education, a lecturer, and an Assistant Director of Environmental Protection and Pollution Control at the Oil Mineral Producing Areas Development Commission (now NDDC). Dr. Jonathan's political trajectory saw him rise from Deputy Governor of Bayelsa State to Governor, before being elected Vice President of Nigeria. He later became Acting President and, in 2011, President. His administration's 'Transformation Agenda' expanded agriculture, industry, and the creative sector, and under his leadership, Nigeria became Africa's largest economy, with a GDP exceeding \$500 billion. He also championed democratic reforms, enacting the Freedom of Information Act and promoting free, fair, credible elections, rule of law, and gender equity. In a historic act that prioritized national stability, he peacefully conceded the 2015 election to avert bloodshed. On the continental stage, he served as Chair of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government, helping stabilize democracies in nine countries within the sub-region. During his tenure, Nigeria secured two seats on the UN Security Council. He received the highest national honours from Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, Mali, and Sierra Leone for his role in stabilising democracy in West Africa. Since leaving office, Dr. Jonathan founded and chairs the Goodluck Jonathan Foundation, and convenes the West African Elders Forum, mediating elections and socio-political crises across the sub-region. He has led election observation missions for the Commonwealth, African Union, ECOWAS, NDI, and EISA in over a dozen nations. His global appointments include: Chairman of the African Chapter of the International Summit Council for Peace; Member of the Kofi Annan Foundation Electoral Integrity Initiative; ECOWAS Special Envoy to Mali; Chair of the ECOWAS Council of the Wise; the first Sub-Saharan African on the ECAM Council International Advisory Board; and, recently, Patron of the PAN Africa Tourism Board. He has also advised The Gambia on constitutional consensus and South Sudan on peace implementation. He is a Fellow of multiple professional bodies, including the Nigerian Environmental Society, the Fisheries Society of Nigeria, and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International.



HE UHURU MUIGAI KENYATTA
FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF KENYA

President (Rtd) Uhuru Kenyatta, who served as Kenya's fourth President from 2013 to 2022, is a prominent African leader recognized for advancing peace, security, and regional integration. During and after his presidency, he has played key roles in peace processes in South Sudan, Ethiopia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and is serving on high-level panels under the African Union. He is a strong advocate for inclusive governance and youth empowerment, and he championed reforms aimed at strengthening Africa's voice on the global stage. In retirement, President Kenyatta remains actively engaged in promoting peace, stability, and leadership development across the continent. His continued efforts reflect a commitment to sustainable growth, unity, and long-term progress for Africa, reinforcing his legacy as a dedicated and forward-looking statesman.



HE ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF
FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF LIBERIA

Her Excellency President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, was Liberia's and Africa's first democratically elected female Head of State. Internationally known as "Africa's Iron Lady," President Johnson Sirleaf is a leading promoter of freedom, peace, justice, women's empowerment, and democratic rule. She led Liberia through reconciliation and recovery following the nation's two decade-long civil war as well as through its Ebola crisis, winning international acclaim for achieving economic, social, and political change. Recognised as a global leader for women's empowerment, President Johnson Sirleaf was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2011. A recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States' highest civilian award, and the Grand Croix of the Légion d'Honneur, France's highest public distinction. She has been awarded honours by other countries and universities around Africa and beyond. And in 2017, former President Sirleaf, as the first female recipient, was awarded the Mo Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership, which celebrates excellence in African leadership. In May 2012, she was appointed co-chair of the UN Secretary General's High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, tasked with crafting a roadmap for global recovery and sustainable development – the Sustainable Development Goals. In June 2016, she was elected the first female Chairperson of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and was appointed by the Secretary-General appointed her Co-Chair the High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism and later in 2020, the Director-General of WHO appointed her Co-chair along with Helen Clark on the Independent Panel for Pandemic Response to investigate the spread and origin of COVID-19 and recommendation. Madam President is a member of several Boards including The Elders, Mastercard Foundation, Mo Ibrahim Foundation Prize Member, African Women Leadership Network, Climate Governance Commission, Africa Europe Foundation and many others. In 2023, she was honored with a TIME 100 Impact Award at the inaugural Africa Summit for a leadership legacy marked by the relentless pursuit of justice, equality and peace and the Reach Awards Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her work to improve healthcare systems in Africa and around the world. Post Presidency and in the wake of COVID-19, on March 8, 2020, she launched the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Presidential Center for Women and Development which aims to create a network of accomplished women across Africa, facilitating an open and honest exchange of ideas and creating opportunities for them to develop new skills for public service leadership. She has written widely on financial, development, and human rights issues, and in 2008 she published her critically acclaimed memoir, This Child Will Be Great.



JUDGE MODIBA ADJP

Lebo Modiba is a Judge of the High Court of South Africa, Gauteng Local Division, since 1996 and a judge of the Electoral Court since 2021. She acted as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeal from 1 December 2024 to 30 September 2025 and has been appointed to serve as the Deputy Judge President of the Gauteng Division, Johannesburg for the second court term, 2026. Judge Modiba holds a B Proc (University of the Witwatersrand, 1994) and a Master of Laws in Human Rights and Constitutional Practice (University of Pretoria, 1997). She also holds a master's degree in public administration (Harvard University USA, 2005) and is a Harvard Mason Fellow, 2005. She was admitted as an attorney of the High Court of South Africa in 1997 and commenced practicing as an attorney in the same year at the State Attorney, Pretoria. Between 1998 and 2005, Judge Modiba worked on various access to justice reform initiatives. In 2007, she co-founded and was the director of Modiba & Associates Inc, a Johannesburg-based attorneys' practice. She continued in this role until her elevation to the bench in 2016. Her extensive work experience as an activist, public official and legal practitioner exposed her constitutional law, administrative law, labour law, commercial law, policy development and legislative drafting.



JUDGE SUTHERLAND DJP (RET)

Judge Roland Sutherland is a recently retired Deputy Judge President of the Gauteng High Court, Johannesburg, concluding a distinguished legal career of over five decades in January 2026. Beginning as a court clerk in 1968, he rose through the ranks as a prosecutor, state advocate, and senior counsel at the Johannesburg Bar, earning silk in 1995. Appointed as a permanent judge in 2012 after many years of acting service, he went on to serve in key judicial roles, including in the Labour Appeal Court and as an acting judge in the Supreme Court of Appeal. Widely respected for his expertise in labour law, constitutional law, and dispute resolution, Judge Sutherland has authored influential judgments and contributed significantly to legal ethics, holding a master's degree in applied ethics. He has also played a prominent leadership role within the legal profession, including chairing the Johannesburg Bar Council and contributing to the General Council of the Bar. Known for his strong administrative leadership, he has been instrumental in improving court efficiency in one of South Africa's busiest divisions.



JUDGE NORMAN DAVIS ADJP

Judge Norman Davis was born in Pretoria but is of Scottish descent. He holds the following degrees: B. Com (University of Pretoria), LLB (University of Pretoria) and LLM (University of South Africa). He is a qualified arbitrator, mediator and aircraft crash investigator. He was first admitted as a solicitor/attorney, whereafter he practised as a barrister/advocate of the High Court of South Africa from 1990. He was awarded silk and appointed as Senior Counsel in 2006. He served as a member of the Pretoria Bar Council since 2010 and later as Chairperson of the same Bar Council. He was thereafter a member of the Advocates for Transformation, as the only white member of its Pretoria branch at the time. After having acted as a judge on numerous occasions since taking silk, he was elevated to the bench permanently from 1 January 2018 and is attached to the Gauteng Division of the High Court of South Africa. He has acted as the Deputy Judge President in the Pretoria seat of the Gauteng Division on separate occasions in 2025 and 2026. Judge Davis has been actively involved in advocacy training for more than 20 years and recently also in mediation and judicial training in collaboration with the South African Judicial Education Institute (SAJEI).



JUDGE DAVID UNTERHALTER

Until his appointment as a Judge in 2018, Judge Unterhalter was one of South Africa's foremost silks, having appeared in a large number of cases in the fields of trade law, competition law, constitutional law, and commercial law as well as various high-profile cases heard in the Supreme Court of Appeal and the Constitutional Court. Judge Unterhalter has acted as an advisor to the South African Department of Trade and Industry, and he has served on a number of WTO dispute settlement panels. He served as a member of the WTO Appellate Body and its Chairman for 2 terms. Judge Unterhalter holds degrees from Trinity College, Cambridge, the University of the Witwatersrand, and University College Oxford. He has been a Professor of Law at the University of the Witwatersrand since 1998 and from 2000 – 2006, he served as the Director of the Mandela Institute, University of the Witwatersrand, an institute focusing upon global law. Judge Unterhalter has published widely in the fields of public law and competition law.



JUDGE SANDILE NGCOBO CJ (RET)

Justice S. Sandile Ngcobo is the former Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa. He holds a B. Proc degree from the University of Zululand, an LLB from the University of Natal, and an LLM from Harvard Law School. Chief Justice Ngcobo also spent a year as law clerk and research associate of the late Honourable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., the former Chief Judge of the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. His career was interrupted for a year in 1976 when he was detained and held in solitary confinement following the student uprising of 1976. Chief Justice Ngcobo set up the Legal Aid Services Clinic of the University of Natal, Durban and became its first acting Director. His judicial experience includes appointment as a part-time presiding officer in the labour Court, then known as Industrial Courts; presiding officer of the Independent Election Commission's Electoral Tribunal, during the first democratic election in South Africa; a judge of the Supreme Court, Cape of Good Hope Provincial Division; a judge of the Labour Appeal Court; and a judge on the amnesty committee of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In 1999, Chief Justice Ngcobo was appointed the acting Judge President of the Labour Courts and Labour Appeal Court. In August 1999, he was appointed by former President Nelson Mandela to the Constitutional Court and he became Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa in 2009, a post he held until his retirement in 2011. He is presently an acting Judge of the Supreme Court of Namibia. He regularly teaches as a visiting professor at various universities in the US, including Columbia University School of Law and Harvard Law School. He was recently appointed visiting Professor of Law at Cornell Law School for the autumn of 2014. In August 2013 he was appointed to Chair the Commission of Inquiry into Remuneration and Conditions of Service in the Public Service. He is the Chairperson of the Appeal Tribunal of The Ombudsman for Short-Term Insurance. Between 1 September and 31 October 2013, he was a fellow at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study, where he was researching the theory and practice of judicial review. His awards include the Ethekwini Living Legend Award; and the prestigious Sydney and Felicia Kentridge award. He is the Honorary Deputy President of the General Council of the Bar of South Africa.



