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T H E M E :

**International Economic Law in an  
Era of Multiple Crises: Opportunities  
and Challenges for Africa**

**21st – 24th June, 2023**

Ghana Institute of Management and  
Public Administration (GIMPA), Accra, Ghana



## MESSAGE FROM AFIELN PRESIDENT

As the theme for the 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN) highlights, international economic law is in an era of multiple crises. We are witnessing political, social, economic and environmental disruptions. In Africa, there are increases in conflicts, coups, electoral irregularities, environmental degradation, hyperinflation and sovereign debt defaults. Amidst the crises, the African Union (AU) is actively promoting its Agenda 2063 to harness the manifold untapped human and natural resources in Africa to deliver sustainable social and economic development on the continent.

In particular, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), one of the flagship projects of Agenda 2063, seeks to boost intra-Africa trade across all sectors of Africa's economy. Core sectors that have shown immense growth potentials in Africa in the last decade, including agriculture, automotive, creative/cultural industries, e-commerce, finance, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications and transportation are at the forefront of the AU/AfCFTA project. The AfCFTA has successfully concluded the negotiations of Protocols on Trade in Goods, Trade in Services, Customs & Trade Facilitation, Investment, Competition Policy, Intellectual Property Rights and Dispute Settlement and it is on track to conclude Protocols on Digital Trade and Women & Youths to expediate the elimination of trade barriers in Africa. 54 AU member states have signed the AfCFTA Agreement and 46 of them have deposited their instruments of ratification.

While the AU tenaciously pursues the realisation of its vision for Africa, AfIELN provides a platform that brings together different constituencies including academics, government officials, practitioners, policy experts, civil society organisations (CSOs), researchers and students to develop African-centred positions and solutions to its challenges. Along with the AU, AfIELN desires to see an integrated, peaceful, prosperous and resilient Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the international arena; An Africa that respects human rights, justice and the rule of law. AfIELN contributes to this vision through the production of high-quality open-access African-focused research and publications in partnership with Afronomicslaw.org alongside targeted events and workshops.

As AfIELN's 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference commences, I look forward to robust informed deliberations and concrete action plans/proposals I am extremely grateful to the excellent AfIELN Advisory Board, Executive Team (Tsotang Tsietsi, Regis Simo, Suzzie Onyeka and Harrison Mbori), Conference Planning Committee (Ashimizo Afadameh, Humu-Annie Seini, Kayode Olude, Kevin Kipchirchir, Joseph Fajimokun and Paballo Qobete) and the GIMPA Faculty of Law Team (Dean Kwaku Agyeman-Budu and Humu-Annie Seini) for their kind service to AfIELN. I thank our technical partners and sponsors for their generous support.

In Kwame Nkrumah's words, "the task ahead is great indeed, and heavy is the responsibility; and yet it is a noble and glorious challenge - a challenge which calls for the courage to dream, the courage to believe, the courage to dare, the courage to do, the courage to envision, the courage to fight, the courage to work, the courage to achieve..." "We neither face East nor West: We face forward."

Akwaaba Distinguished Guests. Akwaaba Dear Friends.



**Dr. Titilayo A. Adebola**  
AfIELN President  
Associate Director, Centre Commercial Law  
University of Aberdeen



## MESSAGES FROM GIMPA



## MESSAGES FROM GIMPA LAW



**Dr. Kwaku Agyeman-Budu**  
Dean of GIMPA LAW

On behalf of the Governing Council and Management of the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), I welcome you all to Ghana and to the Faculty of Law at GIMPA to participate in the Sixth Biennial Conference of the African International Economic Law Network.

GIMPA Law is the ideal setting for a conference of this nature, as the pursuit of legal scholarship is at the heart of our very existence. Since its establishment in 2010, GIMPA Law has quickly emerged as the preeminent centre of learning; emerging among the cluster of Ghanaian Law Faculties as the Faculty of choice. Our rigorous standards and tested pedagogies prepare our students for an increasingly competitive legal marketplace. The carefully crafted atmosphere within the school presents a congenial environment for students to fully achieve their potential and advance nascent talents in the law.

