



# The African Society of International Law Annual Conference: Africa and International Trade Law

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**Africa & International Trade Law**

**Friday to Saturday, 29-30 October 2021**

***Virtual Conference***

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**Friday, 29 October 2021**

3.00 pm (Dar es Salaam)/2.00 pm (Paris)/8.00 am (D.C.):

**Opening Ceremony**

- **Makane Moïse Mbengue**, *Professor, University of Geneva, Sciences Po*
- **Raymond Ranjeva**, *Former Judge, International Court of Justice*

3.15 pm (Dar es Salaam)/2.15 pm (Paris)/8.15 am (D.C.):

### **Keynote Speech & Conversation: African Trade in the 21st Century**

- **Wamkele Mele**, Secretary General, *AfCFTA Secretariat* [Invited]
- **James Gathii**, Wing-Tat Lee Chair in International Law & Professor of Law, *Loyola University Chicago School of Law*
- **Tafadzwa Pasipanodya**, Partner, *Foley Hoag LLP (Chair)*

4.15 pm (Dar es Salaam)/3.15 pm (Paris)/9.15 am (D.C.): | **STRETCH BREAK**

4.30 pm (Dar es Salaam)/3.30 pm (Paris)/9.30 am (D.C.):

### **Dispute Resolution under the AfCFTA and Africa's International Investment Agreements**

- **Ms. Kabo Balkissou**, *AfCFTA Secretariat (Chair)*
- **Isaias Berhe**, Assistant Lecturer, *Xiamen University* ( "Public Health Emergencies and Necessity Defense in International Investment Law: the African States Bilateral Investment Treaties Revisited")
- **Frances Chisomaga Nwadike** (ECOWAS & WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanisms as models for the AfCFTA)
- **Harrison Mbori**, Research Fellow, *Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law*, ("Reinventing the Wheel? The MFN Principle/Obligation(s) in the AfCFTA")
- **Prof. Fulvio M. Palombino**, Professor, *Naples Federico II and Rome Luiss Universities*, ("The African Way to Investment Disputes Between Domestic/Regional Mechanisms and the "Humanization of International Law" Argument Taken Properly")
- **Ravindra Pratap**, Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Faculty of Legal Studies, *South Asian University* ("Facilitating the Participation of African Countries in WTO Dispute Settlement: Exploring the Possibility of Litigation Costs")

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5.45 pm (Dar es Salaam)/4.45 pm (Paris)/10.45 am (D.C.):

## **TRACK 1: Questions of International Property & Competition Law in African Trade**

- **Edward Kwakwa**, Assistant Director General, *World Intellectual Property Organization* (Keynote)
- **Dr. Martin Jarrett**, Senior Research Fellow, *Max Planck Institute* (“Competition Authorities and Foreign Investors: Managing the Litigation Risk under the AfCFTA Investment Protocol”)
- **Jean-Paul Mushagalusa Rwabashi**, Lecturer, *Université Catholique de Bukavu* (« Commerce africain, investissement, droit de la concurrence et propriété intellectuelle : quel apport pour la Zlecaf à l’ère de la globalisation économique »)
- **Chijioke Okorie**, Lecturer, *University of Pretoria*, (“Multi-territorial Digital Copyright licensing within the AfCFTA: considerations for appropriate guiding principles”)
- **Hery Ranjeva**, Partner, *Clyde & Co* (Chair)

## **TRACK 2: Regional Integration & Governance in African Trade**

- **Edefe Ojomo**, Lecturer, *University of Lagos* (Chair)
- **Etienne Marque** (« Le Projet d’Acte Uniforme OHADA de droit international privé -une initiative bienvenue dans le contexte de la ZLECAF »)
- **Prof. Wahab Egbewole**, Professor of Law, *University of Ilorin* (“The AfCFTA and the Challenges of Economic Integration in West Africa: Issues & Options”)
- **Linda Kiguhi**, Founder & Managing Partner, *Linda Kiguhi Advocates* (“Implementing the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement for AfCFTA - A Case Study on the East African Community”)
- **Falou Samb**, Special Advisor to the President on Trade & Investments, *Republic of Senegal*

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**Saturday, 30 October 2021**

3.00 pm (Dar es Salaam)/2.00 pm (Paris)/8.00 am (D.C.):

## Keynote Speech & Conversation

- **Yenkong Hodu**, Professor and Chair of International Economic Law, University of Manchester
- **Namira Negm**, Legal Counsel, *African Union Commission*