JUDGE MARGIE VICTOR

Judge Margie Victor is a distinguished legal practitioner and jurist with a career spanning over four decades, marked by a strong commitment to justice, transformation, and alternative dispute resolution. Her professional journey began as a qualified social worker, before she transitioned into law, first as an attorney and then as an advocate at the Johannesburg Bar. Over 25 years of advocacy, her practice encompassed environmental law, commercial litigation, and family law. Judge Victor was the first woman elected to the Johannesburg Bar Council, where she championed gender and racial transformation in the legal profession. In 2008, she was appointed as a Judge of the Gauteng Local Division of the High Court of South Africa (Johannesburg). Her judicial career included serving on the Competition Appeal Court, where she acted as Judge President, and as an Acting Justice of both the Supreme Court of Appeal (2016) and the Constitutional Court (2019-2021). She was instrumental in the landmark *Sylvia Mahlangu v Minister of Labour* judgment, which extended workplace injury insurance to domestic workers, integrating constitutional jurisprudence with intersectional considerations of race, gender, and social origin. Through formal mentorship programmes and training workshops, she has mentored countless aspiring judges, legal practitioners, and students locally and internationally. Judge Victor has also served on the Board of the Institute of African Women Lawyers, promoting gender equality across the continent. After retiring from the judiciary, she continued her dedication to dispute resolution as the Ombud for the Long- and Short-Term Insurance industry. Her enduring passion for Alternative Dispute Resolution makes her an invaluable presenter in the AFSA ADR Programme, where she brings her wealth of experience in mediation, arbitration, and judicial excellence.

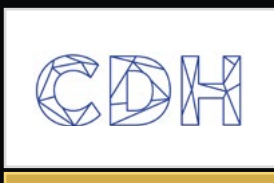
CO-HOSTS



With over 650 lawyers, Bowmans delivers integrated legal services to clients throughout Africa from nine offices in six countries. Bowmans' advice uniquely blends expertise in the law, knowledge of local markets and an understanding of clients' businesses. Clients include corporates, multinationals, funds and financial institutions as well as state-owned enterprises and governments. The firm's dispute resolution experts assist across all methods of resolving conflicts in Africa. These include litigation and alternative dispute resolution methods such as mediation and arbitration. Whether in a courtroom, arbitration/ tribunal hearing or other dispute resolution forum, the team is proactive in resolving disputes in the best interest of its clients, emphasising the need to be efficient and expedient in the chosen course of action. Many of the firm's lawyers are members of relevant arbitration associations and have experience in both domestic and international arbitrations.



The China-Africa Joint Arbitration Centre (CAJAC) was created to resolve disputes arising in the course of trade and investment between Chinese and African business entities. The need for such an institution was identified by the inter-governmental Forum On China-Africa Co-Operation (FOCAC) and CAJAC was created to address that need. CAJAC is a unique partnership. Each of the six partners provides a shared service utilising the same specially crafted rules, panels and procedures enabling disputants to select any of its centres to administer the resolution of a particular dispute. The CAJAC partners are the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA), the Shanghai International Arbitration Centre (SHIAC), the Beijing International Arbitration Centre (BIAC), the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA), the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration Centre (NCIA) and the Organisation for the Harmonisation of Business Law in Africa (OHADA). CAJAC centres are now located in Johannesburg, Nairobi, Cameroon, Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen. The CAJAC Constitution provides for a Guiding Committee to lead partnership activity. The chairmanship of the Guiding Committee rotates annually and AFSA holds the chairmanship for the current year.



At Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr (CDH) we believe the right partnership can lead to great things. The partnerships we cherish and value most are those we have forged through time and experience with our clients and, of course, our people. We are a full service corporate and commercial law firm and provide experienced support wherever in the world you conduct business. We offer an authentic knowledge-based and cost-effective service for clients looking to do business in Africa. Our Africa practice brings together the resources and expertise of leading business law firms across the continent. With first hand, in-depth experience, our Africa lawyers offer sector-specific insights and knowledge of regulatory nuances to provide an exceptional integrated service. Whatever the scope of your transaction, we offer a depth of skills and experience to support your day-to-day business needs and long-term strategies. Our structure suits many clients that operate on a national, African, and global basis. We are able to project manage complex cross-border activity and offer a seamless experience through a single point of contact with a trusted CDH adviser who understands your business and strategic objectives.



The Johannesburg Society of Advocates (JSA) is South Africa's largest Bar and one of Africa's leading centres of legal excellence. For decades, it has cultivated an association of specialist advocates renowned for their intellectual ability, ethical integrity, and forensic skill. Its members are at the forefront of complex commercial dispute resolution, with particular strength in arbitration across sectors such as construction, mining, energy, and finance. Drawing on deep expertise and a culture of disciplined preparation, the JSA continues to play a pivotal role in both domestic and international arbitrations. Committed to the advancement of the profession, the Society fosters mentorship, transformation, and continuous development, ensuring that its members remain equipped to meet the evolving demands of modern dispute resolution. In doing so, the JSA reinforces its position as a trusted forum for specialist advocacy and arbitration excellence in Africa.



Founded in 2019 and recognised as a mission-led company, Jus Mundi is a pioneer in the legal technology industry dedicated to powering global justice through artificial intelligence. Headquartered in Paris, with additional offices in New York, London, and Singapore, Jus Mundi serves over 150,000 users from law firms, multinational corporations, governmental bodies, and academic institutions in more than 90 countries. Through its proprietary AI technology, Jus Mundi provides global legal intelligence, data-driven arbitration professional selection, and business development services.



Webber Wentzel established a dedicated international arbitration practice over 15 years ago. With a strong focus on Africa, the team has represented multinational corporations, sovereign states, international organisations, and investors in both commercial and investor-state arbitrations across a wide range of jurisdictions. The team has experience under the rules of most major arbitral institutions and regularly represents clients in ad hoc arbitrations, including under the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Arbitration Rules. The firm is represented across key global and regional arbitration bodies, including the ICC International Court of Arbitration, the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, the ICC Nominations Committee, AFRICA ADR and AFSA (including its Board of Directors, Management Committee for International Arbitration, and Young AFSA). Our international arbitration practice is the only South African firm that is ranked in the GAR 100 and is consistently recognised in Band 1 for Dispute Resolution by Chambers Global and Legal 500. Our partners are recognised as leaders in international arbitration by Chambers Global, Legal 500 and Who's Who Legal Arbitration (Lexology).



SPEAKERS

AISHA ABDALLAH

PARTNER AND HEAD OF DISPUTES | ALN KENYA: ANJARWALLA & KHANNA LL



Aisha is a Partner at ALN Kenya | Anjarwalla & Khanna where she heads the regional Dispute Resolution department. She has substantial experience in complex, high value cross border disputes and is dual qualified as an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and Solicitor of England and Wales. Aisha is recognised as one of the leading arbitration practitioners and has been appointed as arbitrator by leading international centres. She is the only Kenyan arbitrator on the Court of Arbitration for Sport General Panel and was also appointed to the governing body of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) in 2025. In July 2025 Aisha was appointed as the chair of the international arbitration committee of the International Association for Defense Counsel (IADC). Aisha is highly regarded by both Chambers Global and Legal 500 for disputes.

DR FAADHIL ADAMS

SENIOR LECTURER | UCT



Dr. Faadhil Adams is Senior Lecturer in Commercial Law at the University of Cape Town (UCT), and the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) Representative in South Africa. A former Legal Counsel at the PCA in The Hague, Faadhil specialises in international arbitration, private international law, and cross-border commercial transactions. His expertise lies in investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS), commercial arbitration, and non-state law in contracts.

FOLA ADELEKE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | GLOBAL CENTRE ON AI GOVERNANCE



Prof. Fola Adeleke is the Executive Director and co-founder of the Global Center on AI Governance. Fola leads our knowledge hub, the African observatory on Responsible AI. He holds a PhD in international investment law and human rights from the University of Witwatersrand and completed his post-doctoral research as a Fulbright Scholar at the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, Columbia University and the Human Rights Program, Harvard University. Fola is also a Visiting Associate Professor at Wits Law School South Africa, an Atlantic Senior Fellow on Social and Economic Equity at the London School of Economics and an Assistant Professor in Commercial Law at the Sobey Business School, St Mary's University, Canada. Fola previously served as a co-chair of the Trust and Regulation workstream for the development of South Africa's National AI Strategy under the National Advisory Council on Innovation. Fola has also served on various advisory teams including in the development of Nigeria's AI strategy and the African Commission and People's Rights study on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights in Africa.

NICK ALP

PARTNER | WEBBER WENTZEL



Neil specialises in complex cross-border disputes, with a particular focus on international arbitration and related court proceedings. Neil has acted in both investment and commercial arbitrations with sector experience including oil and gas, chemicals and financial services. He also regularly works as part of a team with the firm's transactional specialists, assisting clients to mitigate contentious risk and avoid disputes before they arise. A Russian speaker, Neil previously spent seven years in our Moscow office, and has particular expertise in disputes connected with the CIS region.