With our deep-rooted belief in the efficacy of practical lawyering, GIMPA Law provides clinical legal education, including student participation in conferences, law clinics, moot courts and practical courses of study from the first year of enrollment through to graduation.

Under the auspices of the GIMPA Law Conferences Series, we have organized several national and international conferences since 2016 and we are glad to host the Sixth Biennial Conference of the African International Economic Law Network.

On behalf of the Conferences and Seminars Committee of the Faculty of Law at GIMPA, I am elated to be part of those who are making the Sixth Biennial Conference of the African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN) happen.

As an institution of excellence, GIMPA is proud to be part of this Conference, considering the apposite theme: International Economic Law in an Era of Multiple Crises: Opportunities and Challenges for Africa. It would be impossible to attain "The Africa We Want" without engaging in discourses on the challenges that the continent faces and cannot but surmount. It is only then that we would be able to harness human and other resources to take full advantage of the plethora of opportunities that this well-endowed continent has to offer.

I welcome you all to GIMPA to share our experiences and learn more from yours in a pedagogic setting, to galvanize African expertise to propel the continent into prosperity and to establish contacts for long-lasting and mutually beneficial relationships. We promise you that it will be worth while.



**Ms. Humu-Annie Sein**  
Chair - Conferences Committee Gimpa Law

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 2023

14:00-15:00

## Registration

Moot Court Complex

15:00-15:20

## Opening Remarks

**Professor Samuel K Bonsu.** Rector, GIMPA

**Dr Kwaku Agyeman-Budu.** Dean, Faculty of Law, GIMPA

## Welcome Address

**Honorable Diana Asonaba Dapaah.** Deputy Attorney-General and Deputy Minister for Justice, Republic of Ghana

15:20-15:30

## President's Speech

**Dr Titilayo Adebola,** AfIELN President

15:30-15:35

## Conference Organisation

**Dr Regis Simo,** AfIELN Conference Chair

15:35-15:45

## Keynote Address:

**H.E Ahunna Eziakonwa,** United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Assistant Secretary General and Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa

15:45-16:25

## Keynote Address:

**Professor Richard Oppong**

**Professor of Law,** California Western School of Law  
Fellow, Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences

16:25-17:25

### Opening Roundtable

**Dr Regis Simo:** Queens University Belfast

**Professor Caroline Ncube:** University of Cape Town

**Professor Obiora Okafor:** Johns Hopkins University

17:30-18:20

### Welcome Cocktails: Fireside Chat with Lola Pedro

and Chibu Akukwe, CoFounders Pedro's Premium Ogogoro

## DAY 2: THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2023

8:30-9:00

### Registration

Moot Court Complex

9:00-10:00

### Plenary 1: African Sovereign Debt Justice Network (AfSDJN) Sovereign Debt 1

[Moot Court Complex](#)

**Moderator:** Olabisi D. Akinkugbe

#### Speakers:

**Marie-Louise Aren:** Exploring the Regulatory Complexities of the Global Climate Finance Architecture and Disbursement Flows in Financing Africa's Mitigation and Adaptation Efforts

**Nona Tamale:** Feasibility of Green Debt Restructuring in Africa

**Harrison Mbori:** Green Energy Purchasing and the Evolving Sovereign Debt Crisis in Africa.

**Sponsored by AfSDJN**

10:00-10.10

Tea and Coffee Break  
Moot Court Complex

10:10-11:30

## Panel 1: International Economic Law & Geopolitics

[Moot Court Complex](#)

**Chair: Babatunde Fagbayibo**

**Panel:**

**Mohsen al Attar** 'Racial Capitalism and the Dialectics of Development: Exposing the Limits and Lies of International Economic Law'