4.00 pm (Dar es Salaam)/3.00 pm (Paris)/9.00 am (D.C.): | **STRETCH BREAK**

## TRACK 1: Règlement des différends dans le cadre de ZLECAf et des accords internationaux d'investissement de l'Afrique

- **Isabelle Rouche**, *Partner, Asafo & Co. (Chair)*
- **Prof. Ali Kairouani**, Professor of Public International Law, *Mohammed V de Rabat University*, (« Quelques observations sur la multiplication des procédures contentieuses en matière d'investissements sous la ZLECAf »)
- **Dr. Evelyne Memphil Ndi**, Lecturer, *Yaounde University II*, (« Commerce Africain et résolutions des conflits: Le régime de règlement des différends au sein de la ZLECAf »)
- **Mawuto Tossa**, *Université de Lomé & Université de Grenade* (« Le protocole de la CEDEAO sur l'énergie : un instrument juridique à moderniser »)
- **Antoine Lerosier**, *Associate, Clyde & Co* (« La ZLECAf au défi des critiques du système de règlement des différends entre investisseurs et Etats »)

## TRACK 2: African Trade with other Global Regions

- **Karim M'ziani**, *Associate, Foley Hoag (Chair)*
- **Reagan Etale**, Trade Lawyer, *The Department for International Trade, UK* ( "African trade relations with the rest of the world post-Covid; the aftershock")
- **Daniel Ngumy**, *Partner, Anjarwalla & Khana* ("Avenues for bilateral trade negotiations between state parties and third parties within the AfCFTA Framework")
- **Prof. Paolo Davide Farah**, Professor, *West Virginia University* ( "Africa: The Belt & Road Initiative: Trade Facilitation, Infrastructure Connectivity and Institutional Collaboration in the ChinaAfrica Relations")

- **Baptiste Rigeaudau**, Associate, *LALIVE*, (“The Belt and Road Initiative in Africa: Disputes and their impact on China-Africa trade”)

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5.30 pm (Dar es Salaam)/4.30 pm (Paris)/10.30 am (D.C.):

### **TRACK 1: Aligning Socio-Economic Development & Human Rights with Trade**

- Olabisi Akinkugbe, *Professor, Dalhousie University*, Founding Editor, *Afronomicslaw (Chair)*
- **Dr. Alia Al-Gazaar**, Senior Associate, *Zulficar & Partners*
- **Jean Bertrand Azapmo**, *Regional Trade Advisor, African Union* (“Corporate Social Responsibility provisions in African Regional Trade and Investment Agreements: Rebalancing investors’ rights to achieve inclusive and sustainable investment in Africa”)
- **Brenda K. Kombo**, Norbert Elias Fellow, *University of Bielefeld*, (“A Case for Better Integration of Human Rights within the African Continental Free Trade Area”)
- **Yannick Kouassi**, Doctoral Student, *Strasbourg University* (“Enforcement of Investors’ Environmental Obligations Under Domestic Investment Acts in West Africa: Normative and Jurisdictional Interactions with International Law”)
- **Ines Ndonko Nnoko**, (“Innovating with the African Continental Free Trade Area: the environmental challenge associated with free trade and approaches to resolving it”)

### **TRACK 2: Digital Economy, Technologies and Financial Integration**

- **Agnes Gitau**, Partner, *GBS Africa (Chair)*
- **Awele Ikobi-Anyali**, Research Fellow, *Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies* (“Integrating African Financial Markets Through Cross-Listing Under the AfCFTA”)
- **John Saidi Nyanje**, Lecturer, *Africa Nazarene University* (“Uniting Africa through Trade: Cryptocurrency usage and regulation as a tool of creating a common currency in Africa”)

- **Sandrine Léonie Siewe**, (« La ZLECAf: repenser le financement des économies africaines et leur industrie financière? »)
- **Dr. Collins C Ajibo**, Senior Lecturer, *University of Nigeria* (“SME under the AfCFTA: Will the future be a bane or Boon?”)

6.30 pm (Dar es Salaam)/5.30 pm (Paris)/11.30 am (D.C.):

### **Closing Ceremony (15 minutes)**

- **Amne Suedi**, Founder & Partner, *ShiKana Law Group (Chair)*
- **Hajer Gueldich**, Professor, *University of Carthage*, Member, *African Union International Law Commission*
- **Makane Moïse Mbengue**, Professor, *University of Geneva, Sciences Po*

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