Earlier in his career, Neil spent time on secondment to the London litigation team of a major investment bank.

Prior to his legal studies, Neil read physics at St John's College, University of Oxford.



JAMES BANDA

ARBITRATOR | AFSA INTERNATIONAL AND SADC PANEL

James Banda is the Past-President of the Law Association of Zambia (LAZ) and Past-President of the Southern Africa Development Community Lawyers' Association (SADC-LA). He is also a former Council member of the International Bar Association. He holds a Bachelor of Law degree and a Master of Law Degree in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution. He is an advocate of all the Superior Courts in Zambia. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIARB) and currently serves as the CIARB Zambia Branch Chairman. He also serves as a Commissioner of the Small Claims Court in Zambia. He is member of the Disputes Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) and The Society of Construction Law (SCL). He also serves as the Vice Chairman of the Energy Regulation Board for Zambia. James has held several appointments as arbitrator. James is on both the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA) International Division panel of arbitrators and the AFSA/SADC Division panel. His practice involves advising and representing parties in domestic and international arbitrations, adjudications and court proceedings.



JONATHAN BARNES

PARTNER | BOWMANS

Jonathan is a qualified mediator with South African and United Kingdom qualifications who also specialises in High Court litigation and private arbitration, both internationally and domestically. With expertise in transactional disputes, contractual claims, mining-related litigation, class action lawsuits and urgent High Court proceedings, he has also worked on arbitrations seated in Johannesburg, Paris, London and Mauritius facing tribunals convened under the auspices of the ICC, the LCIA and AFSA.



BRUNO BARATA

SENIOR PARTNER | BCDM LAW

BCDM Law. He serves as Co-President of the UAE-Brazil Chamber of Commerce and holds leadership roles across global legal, innovation, and sustainability forums.

A Specialist in Leadership from Harvard Law School and holder of a Master's from Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV), Bruno is a Professor at the Legal Technology & Innovation Institute (UK) and the High Institute of Legal Training (UAE). He sits on the boards of ALPS Academy (Switzerland), New Law Institute (Brazil), and the Exame Compliance Guide, and is a Member of the Anti-Corruption Working Group of the United Nations Global Compact. Bruno also contributes to high-level international bodies, including as Vice-President of the Legal Council of the Brazilian Federation of Foreign Chambers of Commerce; Secretary-General of Brazil at the BRICS Legal Forum; Member of the Executive Committees of the Legal G20 and the European Union-Mercosur Legal Forum; President of the International Relations Committee of the National Brazilian Bar Association (OAB); and Brazil Representative at the World Bank Forum for SDG 16. Additionally, he is a Board Member of the Belt and Road International Legal Services Association (BRILSA - China) and Member of the National Commission for Sustainable Development Goals (CNODS) of the Presidency of the Republic of Brazil.



DELIN BEUKES

CEO | CHINA-AFRICA JOINT ARBITRATION CENTRE

Deline, a graduate from the University of Pretoria, acquired extensive experience in marketing and advertising before being appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Advertising Standards Authority of South Africa, a body responsible for the resolution of advertising disputes. She also represented South Africa at the European Advertising Standards Alliance in Brussels for more than 10 years. In 2009, she joined the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA) to develop an alternative dispute resolution mechanism to deal with cross-border commercial disputes arising on the continent of Africa. In view of the rapid development of trade and investment between China and Africa, AFSA and the Shanghai International Arbitration Centre (SHIAC) joined hands in 2015 to establish the China-Africa Joint Arbitration Centre (CAJAC) in Johannesburg and in Shanghai and Deline was appointed CEO of CAJAC Johannesburg.



PASCOAL BIE

LAWYER | DMPBA

Pascoal Bié is a Mozambican lawyer and consultant, focusing his practice on commercial, civil, labor, litigation (civil, administrative and criminal) and arbitration law. With more than a decade's experience as a lawyer, he has advised several Mozambican and foreign entities on various aspects of employment law, with special emphasis on corporate restructuring situations. He has also advised clients from various sectors, such as manufacturing, mining, communications, tourism and transportation, on litigation, corporate/M&A and commercial contracts. He regularly assists national and foreign clients in arbitration proceedings brought in Mozambique, with special emphasis on commercial arbitration. He regularly assists clients in the banking sector in credit recovery, criminal and labor litigation and has also provided legal advice in several collective dismissal and company restructuring cases.

Pascoal is an assistant lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo. He has an LLM in International Dispute Resolution from Queen Mary University of London. He is a registered arbitrator with CACM – Centro de Arbitragem, Conciliação e Mediação de Maputo. Pascoal is the regional representative of the ICC YAAF (Young Arbitrators and ADR Forum), in the Africa Chapter of the ICC for the 2021-2024 term.



LISE BOSMAN

PROFESSOR | AFSA COURT PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Lise Bosman is based at the Peace Palace in The Hague, as Executive Director of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) and Senior Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA). She is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa, and Co-director of the UCT Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Unit. She currently serves as President of the AFSA International Court of Arbitration. Lise is the General Editor and contributing author to *Arbitration in Africa: a Practitioner's Guide*; General Editor of the *ICCA International Handbook on Commercial Arbitration*; and General Editor of the *UCT Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Collected Papers*. She is a founding member of the Board of the African Arbitration Association. Her areas of specialisation are: international commercial arbitration law and practice; the practice and development of international arbitration in Africa; international investment law; investor-State arbitration; and State-State arbitration.



NEIL BOYD

COUNSEL | LINKLATERS

Neil specialises in complex cross-border disputes, with a particular focus on international arbitration and related court proceedings. Neil has acted in both investment and commercial arbitrations with sector experience including oil and gas, chemicals and financial services. He also regularly works as part of a team with the firm's transactional specialists, assisting clients to mitigate contentious risk and avoid disputes before they arise. A Russian speaker, Neil previously spent seven years in our Moscow office, and has particular expertise in disputes connected with the CIS region.

Earlier in his career, Neil spent time on secondment to the London litigation team of a major investment bank. Prior to his legal studies, Neil read physics at St John's College, University of Oxford.



VIVIEN CHAPLIN

DIRECTOR & SECTOR HEAD | CDH

Vivien Chaplin is a Director in CDH's Corporate & Commercial practice and Head of the Mining & Minerals sector. She brings over 25 years of experience advising on local and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, company law and corporate governance issues, and the drafting of specialised commercial contracts.



RACHEL CHIBAYA

FOUNDER | R. CHIBAYA LAW CHAMBERS

Rachel Chibaya is a seasoned Legal Practitioner with over a decade of experience in private practice. Since founding R. Chibaya Law Chambers in 2016, she has established herself as a leading voice in Zimbabwe's legal profession. Her expertise spans from Corporate/Commercial Law, Banking Law, Property Law, Real Estate, Arbitration, International Trade, Mining, Energy and Infrastructure Development transactions, Conveyancing, Notarial Practice, and Civil Law. She holds a Master of Laws in Commercial Law from the University of Zimbabwe (2022) and is a passionate Advocate for Corporate Governance and Professional Integrity. Chibaya currently serves as Vice President of the Law Society of Zimbabwe and represents Harare Region as the Law Society of Zimbabwe Councillor. Internationally, she is an active member of the International Bar Association (UK), the SADC Lawyers Association, and a former Vice President of the Association of European Lawyers in Africa.



KUDAKWASHE CHITANGA

LEGAL MANAGER | FIRST QUANTUM MINERALS

Kudakwashe Chitanga ("Kuda") currently serves as the Regional Manager, Legal, Corporate Services at First Quantum Minerals covering a broad range of areas including legal services, government relations and corporate services. Having spent 5 years with a corporate commercial law firm before joining the mining sector in 2017, Kuda's experience and expertise is centred around executive strategy and risk mitigation in the mining area with a key focus on long term projects. During this time at FQM, Kuda has been responsible for a number of key capital projects in influencing key investment decisions and has led teams responsible for strategic sourcing. Kuda is currently part of the core internal FQM team championing the implementation of the Local Content Regulations. From an academic standpoint, Kuda is a qualified Barrister (Zambia) and holds a Bachelors in Law from the University of Zambia, a Masters in Law from Salford University, a Postgraduate Diploma in Organisational Leadership from Oxford University as well as Executive Finance Certificate from Said Business School, Oxford University. He is currently pursuing a Global Executive MBA from the Alliance Business School at the University of Manchester.



PRIYESH DAYA

LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION SPECIALIST | WEBBER WENTZEL

During the JSA session, Priyesh Dhaya will introduce the perspective of commercial practice at the highest level of international arbitration. His experience, including his role within the International Chamber of Commerce Court of Arbitration, places him at the point where arbitration is actually used by commercial actors and where dispute resolution clauses are shaped by commercial risk. His contribution will address the determinants of arbitral seat selection, including perceptions of judicial reliability, enforcement certainty, institutional credibility, neutrality, cost, expertise and the pricing of risk in commercial transactions. He is expected to interrogate, with candour, why arbitration clauses in African transactions continue to designate foreign seats, thereby exposing the divergence between institutional aspiration and market behaviour.



MUTUSO DHLIWAYO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | ZIMBABWE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ORGANISATION

Mutuso Dhlwayo is a lawyer and the Executive Director of the Zimbabwe Environmental Law Organisation (ZELO). He holds a masters in Constitutional and Human Rights Law (LLM) from Midlands State University, Zimbabwe and a Masters in Environment and Development from University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. He also holds a Bachelor of Laws Honors degree (LLBS) Degree from the University of Zimbabwe. He recently obtained Environmental , Social and Governance (ESG) investment certification from CFA Institute. The focus of his work is to ensure responsible investments by promoting access to information, participation and accountability including the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) , Independent Redress Mechanisms and Operational Grievance Redress Mechanisms.