**Adaeze Aniodoh** 'The Shifting Paradigms in the Global Economy, and Africa's Quest for a Multilateral Framework'

**Marie-Louise F. Aren** 'The Proposed Global Multilateral Investment Court: Opportunities and Concerns for African Investment Interests'

**Xiuli Han (Julia)** 'An Analysis on the Legality of Unilateral Economic Sanctions in International Investment Law'

**Sand Mba Kalu** 'Bilateral and Regional Trade/Investment/Economic Partnership Agreements in Africa'

## Panel 2: Intellectual Property, Health and Competition Law I

[LOT 2, FF2](#)

**Chair: Titilayo Adebola**

**Panel:**

**Nkemdilim Itanyi** 'The AfCFTA Protocol on Intellectual Property Rights and its Role in the Prevention of Counterfeiting in International Trade: Opportunities and Challenges for Businesses in Africa'

**Festus Gboyega Oyebade & Oluwadamilare Adeyemi** 'Appraisal of the Effectiveness of the Legal Protection of the Creative Industry in Nigeria'

**Juliet A. Ogbodo** 'Reinventing, or recycling the usual: AfCFTA IP Protocol in Regional Trade Agreements'

**Ronald Tundang** ‘The Outlook for Transfer of Technology of mRNA Vaccines through the WHO Tech Transfer Hub’

**Amrin Panjwani** ‘Coal or Diamonds? A comparative analysis of the response of Competition Agencies in Africa to high-pressure situations’

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### **Panel 3: Investment**

[Moot Court Complex](#)

**Chair: Ohio Omiunu**

**Panel:**

**Roberto Isibor & Caterina Coroneo** ‘The Crisis of the ISDS System: Balancing: The Need of Foreign Investment and the Right of African States to Self Regulation in the Era of Multiple Crises’

**Tamfuh Y.N Wilson** ‘International Arbitration and Investor-State Proceedings: A Case Study of the Procedural Developments at the Common Court of Justice and Arbitration (CCJA) of the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Laws in Africa (OHADA)’ [**Sponsored by AfSDJN**]

**Divesh Kaul** ‘Rule of Law as a Law of Rules: A Template for Sustainable Foreign Investment Protection System’

**Kathleen Mpofu** ‘Assessing the viability of investor liability provisions in the reform agenda of international investment law’

**Dominic N. Dagbanja** ‘International Investment Agreements and Technology Transfer to Africa’

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### **Panel 4: Digital Trade I**

[LOT 2, FF4](#)

**Chair: Isidore Kwadwo Tufor**

**Panel:**

**Neha Mishra & Kolofelo Kugler** ‘The Emergence of an International Community in the Global Digital Economy’

**Chidochashe Ncube** ‘Rethinking the principle of non-discrimination in the digital trade era: A case of African Continental Free Trade Area’

**Fola Adeleke** 'Data Protection in Africa: New trajectories for International Economic Law'

**Imarha Oghenenyero Reuben**

'The Economic Impact of Terrorism, CyberTerrorism and Piracy in Africa: A Clue from Nigeria and Libya'

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11:30-11:45

Tea and Coffee Break

11:45-13:05

**Panel 5: Trade and Gender**

[LOT 2, FF5](#)

**Chair: Suzzie Onyeka**

**Panel:**

**Tsotang Tsietsi** 'The Contribution of Trade Facilitation to the Economic Empowerment of African Women'

**Olalekan Moyosore Lalude & Yinka Olomjobi** 'Elimination of Discrimination Against Women and the African Continental Free Trade Area: The Balance between Gender Inclusivity and Cultural Constraint'

**Muluken Kassahun Amid** 'Menstrual Product Trade, Tampon Taxes and Women's Rights in Africa: Comparative Study'

**Modesta A. Nsowaa-Adu** 'Beyond Merchandised Trade: Exploring the Unexplored Potential of Services Trade for Women's Economic Empowerment in Africa'

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**Panel 6: Development Finance**

[LOT 2, SF7](#)

