



# CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AFRICAN OIL & GAS INDUSTRY

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This Conference will take an in depth look at lessons learnt from Africa's over 6 decades experience in the Oil and Gas industry and the role of arbitration. Focus would include new opportunities such as local content promotion, energy transition and legal innovations. The Conference will also address challenges including climate change disputes, project financing issues, and navigating regulations.

This is a must attend for seasoned and young arbitration practitioners with interest in African oil and gas disputes, in-house counsel, executives in oil and gas companies and stakeholders in the public sector and civil society.

**Registration fees:** Free but registration is compulsory

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- 8:45-09:30      **Registration**
- 09:30 – 09:45      **Welcome Address**  
Aicha Mane, ICC YAF Representative, Africa Chapter, Dakar  
Perrial Jean Nyodog, Chair, ICC Cameroon, Douala  
Pr Henri Modi Koko, Chair of the Law and Arbitration Commission, ICC Cameroon, Douala
- 09:45- 10:00      **Keynote Speech**  
Dr Gaston Kenfack Douajni, President of the Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA), Yaoundé
- 10:00-11:00      **Dispute Resolution in the African Oil and Gas Sector – The Nature of the Disputes**  
The use of arbitration in oil and gas disputes and the complexity of the issues being addressed has increased significantly over the past few years. This panel will look at the nature of these disputes in the African context and discuss the trends that the industry must keep an eye out for.
- Moderator: Dr. Sylvie Bebohi, Managing Partner HBE Lawyers, Douala
  - Diamana Diawara, Director, Arbitration and ADR for Africa at International Chamber of Commerce, Paris
  - Foluke Akinmoladun, Managing Solicitor, Trizon Law, Lagos
  - Stéphane Essaga, Cameroon Taxation Administration, Expert in Tax Disputes in the Oil and Gas Sector, Douala
- 11:00-11:50      **The Reform of the African Oil and Gas Industry**  
As one of the largest oil producers in the Continent, Nigeria has gone through significant changes during the last few decades. This evolution culminated in one of its most significant oil and gas regulation reforms. This panel will discuss the expectations of the new regulations as well as a candid discussion on the future of the oil and gas related disputes in the continent at large.
- Moderator: Julius Nkafu, Barrister, Great James Street Chambers, London
  - Dr. Gaston Kenfack Douajni President of the Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA), Yaoundé
  - Emmanuella Senlong, Legal Officer, Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission, Lagos
  - Nosa Osazuwa, ENR Advisory, Lagos
- 11:50-12:00      **Coffee and Tea Break**

12:00-13:00

### The Role of Local Content Boards and Development community agreements

A critical aspect of any concession agreement is the requirement for the use of local companies and labor, ie local content, by any international oil company to increase the value for local communities of the oil & gas activity. In parallel, the development community agreements aim at ensuring through contractual means that the project will benefit local communities. This panel will look at these questions, namely how have these requirements affected the local economies in Africa and what are the current trends in this regard across the continent and beyond. This panel will look at the enforcement of these regulations, the impact on the local economies as well as the disputes that can arise from these laws.

- Moderator: Perrial Jean Nyodog, Chair, ICC Cameroon, Douala
- Dr. Achille Ngwanza, Managing Partner at Jus Africa and ICC Court Member, Paris
- Pierre Daureu, Counsel at Alfredo de Jesús O., Paris
- Stephanie Pouhe, Energy Consultant, Yaoundé

13:00-14:30

### Lunch

14:30-15:45

### Climate Change Disputes and the Oil and Gas Industry in Africa

Climate change related disputes are being recognized with more frequency. How have they been dealt with in the African oil and gas sector? How do renewal energies factor into the conversation? This panel will look at the trends of climate related disputes and discuss the science at the root of these disputes.

- Moderator: Sopi Patricia Kakou, Founder Ahead Law, Douala
- Eliseo Castineira, Founder, Castineira Law, Paris
- Dr. Victoria Nalule, CEO and Lead consultant, Nalule Energy & Minerals Consultants – Energy & Natural Resources Law Lecturer, University of Bradford, UK.

15:45-17:00

### Risks and Opportunities in the African region

Our panellists will cover the risks and opportunities of the African oil and gas sector. Ranging from the issue of low financing appetite, new refining efforts, technology advances, our panellists will explore the future of dispute resolution in that sector.

- Moderator: Aurelie Chazai, Partner, Chazai Wamba Law, Douala
- Patience Mapoko, General Counsel COTCO; President and Co-founder, Association of Cameroon Corporate Counsels – ACJE, Douala
- James Mendos, Chief Legal Officer, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, Abuja
- Edouard Joseph Essono, Tax Attorney, Essono Consultant Office ECO, Douala

17:00-17:15

### Final Remarks

- Perenami Momodu, ICC YAF Representative for Africa, Lagos
- Marx Ikgonbeh, ICC YAF Representative for Africa, Lagos

17:30

### Cocktail

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