DIAMANA DIAWARA

PARTNER, INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION | TALEX INTERNATIONAL

Diamana Diawara brings 15 years of experience in international litigation and arbitration, including over a decade at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the world's leading institution for dispute resolution. Her unique expertise is applied daily in arbitration proceedings where she serves as counsel and an arbitrator, providing strategic and pragmatic insights to meet the needs of her clients and the stakeholders involved in cases where she sits as arbitrator. A lawyer admitted to the Paris Bar, Diamana stands out particularly in the area of litigation involving state parties in Africa. She has facilitated the resolution of over a thousand ICC arbitration cases, covering complex disputes between parties from the Middle East, Africa, and French-speaking Europe.



DENISE DURAND

DIRECTOR | CDH

Denise Durand is a Director in the Dispute Resolution practice with experience across a wide range of complex commercial disputes. Her work spans High Court litigation and arbitration, with a particular focus on matters arising in regulated and resource-intensive industries. She advises clients on contentious commercial, contractual, and regulatory issues, often in matters with significant operational, financial and reputational implications. She has particular expertise in mining-related disputes, including matters under the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, challenges to mining rights, illegal mining, encroachments on mining areas, and engagements with traditional councils and government authorities in relation to community land. In addition to dispute resolution, Denise advises on regulatory compliance, statutory interpretation and risk management, and is frequently involved in crisis response and reputation-sensitive matters.



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DIRECTOR & SECTOR HEAD | CDH

Jackwell Feris is a Director and the Head of the Industrials, Manufacturing & Trade Sector at CDH. As Sector Head, he leads the firm's advisory work in emerging and future-facing industries, including green hydrogen and energy transition sectors that rely on critical minerals. With more than 16 years of experience, Jackwell advises governments, state-owned entities, multinational corporates, and investors across the Oil & Gas, Mining & Minerals, Energy, Infrastructure, and Transport sectors. His work spans complex policy, regulatory, governance, and commercial risk issues affecting major mining and energy projects, including transactional structuring, licensing, regulatory compliance, project implementation, and the design and execution of Public Private Partnership (PPP) and Private Sector Participation (PSP) frameworks



SIR CLIVE FREEDMAN

JUDGE

Sir Clive Freedman practises a broad range of commercial law at all levels of higher courts up to the Supreme Court. He was in many high-profile trials and was The Times' Lawyer of the Week. He appeared in over 50 cases in the Court of Appeal. A large part of his work arose out of joint venture and commercial fraud in the CIS states following the break-up of the Soviet Union. He was called to the Bar in the BVI. Highly rated in the professional directories for commercial dispute resolution, commercial fraud, arbitration, banking and professional negligence. As an advocate, he appeared as counsel in LCIA, LME, ICC and Stockholm Chamber of Commerce arbitrations and ad hoc arbitrations. Sir Clive also appeared in many court challenges to the enforcement of arbitral awards. He has written about arbitration appeals in the first and second editions of Burton on Civil Appeals. He is a visiting professor teaching Private International Law. He is also an accredited mediator. While a Judge of the King's Bench Division between 2018 and 2025 (and as a deputy High Court Judge in the Chancery Division for 15 years before this), he tried numerous trials, most of which were either about commercial law or business disputes. They included banking and finance, employment, franchising, civil fraud, company and insolvency, insurance, injunctions (especially in private international law disputes) and challenges of arbitral awards. A list of representative cases tried by him as a Judge is at the end of his website entry.



RAJEEV SHARMA FOKER

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Rajeev Sharma Fokeer is an Avocat à la Cour (Paris Bar) and barrister (England & Wales). He was also admitted to the Bar of Mauritius, his native country. Partner since 2010, Rajeev's work is essentially international in nature. He is lead counsel to French, multinational and foreign clients especially in matters involving a wide range of complex cross-border commercial issues. With the benefit of his Anglo-French legal training and diverse cultural background, Rajeev has extensive experience in both institutional (ICC, LCIA) and ad hoc international commercial arbitration, his preferred area of practice. He has acquired strong expertise in the field having acted as counsel in over 50 commercial arbitrations. More recently, he was appointed as arbitrator in a MARC arbitration. Rajeev is also listed on the international panel of arbitrators of the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA). He has also been involved in international transactional and corporate restructuring (including the Eurotunnel sauvegarde process and Nortel global sale of assets). Rajeev's experience notably includes international disputes before various French and European Courts (ECJ, ECHR). He has further gained in-depth expertise in World Bank investigations and sanctions. Rajeev holds an honours degree in English law (King's College, London) and a maîtrise degree in French Law (Université de Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne). He also holds a French Master's degree in Law with the option Litigation, Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution (Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas). Having developed a keen interest in the fate of impoverished parties in arbitration, in 2022, he obtained a professional Master's degree in Administration and Liquidation of Distressed Companies ("ALED"), Paris Institute of Legal Studies (University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne). During his master's degree, he wrote a dissertation paper on arbitration awards against French insolvent parties. Rajeev is bilingual in English and French and fluent in Hindi and Mauritian Creole.



QAASIM GANEY

ASSOCIATE | WEBBER WENTZEL

With an LLM from the University of the Witwatersrand, Qaasim has experience in commercial litigation and dispute resolution. His expertise covers a range of legal areas including administrative, constitutional, contract, delict, and property law, providing a comprehensive approach to handling legal disputes in these fields.



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André is a practising senior counsel at the Johannesburg Bar, based in Sandton and a member of Advocates Group 621. A graduate of the University of Cape Town, André has been practising as an advocate since 1981 and was awarded Silk in 1996. He has enjoyed a wide-ranging commercial practice, including credit law, insurance, insolvency, banking, companies, engineering and construction and delict and contract law. He has acted as a High Court Judge and 38 of his judicial decisions have been reported. André authored the chapter on credit agreements in previous editions of Harms' Amler's Precedents and Pleadings. Since 1993, André has arbitrated and adjudicated a wide range of disputes with a particular focus on engineering and construction matters. André has made arbitration the focus of his practice for the last seven years, taking only appointments as arbitrator, adjudicator and mediator. André has served on arbitral tribunals with prominent arbitrators like Michael Kuper SC and Patrick Lane SC, and retired judges of appeal Brand, Howie and Cloete. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Associations of Arbitrators (South Africa), and a panel member of the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa.



CHANDNI GOPAL

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Chandni specialises in complex corporate and commercial dispute resolution. She has experience in high profile and high value domestic and international arbitration, court litigation and regulatory proceedings. Chandni advises a range of local and international clients including major corporates, investors and multi-national organisations in local and cross-border matters. She has developed expertise in numerous sectors, including energy, construction, project finance, retail, ESG and private equity. Chandni contributes to leading annual review publications and has numerous widely publicised articles in the fields of private international law, ESG, energy and natural resources, trade and international arbitration. Chandni spent a year at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of South Africa, clerking for Justice Edwin Cameron. She holds a BCom (Law) and an LLB (cum laude) degree from the University of the Witwatersrand, an LLM in Public Interest Law & Policy (magna cum laude) from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) as a Fulbright Scholar.



CLIVE HENDRICKS

PARTNER AND DIRECTOR | MARAIS MULLER HENDRICKS INCORPORATED

Clive Hendricks will contribute a perspective on the consequences of project failure to the JSA panel. His experience in commercial litigation, insolvency and enforcement places him at the final stage of the dispute lifecycle, where contractual breakdown has already occurred and legal remedies are tested against commercial reality. His contribution will address distressed projects, insolvency pressure, enforcement of rights, recovery mechanisms, regulatory complications and the limits of legal remedies where a project has failed commercially. He therefore completes the panel by addressing what happens when risk materialises and the legal system is required to respond.



LAUREN HERMANUS

CO-FOUNDING DIRECTOR | SOUTHERN TRANSITIONS

A sustainable development researcher and practitioner with 12 years of experience spanning the public and private sectors and academia, Hermanus has worked extensively with IGOs and international development agencies, business, and civil society actors from the community to the international level and across scales. My work bridges gaps between different actors, working to facilitate shared understanding and collaboration. Hermanus works on issues of just transition, climate resilience, sustainable development, and the adaptive and anticipatory governance that underpins these dynamics. In 2023, I co-founded a non-profit climate and transition think tank, Southern Transitions. Its mission is to use evidence, experiments, and new ideas to identify, open and harness real opportunities for just transitions in the global South. I am also a part of the founding team for the Just Transition Lab, which is driving concrete implementation of just transitions.



DALIA HUSSEIN

DIRECTOR | CRCICA

Dr. Dalia Hussein is the Director of CRCICA, the Chair of the CIArb Egypt Branch and Lecturer at the Commercial and Maritime Law Department at the Faculty of Law, Zagazig University. Dr. Hussein has over 24 years of experience in international commercial and investment arbitration. Before joining CRCICA in 2014, she worked as an Administrative Prosecutor and was seconded at the Department of International Cooperation at the Egyptian Ministry of Justice where she worked on a number of investment cases involving Egypt, in addition to issues of international judicial cooperation in civil, commercial and criminal matters. After her resignation, she joined an international arbitration law firm based in Cairo where she represented states and private parties in commercial and investment disputes before many institutions including CRCICA, ICC, ICSID and DIAC. She taught business and contract Law at the French and British universities in Egypt, commercial and investment arbitration at the Institut de Droit des Affaires Internationales at Cairo University and at the French Law Section at Ain Shams University. She also worked as an external legal expert for Arab and Islamic Laws at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law. Dr. Hussein serves as arbitrator and regularly participates as speaker in international conferences. She also published a number of articles and book chapters in Arabic, English and French. She holds a Maîtrise en Droit from Paris I-Pantheon-Sorbonne University, an LL.B. from Cairo University (2000), an LL.M. in International Law from Paris II-Pantheon-Assas University (2001), an LL.M in Private Law from Cairo University (2003), and a PHD in international arbitration from Cairo University (2008). She also holds a Masters of Arts in Arabic Studies from the American University in Cairo (2019). She was a visiting scholar at Lyon III University (2005).