**Chair: Clement Kojo Akapame**

**Panel:**

**Nosakhare Aguebor and Mayowa Abiru** 'Africa's Pragmatic Pathway towards Global Net Zero' - **Africa Finance Corporation (AFC)**

**Emmanuel Laryea** 'The Rich Borrow and the Poor Pay: Dispossessed Poor, their Predator Elites and the International Law and International Financial System that Facilitate the Predation'

**Kingsley Osinachi N. Onu & Jaja Adafe Philip Mirabel** 'Climate Finance in Nigeria through the Instrumentality of the Climate Change Act 2021'



**Ruth Teitelbaum** 'Sharing the Pain of Award Payment and Climate Change Policy: a Collective Fund for ICSID Awards'

**Richard Mlambe** 'State's Regulatory Powers and Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Contracts: Recent Trends and Way Forward for Africa'

## **Panel 7: Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL), Decolonisation and Neocolonialism**

[LOT 2, FF2](#)

**Chair:** James Thuo Gathii

**Panel:**

**Michael Chitavi & George Gona** 'Lessons from Kilwa: Trading and legal tender'

**John Nyanje** 'Using Swahili as a Tool to Decolonize the East African Court of Justice'

**Nwamaka Okany** 'Africa and the Energy Charter Treaty: A Case for (Non-) Accession?'

**Antonia Eliason** 'Racial Capitalism, Neocolonialism and Supply Chains'

## **Panel 8: Food & Natural Resources**

[LOT 2, FF3](#)

**Chair:** John Darko

**Panel:**

**Michael Abberton and Titilayo Adebola** 'The Role of Gene Banks in Africa'

**Juliet Aimienrovbiye** 'Food Safety and Regional Harmonisation of Laws for the Advancement of Trade in Africa'

**Osione Oseni-Elamah** 'Attaining Food Security in Africa's Poverty Capital through the AfCFTA' [**Sponsored by AfSDJN**]

**Youcef Hamitouche** 'EU and the global energy transition: The case of Desertec project as a renewable energy source for Europe in North Africa' Humu-Annie Seini 'The North-South Divide in an Era of Energy Transition, Deja Vu?'

13:05-14:05	<b>Lunch</b> Foyer
14:05 -15:05	<p><b>Plenary 3: African Sovereign Debt Justice Network (AfSDJN) Sovereign Debt II</b></p> <p><a href="#">Moot Court Complex</a></p> <p><b>Moderator: James Gathii</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Geoffrey Adonu:</b> The Sustainable Bonds Market as a Source of Climate Financing for African Governments</p> <p><b>Chioneso Samantha Kanoyangwa:</b> Fiscal Sustainability and Sovereign Risk: The Feasibility of the Bridgetown Initiative for Africa</p> <p><b>Akinyi J. Eurallyah:</b> Sovereign Sustainability-Linked Bonds for Sustainable Development: Embedding Human Rights in Impact Investing</p> <p><b>Afshin Nazir:</b> A Tale of Tax, Debt and Climate: Environmental Taxation as a Potential Solution to the Debt and Climate Crises In Africa</p> <p><a href="#">[Sponsored by AfSDJN]</a></p>
15:05-15:15	<b>Tea and Coffee Break</b> Moot Court Complex
15:15-16:35	<p><b>Panel 9: AfCFTA I – Services &amp; People</b></p> <p><a href="#">Moot Court Complex</a></p> <p><b>Chair: Ify Ogo</b></p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p><b>Kofi Kufuor</b> ‘Citizen Participation and the Success of Regional Integration in Africa’</p> <p><b>Legborsi Nwiabu</b> ‘Rules of Origin for Trade in Services under the African Continental Free Trade Area’</p> <p><b>Ivan Ojakol</b> ‘Sports Law; A Turbulent Concept? Opportunities and Challenges for a Potentially Emerging, Integrated Africa’</p>