CLAUDE KABEMBA

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Claude Kabemba holds a PhD in International Relations from the University of the Witwatersrand. He has 24 years of progressive experience working with research, advocacy, policy and funding organisations. His main areas of research interest include Political economy of Sub-Saharan Africa with focus on Southern and Central Africa looking specifically on issues of democratization, natural resources governance, election politics, citizen participation, conflict resolution, media, civil society and social policies. His publications span from book chapters, research reports, journals and newspaper articles.



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FAYEEZA KATHREE-SETILOANE

JUDGE

A highly accomplished South African jurist, she holds a BA and LLB from the University of Natal and an LLM from Georgetown University, where she was a Fulbright Scholar. She served as a law clerk at the Constitutional Court in 1995 and completed pupillage at the Johannesburg Bar in 1996. Her early career combined legal research, academia, and human rights work, including roles at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, the Legal Resources Centre, and the University of the Western Cape, where she lectured in international human rights law. She also contributed to South Africa's democratic transition as an Election Administrator with the Independent Electoral Commission in 1994. She began practice as an advocate at the Johannesburg Bar, specialising in constitutional litigation, and after a period in private sector practice as a director at Werksmans Advisory Services, she was appointed as an Acting Judge of the South Gauteng High Court in 2010, and subsequently as a Judge of the High Court.

She has served in multiple acting judicial roles across South Africa's superior courts, including the Supreme Court of Appeal, Constitutional Court, Competition Appeal Court, and Labour Appeal Court. In December 2023, she was appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal. Beyond the bench, she has contributed extensively to legal scholarship, judicial training, and governance, serving on numerous boards, editorial committees, and professional bodies, with a longstanding commitment to human rights, gender justice, and legal development.



PROF MICHAEL KATZ

CHAIRMAN | ENS

Professor Michael Katz is the Chairman at ENS, specialising in corporate and commercial law, including advising on M&A, competition law, tax law, privatisation and deregulation, project finance and non-recourse financing, public-private partnerships, and banking and financial markets. Michael has led many large M&A transactions, both in South Africa and cross-border. He has also led some high-profile hostile bids. Michael is an expert in broad-based black economic empowerment (B-BBEE) advisory, regulatory and compliance, including strategic planning, as well as structuring, implementing and regulating transactions across a wide variety of industries in accordance with the B-BBEE legislation. Michael has deep expertise in all aspects of private equity, including legal due diligence in anticipation of acquisitions by PE funds of portfolio companies, portfolio and investment structuring, regulatory approvals, management incentives, recapitalisations following on altered investment horizons or other changed circumstances, disposal of portfolio companies, IPO's and other exit strategies. Michael is regularly quoted in the media and speaks at a number of international and domestic conferences and high-profile events. Michael publishes numerous articles, chapters and papers on legal and fiscal topics, including co-authoring the Butterworths Company Law Precedents (four volumes) and South Africa's contribution to the United Nations' and Harvard University's Corporate Law Tools Project. Michael often presents papers on legal and fiscal topics, most recently presented a paper at 50th Anniversary of Commonwealth Lawyers in London on "Directors Duties, Shareholder Remedies and Auditor Duties". In 1994, Michael was appointed by the New Democratic Government to chair the Commission of Inquiry into the Tax System. This was the so-called "Katz Commission" and we published nine Reports recommending a significant overhaul of the South African tax system in the light of the new democracy in South Africa and South Africa's position in the world economy.



JOHN KAWANA
PARTNER | BOWMANS

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ALEKSEI KOROCHKIN
CHAIR ARBITRATION CHAMBER | BELARUS

Dr Aleksei Korochkin is a Belarusian legal scholar and arbitrator with a PhD in private international law and the rank of Associate Professor in Law. He has authored over 150 publications on commercial law, international private law, WTO law and sports law. A former court official and legal adviser at Belarusian commercial courts, he now heads a Minsk-based legal advice office for business. He is admitted to the Minsk Regional Bar and the Russian Ministry of Justice and chairs several arbitration bodies, including the International Court of Arbitration, The Chamber of Arbitrators at the Union of Lawyers and the Sports Arbitration Court. He also acts as an arbitrator and mediator under major international rules and institutions, with expertise in sales, IT disputes and sanctions.



MICHAEL KUPER
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Adv Michael Kuper is a Senior Advocate at the Johannesburg Bar and one of South Africa's most prominent arbitration specialists. His practice is focused on complex arbitration matters, including corporate, shareholder, partnership, and broader commercial and investment disputes. He is a recognised authority in both domestic and international arbitration. A seasoned leader in the legal profession, Michael has served three terms as Chairman of the Johannesburg Bar and held the position of Vice-Chairman of the General Council of the Bar. He has also acted as a Judge of the High Court on several occasions, bringing judicial insight to his extensive arbitration and mediation work. Michael's arbitration career spans decades and crosses borders. He has acted as counsel, arbitrator, or mediator in numerous domestic, regional (SADC), and international proceedings. His regional engagements have included cross-border disputes across Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands. Internationally, he has appeared, or presided, in arbitrations seated in the United Kingdom, France, Nigeria, and the United States of America. He has been appointed to panels by prestigious institutions, including the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA). He acted as lead counsel for South Africa before the Permanent Court of Arbitration and has served as Country Rapporteur for South Africa.

Michael also holds panel appointments with multiple international arbitration centres, including:

- Hainan Arbitration Commission
- Shanghai International Arbitration Centre
- Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration
- Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA)
- China-Africa Joint Arbitration Centre (CAJAC)
- BIAC International Arbitration Centre)

He has held an appointment of Research Fellow of the Institute for Belt and Road Initiative and Research Fellow of the Institute of BRICS Leading Studies, East China University of Political Science and Law. He is a member of the Executive Council of ICDPASO. He currently serves as Chairman of both AFSA and CAJAC Johannesburg, continuing to shape arbitration practice and policy across Africa and globally. As a presenter in the AFSA ADR Programme, Michael brings unparalleled insight, international perspective, and thought leadership, allowing participants to learn from one of the foremost figures in the African arbitration landscape.



CAITLIN LEAHY

POSITION

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ALAKA LUGONZO

EXTRACTIVES SECTOR SPECIALIST - SENIOR CIVIL SOCIETY | GLOBAL WITNESS

Alaka Lugonzo is a seasoned programme management professional with over eleven years of experience working at the intersection of community and stakeholder engagement, law, policy, advocacy, gender, business and human rights, and environmental justice within the energy and extractives sectors. Her work spans oil, gas, and mining, with a strong focus on just transition and climate justice.

Over the course of her career, Alaka has led and supported strategic initiatives that strengthen accountability and responsible resource governance across Africa. Her expertise includes project management, strategic partnerships, resource mobilization, and policy engagement. She has extensive experience collaborating with development organisations, donors, governments, extractive industry actors, civil society organisations, coalitions, and regional networks to advance equitable and sustainable approaches to natural resource governance. Alaka is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Energy Law and Policy from the University of Dundee in Scotland. She also holds an Executive Certificate in Oil, Gas and Mining Governance from the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford.

She has also contributed to academic discourse on energy transitions in Africa and authored the chapter "Gender Justice in the Energy Transition Era: Exploring Gender and Technology in the Extractives Sector" in the book *Energy Transitions and the Future of the African Energy Sector: Law, Policy and Governance*.



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Henk Louw is an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa and an Acting Judge of the High Court, holding Chambers in Sandton with the Rivonia Group of Advocates. A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK), where he serves as Chairperson of the South African Branch, the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) and Prime Dispute (UK), he maintains an extensive international arbitration practice spanning panel appointments at AFSA, the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Shanghai International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, the Russian Arbitration Centre, and a number of other institutional bodies across Africa, Asia, and Europe. Accredited as a mediator with the Society of Mediators (London), the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa), and ADR Network SA, he has presided over numerous arbitral disputes, commercial mediations and adjudicates with many reported cases. He is also admitted to practise in the Kingdom of Lesotho, where he serves as an arbitrator with the Law Society of Lesotho and as a member of the Arbitrators Association of Lesotho. In addition to his dispute resolution practice, Henk has contributed to the development of arbitral rules and procedure, including as author of the AFSA Remote Hearing Protocol, a contributor to the Russian Arbitration Centre Dispute Board Rules and the Commercial Court Directive to fast-track arbitral disputes in the High Court.



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DON MAHON

ADVOCATE | JOHANNESBURG SOCIETY OF ADVOCATES

Adv Don Mahon SC contributes a perspective on the role of courts in relation to arbitration. His experience as both arbitrator and acting judge enables him to address the interface between arbitral processes and judicial oversight with precision. His contribution is directed at enforcement of arbitral awards, judicial intervention in arbitral proceedings, interim relief, supervisory jurisdiction and the extent to which court conduct supports or undermines commercial confidence. He addresses the point at which arbitration meets the coercive power of the state, and therefore the limits of arbitral autonomy in practice.



BRIAN MAMBOSHO

PARTNER | BOWMANS

Brian Mambosho is an accomplished lawyer with extensive experience in commercial litigation. Over his career, he has developed a robust practice representing clients in a wide range of complex commercial disputes including construction, mining, regulatory compliance, and contract disputes. Brian has also been involved in defending major aviation claims and procurement disputes. He has experience bringing and opposing ship arrests in Tanzania, and advising ship owners, charterers and their marine insurers in a variety of shipping and commodity related matters. He is known for his client-centric approach, ensuring that each client's unique business objectives and concerns are at the forefront of his litigation strategy.



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CHARLES MHONE

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Charles Martin Mhone contributes a perspective grounded in the practical creation of arbitral institutions. As Chief Executive Officer and Registrar of the Malawi International Arbitration Centre, he is directly engaged in building arbitral infrastructure within an emerging jurisdiction. His contribution to the JSA session will address the practical requirements for institutional legitimacy, including procedural systems, administrative credibility, user confidence, regional engagement, international recognition and market adoption. He brings to the session the experience of someone involved not merely in discussing arbitral hubs, but in constructing one. His contribution therefore speaks directly to both possibility and constraint.



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GROUP CHIEF LEGAL AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS OFFICER | MTN

Lele Modise is an accomplished legal executive with extensive experience in corporate law, governance, regulatory affairs, and financial markets. She has served as Group Chief Legal and Regulatory Affairs Officer (CLRO) of MTN Group since February 2022, having previously held the position of Group Chief Legal Counsel from August 2019. In her role, Lele leads MTN's Legal and Regulatory Affairs function across Africa and the Middle East, providing strategic counsel on major corporate transactions, mergers and acquisitions, investments, and complex regulatory matters. She oversees key areas including corporate finance and restructuring, dispute resolution, compliance, and public policy engagement, ensuring that MTN's operations align with evolving legal and regulatory frameworks across its markets. Before joining MTN, Lele held senior legal and advisory positions within the banking and corporate sectors, where she developed deep expertise in securities law, banking regulation, and financial markets. Her leadership is instrumental in supporting MTN's strategic ambitions through robust governance, regulatory stewardship, and legal innovation. Lele holds a BProc (LLB Exemption) from the University of Pretoria, as well as certificates in Securities Law and Banking Law and Financial Markets. She also holds a Master's degree in Banking Law from the University of South Africa (UNISA).



PROF DR LINDELWA MHLONGO

DIRECTOR & HEAD OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION | CDH

The JSA Energy, Infrastructure and Transition Risk session will be moderated by Prof Dr Lindelwa Mhlongo, whose work in international investment law and international economic law engages the foundational question of how legal systems structure economic power, capital flows and dispute resolution. Her scholarship is directed not merely at the interpretation of existing regimes, but at their reform, with particular emphasis on the reconfiguration of African investment frameworks and the development of a continental approach to economic governance. Her role is to locate arbitration within its proper context: as a mechanism embedded in international economic law, as an instrument through which capital is protected and risk is managed, and as a system whose legitimacy depends upon its alignment with broader legal, political and economic structures. She is therefore not merely moderating a discussion on arbitration. She will frame the enquiry at the level of systemic design, ensuring that the conversation engages with the underlying architecture of investment, sovereignty, legal mobility and dispute resolution.



RISHABAN MOODLEY

DIRECTOR & HEAD OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION | CDH

Rishaban Moodley is Practice Head and Director in the CDH Dispute Resolution practice. Rishaban focuses on various areas of law, including commercial litigation, mining, media, administrative law, and forensic investigations. Rishaban joined Hofmeyr Herbststein and Gihwala (now Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr) as an Associate in 2001 and was promoted to Senior Associate in 2003. He became a Director in 2005. In 2022, Rishaban was appointed Head of the Dispute Resolution practice. He has received recognition from the Chambers Global 2026 ranked Rishaban in Band 3 for Administrative & Public Law; the Legal 500 EMEA 2016-2026 recommended Rishaban for dispute resolution and he was listed in the Legal 500 Private Practice Arbitration Powerlist: Africa 2023.



VLAD MOVSHOVICH

PARTNER | WEBBER WENTZEL

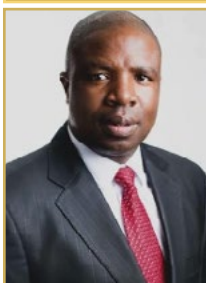
Vlad Movshovich is a partner in the Dispute Resolution Business Unit at Webber Wentzel. He obtained his BA and LLB degrees (both with distinction) from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg; and his BCL (with emphasis on International Arbitration and Civil Procedure) (with distinction) and MLitt (by thesis) from the University of Oxford. Vlad has an extensive international and domestic arbitration practice. He has acted as lead counsel for a variety of prominent public and private sector clients in complex and high profile arbitration disputes, including under the auspices of ICSID, LCIA, AFSA, ICC, AAA, PCA, AASA, the Chinese Arbitration Association, as well as in terms of UNCITRAL and other ad hoc arbitration rules. Vlad regularly acts as a Judge of the High Court of South Africa, in Johannesburg and Pretoria and also sits as arbitrator and adjudicator. He is recognised as an expert in arbitration and dispute resolution by numerous research organisations.



AKSHAV MOSSUDEE

ASSOCIATE | BOWMANS

Attorney-at-Law in Mauritius focusing on litigation and dispute resolution across civil, commercial, employment, family, and cross-border contexts. Akshav represents clients before all levels of the Mauritian courts and acts in domestic and international arbitration matters, with particular experience in enforcement of foreign judgments and cross-border insolvency issues. His practice spans advisory work, trial strategy, and emergency relief applications. He also acts as chairperson in disciplinary committees, bringing a balanced, pragmatic approach to decision-making. His experience extends to representing multinational corporations, financial institutions, and high-net-worth individuals, delivering commercially practical solutions and strategic dispute management. Akshav has acted for corporate, institutional, and private clients in contentious matters and arbitration proceedings, with experience in complex commercial disputes, enforcement actions, employment investigations, and family proceedings. His work regularly involves urgent court applications, cross-border elements, and multi-party litigation.



DEPROSE MUCHENA

DIRECTOR, RESOURCES FUTURE PROGRAM | OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS (ASF)

Deprose Muchena is an international development, social justice and human rights practitioner and leader. With passion for working at the intersection of human rights, natural resources and development, drawing on people's agency to bring change on the ground, he brings over 20 years practice experience across national, regional and global geographies. In July 2025, he assumed the role of Director of the Resources Futures in Africa, a new initiative at the Open Society Foundations. In this role he leads the Foundation's critical minerals program, working with partners to ensure that Africa's critical minerals benefit its people, not just markets and that critical mineral extraction is aligned with sustainable development goals, promote responsible sourcing and investment. For the past decade he held multiple roles at the global human rights watchdog, Amnesty International, including as Regional Director for East and Southern Africa and Senior Director for Human Rights Impact. In the later role he provided leadership of Amnesty's global regional operations located in eight global centers to drive human rights change and impact on the ground.



VICTOR MUGABE

SECRETARY GENERAL | KIAC

Victor Mugabe is the Secretary General of Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC), the premier and sole arbitral Institution in Rwanda mandated to administer Arbitration and other Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms. Victor Mugabe serves as the head and Registrar of the Centre and supervises the administration of arbitration, mediation and other ADR cases filed at the Centre. Prior to joining the Kigali International Arbitration Centre, Victor MUGABE served as the Executive Director of the Rwanda Bar Association (RBA) since April 2012 to December 2020 and the the Coordinator of the Justice, Reconciliation, Law and Order Sector Secretariat (JRLOS) in the Ministry of Justice of Rwanda since 2010 to 2012 and Assistant Coordinator in the same Secretariat from 2007 to 2010. Victor Mugabe is a professional lawyer duly registered with the Rwanda Bar Association, East Africa Law Society and member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators with rich experience in institutional development, Arbitration, Mediation and other ADR mechanisms.



MUTUSO MUKAMBENI

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | ZIMBABWE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ORGANISATION

Mutuso Dhlwayo is a lawyer and the Executive Director of the Zimbabwe Environmental Law Organisation (ZELO). He holds a masters in Constitutional and Human Rights Law (LLM) from Midlands State University, Zimbabwe and a Masters in Environment and Development from University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. He also holds a Bachelor of Laws Honors degree (LLBS) Degree from the University of Zimbabwe. He recently obtained Environmental , Social and Governance (ESG) investment certification from CFA Institute. The focus of his work is to ensure responsible investments by promoting access to information, participation and accountability including the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) , Independent Redress Mechanisms and Operational Grievance Redress Mechanisms.



HENRY MURIGI

CEO | NAIROBI CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

Dr. Henry Kinyanjui Murigi is a distinguished legal professional, academic, and thought leader with over a decade of experience in alternative dispute resolution (ADR), mediation, arbitration, and litigation. As the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA), Dr. Murigi brings a wealth of expertise in managing complex legal disputes, fostering international collaboration and promoting access to justice. Dr. Murigi holds a PhD in International Relations from the United States International UniversityAfrica, an MA in Peace and Conflict Studies from Kenyatta University, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law.



SUSAN MUTANGADURA

LEGAL PRACTITIONER | AFSA INTERNATIONAL AND SADC PANEL

Susan Mutangadura is a Swiss, UK and Zimbabwean trained Arbitrator, Legal Practitioner, Conveyancer, and Notary Public, practicing as an independent international arbitrator. She is on the AFSA International and SADC Panel of Arbitrators and the Commercial Arbitration Centre in Harare. Susan is a member of the SADC Committee of the AFSA Board, promoting the development of arbitral institutions in the region. An alumni of ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy for Africa, Susan holds an LLB Hons (Zim); MBA (Merit) (UK); LLM (Distinction) (Wales) and a CAS in Arbitration from Switzerland. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Directors Zimbabwe. Susan has represented and advised corporates across various sectors on commercial contracts and transactions. She worked as Company Secretary/Legal advisor for the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority and as Managing Director/Country Manager for Aon Zimbabwe. Susan has over 25 years professional experience with broad industry exposure having worked with listed, non-listed, multinational and state-owned entities as a non-executive director in various industries including cement manufacturing, banking, insurance, telecommunications, real estate and not-for-profit organisations. She has served as Board Chairman of Zimbabwe's second largest telecoms operator, and of the Institute of Directors Zimbabwe.