## **Panel 10: Civil Society and Non-State Actors**

LOT2, FF2

**Chair:** Olabisi Akinkugbe

**Panel:**

**Opeyemi Bello** 'The Need For A Responsive African Business Community in International Taxation'

**Leezola Zongwe** 'Reimagining Dispute Settlement in Extractives Toward More Mining Mediation & Arbitration and Less Litigation'

**Arnold Nciko & Babatunde Fagbayibo** 'The Role of the African Union Commission of International Law in Enhancing International Legal Education in Africa: A Critical Assessment'

**Suzzie O Oyakhire & Ohio Omiunu** 'Decolonising the Decoloniser: A Reflection of Two Global South Scholars situated on either side of the North-South Divide'

## **Panel 11: Human Rights and International Economic Law**

LOT 2, FF3

**Chair:** Humu Annie Seini

**Panel:**

**Adeline Auffret-O'Neill** 'Human Rights Protection by IEL'

**Michael C. Ogwezzu** 'Implications of Regional Trade Agreements and Cooperation in Africa on Human Rights: The Case of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement'

**Patricia Kiruimra Nattabi** 'Bridging the Gap: The Role of Sustainable Development Principles and Human Rights Under the African Continental Free Trade Agreement's Protocol on Investment'

**Olasupo Owoseye & Sara Garba** 'The Right to Development and its Significance in International Economic Law'

16:45-17:45

## **Panel 12: AI, Blockchains & Cryptocurrencies I**

LOT 2, FF4

**Chair: Justice Srem-Sai (GIMPA)**

**Panel:**

**Chido Mitchel Teclar Muza** ‘Emerging issues in the use of blockchain technology in cross-border transactions’

**[Sponsored by AfSDJN]**

**Abdulahleem Mabisi** ‘Blockchain technology, AI and Trade’

**Lavina Ramkissoo** ‘Technological solutions that bridge the era of crisis’  
**Rimdolmsom Jonathan Kabre** ‘Regulating cryptocurrencies in the Central African Republic: Has the cart been put before the horse?’

## **African Sovereign Debt Justice Network (AfSDJN) Book launch**

MOOT COURT COMPLEX

- **Remarks by Book Editor**
- **Remarks by Afronomicslaw Editors**
- **Brief Remarks by Chapter Authors**
- **Book Signing**

**How to Reform the International Financial Architecture**  
(Sheria Publishing, 2023)

**[Sponsored by AfSDJN]**



## DAY 3: FRIDAY, 23 JUNE 2023

9:00-10:00

### Plenary 4: Africanisation and International Economic Law

[Moot Court Complex](#)

This plenary panel invites the panellists to engage critically with the concept of “Africanization” considering developments in AfCFTA Protocols on Trade in Goods and Services, Intellectual Property Rights and Investment.

**Moderator: Lethabo Sithole**, Partner, Impact Fund for African Creatives

**Regis Simo**, School of Law, Queen’s University Belfast.

**Titilayo Adebola**, School of Law, University of Aberdeen, President African International Economic Law Network

**Harrison Otieno**, Senior Fellow, African Sovereign Debt Justice Network

**Olabisi D. Akinkugbe**, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University

[\[Convened by Olabisi D. Akinkugbe\]](#)

10:00-10:10

### Tea and Coffee Break

10:10-11:30

### Panel 13: AfCFTA II – Informal Trade & MSMEs

[Moot Court Complex](#)

**Chair: Ashimizo Afadameh**

**Panel:**

**Eberechukwu Ezike** ‘Special Trade Regime for Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises under the African Continental Free Trade Area: A Game Changer?’