DR K. WYNE MUTUMA

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Prof Kenneth Wyne Mutuma is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya and the Managing Partner at the firm of Wyne and Associates. Prof Wyne holds several academic qualifications, including a Doctorate and Master's in Law from the University of Cape Town as well as a law undergraduate degree from the University of Liverpool. He is also a qualified Architect having graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Architectural Studies from the University of Nairobi. Prof Wyne possesses extensive leadership experience and expertise in governance practice, ADR, and international law. His practice spans a wide range of areas, including commercial law, commercial arbitration, construction adjudication, mediation, litigation, conveyancing, corporate governance, refugee law, human rights law, and employment law. Dr Wyne is a Certified Secretary, a Certified Governance Auditor and an Institute of Certified Secretaries (ICS) Fellow. He currently serves as a Council Member on the ICS Council and within its various Committees. He is a governance and ethical leadership trainer under the State Corporations Advisory Committee (SCAC). Prof Wyne is also a Chartered Arbitrator of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London), a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators as well as a Certified Professional Mediator.



DARLINGTON MUYAMBWA

BUSINESS & HUMAN RIGHTS CONSULTANT | DANISH INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Darlington is a multi-sectoral development practitioner and a leading expert in the intersection of business and human rights, with over 14 years of dedicated experience in the non-profit sector. His work emphasises the importance of transparency and accountability in promoting responsible business practices, environmental sustainability, and governance of natural resources. Currently, he serves as an advisor on a multi-country project under the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR), where he fosters Responsible Business Conduct as part of the Just Transition in Africa. Darlington is committed to ensuring that businesses operate in ways that respect human rights and contribute positively to communities and ecosystems.



KARIM M'ZIANI

LEGAL COUNSEL AT THE PCA AND REGISTRAR OF THE MIAC

Karim M'ziani is a Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), and the Registrar of the Mauritius International Arbitration Centre, in Port Louis, Mauritius. Karim completed his law studies in France, China and Argentina. He undertook an LL.M. at Duke University, where he studied as a Fulbright scholar. As part of his scholarship, Karim focused his research on international arbitration in Africa and organized and moderated a successful conference relating to the China-Africa relationship with panelists from Eurasia Group, the World Bank and Yale University. He is also the recipient of the Georges Lurcy fellowship, the François Monahan scholarship, the Duke Merit scholarship and France Fulbright Alumni Prize. Prior to joining the PCA and MIAC, Karim worked at leading law firms in France, Argentina, and the United States on high profile State-to-State, investor-State, and commercial disputes involving parties from the African continent and beyond. He is admitted to practice in New York and Paris, and speaks English, French, Spanish, and Mandarin.



ANGELISTA NASHON

PARTNER | AFRICORP, TANZANIA

Angelista Nashon is the Founder and Managing Partner of AfriCorp Attorneys, where she leads a practice advising on commercial litigation, arbitration, and governance matters across Tanzania and the broader African landscape.

An Advocate of the High Court of Tanzania with over ten years' experience, her work sits at the intersection of law, strategy, and institutional decision-making. She regularly advises corporates, investors, and boards on complex disputes, regulatory positioning, and operational continuity within evolving African markets.

She also serves in governance roles, including as Company Secretary to a regulated financial institution, supporting board processes and regulatory alignment.

She holds a Master of Laws (LL.M) in IT and E-Commerce from the University of Southampton, a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law School of Tanzania, and a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) from the University of Dar es Salaam.

Angelista will serve as a moderator at Johannesburg Arbitration Week 2026, leading discussions on the revamp of the Africa Mining Vision Private Sector Compact, engaging stakeholders on sustainable resource governance and Africa's evolving extractives landscape.



ANDILE NIKANI

CEO | AFSA

Andile Nikani is a seasoned legal, corporate governance, and strategy professional with over 20 years of experience. An admitted Attorney of the High Court of South Africa and an accredited mediator, he serves as CEO of the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA), managing multiple branches nationwide. Formerly Executive Head of the Takeover Regulation Panel, he issued over 1,000 rulings, including 50 landmark decisions shaping South African company law and public M&A regulation. His expertise spans complex commercial contracts, corporate and competition law, and mergers and acquisitions. Andile holds a BA and an LLB from the University of Cape Town, an LLM from the University of Liverpool, and an MPhil in Corporate Strategy from GIBS. Currently a Doctoral Candidate at the University of Pretoria, he has presented research at the London Stock Exchange, UK Takeover Panel, and Hong Kong Takeover Panel.



MKHULULI NCUBE

PROGRAMS MANAGEMENT OFFICER | AFRICA MINERALS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (AMDC)

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STANLEY NYAMANHINDI

EXECUTIVE: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT | AFSA

Stanley is a Pan African Development Practitioner and an admitted attorney with over 15 years of experience working at the Executive level in the SADC and Africa Regional space in policy development and strategy at the intersection of the private sector, civic society and public entities. His focus has been on Access to Justice, Regional Economic Integration, Democracy and Governance. Before joining AFSA, Stanley served as CEO of the SADC Lawyers Association and pioneered efforts to institutionalise administered arbitration in the SADC Region. He holds an LLB from the University of Zimbabwe and a Graduate Diploma in Public Policy and Governance from Africa University. He is completing an LLM in Multidisciplinary Human Rights at the University of Pretoria and holds an Executive Masters in Civic Leadership from the University of Delaware, USA.



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Lindi is a Senior Counsel and a member of the Johannesburg Bar having been called to the Bar in November 1994, whose seat is currently at AFSA JHB CHAMBERS, 8A Protea Place Sandton. Lindi's areas of practice and interest include litigation and arbitration in the following areas: commercial law, constitutional and administrative law, pension law, corporate governance law, aviation law, tax law, and competition law. As Senior Counsel, Lindi has acted in various litigious matters of national importance and has advised various SOC's and the Government of the Republic of South Africa on numerous litigious matters and transactions of considerable scale.

Lindi is an Arbitrator with international experience e.g ICC administered arbitration. She's a board member of the China-Africa Joint Arbitration Centre NPC (CAJAC), Vice Chair of the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa NPC (AFSA), and a panelist of Shanghai International Arbitration Center (SHIAC). Lindi is the Chairperson of SA BRICS Arbitration Expert Committee. Further, she has acted as a Judge of the High Court of South Africa on numerous occasions and continues to do so from time to time.



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Dr John Nyanje is a legal practitioner and academic specialising in international law, international arbitration, and cross-border finance. He currently serves as a legal consultant to the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce through the LawCom Institute, where he supports institutional collaboration under the African-German Arbitration Cooperation (AfGAC) initiative. He holds an LL.M. from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva) and has a PhD from the Leibniz University Hannover, where he also researches and teaches international law. His academic work focuses on international dispute settlement, climate litigation, and the role of African institutions in the development of international law. In addition to his academic and advisory work, Dr Nyanje has experience in international litigation and dispute resolution and is actively involved in structuring complex cross-border transactions in emerging markets. He regularly contributes to capacity building and professional training programmes for legal practitioners and arbitral institutions across Africa.



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PARTNER | DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS PRACTICE GROUP

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ABENA OSEI

SENIOR ASSOCIATE | WERKSMANS ATTORNEYS

Abena Osei is a Senior Associate at Werksmans Attorneys in the Dispute Resolution practice, specialising in international arbitration, investment treaty arbitration and cross-border disputes. She represents multinational corporations and investors in complex, high-value disputes across multiple jurisdictions. Her experience includes acting in proceedings before the Permanent Court of Arbitration and she also regularly advises on commercial litigation in the High Court including alternative dispute resolution. She holds an LLB (with distinction) from the University of Pretoria and is an active member of Young AFSA, contributing to the development of the next generation of arbitration practitioners.



SYLVIA PAPANDOPOULOS

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PRIVATE LAW | UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA
CONDUCT AUTHORITY (FSCA), CONSUMER ADVISORY PANEL**

Professor Sylvia Papadopoulos is an internationally recognised expert in Law, Technology and AI, and a full-time Associate Professor in the Department of Private Law at the University of Pretoria (UP), where she also served as Director of the Centre for Intellectual Property Law (2021–2024). She holds a BLC, LLB, LLM (cum laude), and LLD from UP and is an advocate of the High Court of South Africa.

Her advisory roles include the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on POPIA, the Financial Sector Conduct Authority's Consumer Advisory Panel (AI and Financial Services sub-group), and the SA Law Reform Commission's Advisory Committee on Electronic Wills. She chairs the New Technologies and the Law Working Group for the Law Schools Global League and has participated in UNCITRAL Working Group IV sessions. Professor Papadopoulos is the author and editor of the leading text *Cyberlaw@SA: The Law of the Internet in South Africa* (4th ed., 2022; 5th ed. forthcoming 2026). She has published widely, presented internationally, and made regular media appearances. Notable engagements include teaching at an LLM Summer School at King's College London and hosting 17 US State Attorneys General at a workshop on AI and the Future of Law (2023). She received the Hellenic Society of South Africa's Outstanding Academic Achievement Award (2023) and UP's Best Lecturer Award (2024).



DR JAMSHEED PEEROO

BARRISTER AND ARBITRATOR | PEEROO CHAMBERS

Jamsheed is an arbitrator, an arbitration counsel and a dual-qualified barrister practising at the Bar of England and Wales and at the Mauritian Bar with rights of audience before the courts of the AIFC and DIFC. He holds a PhD in international arbitration law from the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne and started his career in the arbitration group of a magic-circle law firm in Paris where he was part of the team advising UNCITRAL on the revision of its Arbitration Rules. Jamsheed has worked on numerous high-profile arbitrations under various institutional rules across several continents. He has been described on Legal 500 as “first-rate” and on Chambers & Partners as “a very well-respected arbitration practitioner internationally” and “a seasoned specialist advising on a broad range of commercial and investor-state arbitrations.” His practice covers various areas ranging from commercial, corporate and financial disputes, to energy, mining, infrastructure and transport. In addition to his international practice, Jamsheed currently serves as the Secretary-General of the African Society of International Law and as Co-Chair of the COMBAR Africa Committee.



KERUSHA PILLAY

ADVOCATE

Advocate Kerusha Pillay moderates the JSA session from a position that bridges legal practice and commercial activity. Her involvement in energy and infrastructure projects places her within the operational environment in which disputes arise, rather than only at the stage of their resolution. Her role is to ensure that the discussion remains grounded in project-level reality, including the pressures of implementation, regulatory uncertainty, funding constraints, operational risk and the commercial consequences of delay or failure. She will therefore guide the discussion toward the practical question of how disputes are generated in the real economy and why arbitration becomes central to managing those disputes.



MISELE FREEDOM QUMBA

LECTURER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MERCANTILE LAW | UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

Contributes an analytical perspective on the legal frameworks within which disputes arise. His work in investment law and financial regulation enables him to address the structure of investment regimes, regulatory risk, investor protection, state intervention and the legal conditions that generate disputes. His contribution provides the conceptual link between regulatory systems and dispute generation. He is therefore well placed to explain how investment frameworks shape commercial expectations, allocate regulatory risk and influence the form and forum of dispute resolution.



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MOJAU RAMATHE

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Contributes a perspective grounded in the institutional development of alternative dispute resolution within the legal profession.

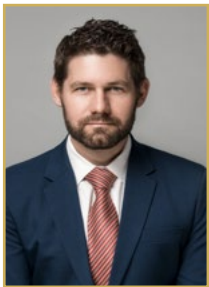
His contribution is directed at the practical implementation of arbitration and mediation systems, including training, professional capacity, procedural frameworks and institutional coordination. He addresses a critical but often overlooked dimension of arbitration: the gap between formal legal frameworks and operational capacity. His role is to engage the question of whether arbitration systems are capable of functioning effectively in practice, and how professional bodies can contribute to the development of credible, accessible and sustainable arbitral infrastructure.



NTIBIDI RAMPETE

ADVOCATE

Advocate Rampete is a seasoned legal practitioner and gender transformation strategist with over two decades of experience spanning litigation, policy development, and constitutional advocacy. Her career, rooted in a commitment to justice and equity, has traversed leading institutions including the Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALs), the Constitutional Court of South Africa, Webber Wentzel Attorneys, and the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development. Ntibidi holds an LLM in International Law from Georgetown University, alongside an LLB, B Proc, and Higher Diploma in Company Law from the University of the Witwatersrand and the University of the North. Her academic foundation is further enriched by a Certificate in Competition Law from the Mandela Institute and Social Justice and Law Trainers' Course from University of Stellenbosch. She is a dual member of the Johannesburg Society of Advocates (JSA) and the Pan African Bar Association of South Africa (PABASA), a Commissioner of the Small Claims Court, and a certified Mediator with the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA).



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AFSA COURT VICE PRESIDENT

Jonathan Ripley-Evans is a Partner based in the Johannesburg office and heads up the South African Disputes practice. Jonathan has extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution and general commercial litigation. He has also acted as mediator and as advisor/representative in both mediations and arbitrations, domestic and international. Jonathan is an AFSA accredited mediator and arbitrator and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb). He was member of the core drafting committee responsible for the revision of the AFSA International Commercial Arbitration Rules which were launched in 2021. He currently sits as a Vice President of the AFSA International Court and also sits as a member of the court of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC).



GERHARD RUDOLPH

PARTNER | BOWMANS

Gerhard represents and advises clients on a wide range of contentious and risk management issues. He is typically mandated in civil litigation, arbitration proceedings and investigations in South Africa, across the African continent and beyond, representing clients in complex transactional, public law and regulatory disputes and enforcement proceedings. Gerhard has established a truly international practice for more than 25 years. His sector expertise covers mining, energy, and infrastructure, financial services, as well as restructuring and insolvency. Gerhard has been ranked as a leading dispute resolution lawyer in legal directories for almost two decades. He is also regarded as one of the leading construction law specialists in South Africa and is consistently recognised for his work in insolvency and restructuring.



PULE SELEKA

CHAIRPERSON | LEGAL PRACTICE COUNCIL

Adv Pule Seleka SC brings to the plenary a perspective rooted in regulatory authority and institutional control. As Chairperson of the Legal Practice Council, his work engages the organisation, discipline and coherence of the legal profession, which remains the primary interface through which arbitration is conducted, supported and sustained. His contribution will focus on Mutual Trade Agreements, mutual recognition frameworks and cross-border regulatory alignment, including the extent to which such frameworks enable legal mobility, harmonise professional standards and create a coherent environment within which arbitration can function with credibility. This contribution is foundational. Arbitration does not operate in isolation. It depends upon the integrity of the legal systems and legal professions that support it. Without regulatory coherence and mutual confidence between jurisdictions, arbitral seats cannot command regional or international trust.



CLIVE RUMSEY

DIRECTOR & SECTOR HEAD | CDH

Clive Rumsey is a Director in the Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Inc (CDH) Dispute Resolution practice and focuses on construction and engineering law. Clive is the Sector Head for Construction and Engineering. His experience spans over 30 years, in which he has been involved in both the non-contentious and contentious areas of construction and engineering law. He has been involved in both the drafting and reviewing of construction contracts, including FIDIC, NEC, JBCC and GCC Conditions of Contract, and the resolution of disputes in terms of those forms of contracts. Clive has conducted arbitrations in accordance with ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL and AFSA Rules.



MICHAEL SCHOTTLER

HEAD OF LEGAL: GLOBAL DISPUTES AND INTERIM HEAD OF LEGAL: SOUTH AFRICA | ANGLO AMERICAN

Michael Schottler is the head of the global disputes portfolio for Anglo American plc, and is also the Head of Group Legal in South Africa. Anglo American is a global diversified mining company, listed on both the London and South African stock exchanges. The Group's mining portfolio includes bulk commodities (including iron ore, manganese, and metallurgical coal), base metals (including copper and nickel), and precious metals and minerals (including diamonds). The Group has operations in Africa, Europe, North and South America, Asia, and Australia. The Group directly employs approximately 43 000 people across its operations, and recorded revenue of US\$ 18.5bn, and EBITDA earnings of US\$6.4 bn for the 2025 annual financial year.

The Group is currently engaged in extensive corporate activity, which includes the transaction to combine Anglo American and Teck through a merger of equals to form Anglo Teck – a global mining leader and one of the world's largest copper producers, which will also entail further listings on the Canadian and New York stock exchanges. In parallel, the Group continues its strategy of portfolio transformation, which included demerging the PGMs business (Anglo American Platinum, now Valterra Platinum) in May 2025. The Group is also moving ahead with its strategy to sell its Steelmaking Coal business, and is working towards completion of the sale of its Nickel business, while the separation of its diamond business (De Beers) is progressing. As the lead legal counsel responsible for the disputes portfolio, Michael is directly responsible for the management and execution of significant litigation matters affecting the Group globally. These matters include international arbitrations (ICC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, LCIA etc), class actions, regulatory and commercial disputes. In addition, Michael works in collaboration with the in-house legal specialists employed in the Group's geographic jurisdictions to manage the arbitration and litigation challenges faced by the Group.

Michael has held his current role since 2012. Michael joined the Group in 2008 as senior legal counsel for Kumba Iron Ore Ltd. Prior to joining the Group, Michael was in private practice for 13 years after being admitted as an attorney in 1995.



PRIANKA SONI

PARTNER | WEBBER WENTZEL

Prianka specialises in dispute resolution, including litigation and arbitration, across a broad range of matters. She has extensive experience in class actions, having represented large multinational clients in some of South Africa's most prominent class action cases. She has acted in very substantial disputes in the mining and telecommunications sectors, in particular, and regularly works on high-value, complex, cross-border and multi-jurisdictional matters. Her experience also includes contractual and general commercial litigation, with expertise in both domestic and international arbitration.



GUILLAUME TATTEVIN

PARTNER | ARCHIPEL

Guillaume Tattevin is a Geneva-based arbitration practitioner and partner at Archipel, a law firm specialising in international dispute resolution. He acts as counsel and arbitrator, with experience in more than eighty arbitration proceedings conducted under a range of institutional and ad hoc rules. His practice spans a broad spectrum of complex cross-border disputes, including transnational sales, post-acquisition matters, construction, aviation and energy. He is a member of the Court of Arbitration of the Swiss Arbitration Centre and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



PETER TSHISEVHE

DIRECTOR OF MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS | TGR ATTORNEYS COMMERCIAL LAW FIRM

Peter Tshisevhe occupies a critical position within the JSA session as a panellist dealing with the transactional origins of disputes. His experience in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, commercial transactions, mining, energy, financial services and large-scale deal structuring places him at the point where projects are conceived, financed and legally constructed. His contribution will address how commercial arrangements are put together, including funding structures, shareholding arrangements, joint ventures, project finance, security packages, regulatory approvals, B-BBEE structures and allocation of commercial risk. He is expected to demonstrate that disputes are not merely resolved at the point of arbitration. They are often embedded at inception in the way transactions are structured, risks are allocated, obligations are drafted and commercial assumptions are recorded. His role is therefore to explain the "front end" of disputes: the moment before arbitration, before breach, and before enforcement, where commercial architecture either prevents disputes or makes them inevitable.



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