**Adetutu Oluwaseyi** ‘Informal Cross-Border Trade (ICBT) in Africa: Implications for inclusive and sustainable regional trade development under the AfCFTA’

**Jonathan Bashi** ‘Covid-19, Public Authority, and the Governance of Informal Cross-Border Trade in Eastern DRC’

## **Panel 14: Intellectual Property, Health and Competition Law II**

[LOT 2, FF2](#)

**Chair:** Caroline Ncube

**Panel:**

**Ronjini Ray & Rishabha Meena** ‘Delineating the scope of Technology Transfer to African countries: Recommendations and Way Forward for effective Technology Transfer’

**Janet Njambi Macharia** ‘An Evaluation of the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property: A Case for the Request for Waiver’ [**Sponsored by AfSDJN**]

**Chimdessa Tsega** ‘Regional Transposition of TRIPS Patent Flexibilities in Africa: COMESA as a Case Study’

[**Sponsored by AfSDJN**]

**Uchechukwu Ngwaba** ‘Regional Cooperation for Health Governance as Africa’s Pathway to Future Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response’

**Vellah Kedogo Kigwiru** ‘The Direct Applicability of the 2004 COMESA Competition Regulations in the COMESA Member States’

**Irene Kariuki** ‘Harmonized Consumer Protection Legislation, International Business and Sustainable Development in the 21st Century Africa’

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## **Panel 15: Digital Trade II**

[LOT 2, FF3](#)

**Chair:** Tsotang Tsietsi

**Panel:**

**Nelly Rotich** ‘The Interplay between Existing Rules on E-commerce and Negotiations of the AfCFTA Protocol on E-commerce: Is Lack of Acquis a Dead End’ [**Sponsored by AfSDJN**]

**Alexander Beyleveld & Franziska Sucker** ‘Competition rules for navigating distributional inequalities when regulating crossborder data flows within the AfCFTA’

**Ikechukwu Okafor** ‘Mapping the Regulatory Framework for African Digital Economic Integration through Fintech Innovations’

**Rutendo Tavengerwei** ‘Investigating Regulatory Entrepreneurship in Data-Driven Trade in the SADC Region’

## Panel 16: International Economic Law & Sustainable Development Goals

LOT2, FF4

Chair: Tomasz Milej

Panel:

**Okechukwu Ejims** 'African Union Foreign Investment Law and Climate Change'

**Bariyira Simple Kpea-Ue** 'The Role of International Economic Laws in Achieving Environmental Friendly Operations in the Extractive Industry in Africa'

**Chengetai E. Hamadziripi** 'Policy space for clean energy technologies/policies: Developing subsidy rules for clean energy technologies within the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA)' [**Sponsored by AfSDJN**]

**Lozindaba Mbvundula** 'Implications of the 12th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation on the African Continental Free Trade Area'

**Katrin Kuhlmann** 'A Comparative and Contextual Assessment of Inclusive and Sustainable Trade and Development in Regional Trade Agreements'

11:30-11:45

Tea and Coffee Break

11:45-13:05

## Panel 17: Trade Agreements, Dispute Settlement and Enforcement

Moot Court Complex

Chair: Regis Simo

Panel:

**Tomasz Milej** 'Next to nothing? The role of Kenyan Judiciary in promoting regional integration'

**Ankit Malhotra** 'Fragmentation of International Economic Law: The Interpretation of WTO Agreement'

**Nadia Salim** 'The Opportunities and Challenges in Achieving Shared Prosperity for Africa Under the International Economic Law Regime'

## **Panel 18: Sovereign Debt and Terrorism Financing**

LOT2, FF3

**Chair: Suresh Nanwani**

**Panel:**

**Misheck Mutize**, 'How the Coordination Failure between Credit Ratings and Investors is Costing Africa'

**Mpho Makatiso Seoane** 'Managing Sovereign Debt in a developing country amid the COVID-19 era'

**Issabella Anane-Fosuhene** 'Debt restructuring for sustainable debt levels in Ghana: A utilitarian or deontological approach'

**Dotse Tsikata** 'Emerging Norms and Standards in the Treatment of Sovereign Debt Crises - What Significance for Africa?'

**Col Felix Alaita (rtd)** 'International Economic Law and Terrorism Financing'

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## **Panel 19: AfCFTA III**

LOT 2, SF7

**Chair: Emmanuel Laryea**

**Panel:**

**Christopher Nyinevi and Abena Achiaa Otuo** 'The Current Legal Status and Continued Relevance of the Abuja Treaty to the African Economic Integration Agenda'

**Arinze B. Okiche** 'Are African Regional Trade Agreements Intended to Create Legally Binding Obligations'

**Omoniyi Bukola Akinola** 'Legal and Regulatory Framework for Leveraging on the African Continental Free Trade Area by Nigerian Companies'

**Annabel Nanjira** 'Analysing the Effectiveness of the African Continental Free Trade Area in "Righting" the Wrongs of the Existing Regional Economic Communities' [**Sponsored by AfSDJN**]

**Mbakiso Magwape** 'AfCFTA and Revenue: Navigating Outstanding Fiscal Issues and Legal Framework to attain Agenda 2063'



## Panel 20: Business and Human Rights

LOT 2, FF2

Chair: Mohsen al Attar

Panel:

**Emmanuel Nartey** 'MNCs and Human Rights'

**Caroline Lichuma & Florence Shako** 'International, Regional and National Business and Human Rights (BHR) Developments: Simultaneously Centering and Decentering Africa's Marginal Position in the Quest to Reduce the Transnational Corporate Accountability Gap?'

**Seid Demeke Mekonnen** 'The responsibilities of transnational corporations to respect and protect labor rights: Case studies in Ethiopia'

**Atupele Masanjala** 'Malawi's Cotton Trade: Riding the Coattails of the Cotton-4' [Sponsored by AfSDJN]

**Uchenna Anyamele** 'The e-Naira as a Tool for Financial Inclusion in Nigeria'

**Paul Adole Ejembi & Joycelin Chinwe Eze-Okubuiro** 'Stimulating an Enabling Regulatory and Technological Environment for the Advancement of Contemporary African Economies'

13:05-14:05

Lunch  
Foyer

14:05-15:05

## Roundtable 1: Maritime Administration in Africa

Moot Court Complex

Moderator: Enam Antonio

Speakers:

**Aderonke Adekeye**, Chief Legal Officer, Nigerian Maritime and Safety Administration

**Azuka Ogo**, Former Chief Executive Officer, Cargo Defence Fund, Nigeria

15:05-15:15

Tea and Coffee Break  
Moot Court Complex

15:15-16:15

## Roundtable 2: Data Protection in Africa

[Moot Court Complex](#)

**Moderator:** Fola Adeleke

**Speakers:**

**Vincent Olatunji**, National Commissioner/CEO, National Data Protection Bureau Nigeria

**Patricia Adusei-Poku**, Executive Director, National Data Protection Commission Ghana

Blue Carpet:  
18:00

18:30-20:00

## AfIELN Ashfar Gala

Formal Dinner: Strictly African/Black Tie Attire

Professor Suresh Nanwani Essay Competition Award Ceremony

The Fitzgerald, Accra

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DAY 4: SATURDAY, 24 JUNE 2023

9:00-10:10

## Roundtable 3: Creative Industries Financing - African and Global Perspective

[Moot Court Complex](#)

**Moderator:** Oluwatobiloba Moody

**Speakers:**

**Aisha Augie**, Creator General, Centre for Art and Creative Talent

**Felix Alaita**, Initiator and Lead, Nigeria's Creative Industries Development Bill 2023

10:00- 10:10	Tea and Coffee Break
10:10 -10:20	Conference Photo
10:30 -12:30	<p>Early Career Workshop on Theories, Methodologies and Methods</p> <p>Facilitators: <b>Obiora Okafor, Olufunmilayo Arewa and James Gathii</b></p>
12:30-13:20	<p>Closing Remarks :</p> <p><b>Tsotang Tsietsi</b>, AfIELN Vice President</p> <p>Closing Reception</p>
13:30-14:30	<b>Private Tour: National Museum of Ghana</b>

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