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ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Africa Arbitration Academy is an initiative of the foremost young arbitration practitioners' group in Africa – the Association of Young Arbitrators (AYA). The Academy was established due to the rising demand for improved expertise and training of arbitration practitioners in Africa, and to expose the young practitioners to the current trends and developments in international commercial and investment arbitration. The inaugural Academy program holds in London (June 2019) and taught by international arbitration experts (academics and practitioners), heads of arbitration institutions, in-house counsel, and judges. The overall objective of the Academy is to provide the much-needed specialized training to young arbitration practitioners from Africa and to equip them with the right set of skills to succeed within the international arbitration community.

The three-week advanced courses are offered in different formats including lectures, workshops and seminars. There will also be mentoring sessions where renowned arbitration experts take time to share career tips and life experiences with participants. Participants are involved in team building exercises, networking events in law firms, and mock arbitration competition. Through the lectures, networking receptions, and workshops, participants expand their perspectives on international arbitration and are enriched with better professional skills and knowledge.

Participants who successfully complete the three-week program move into the alumni of the Academy, and it is hoped that through the alumni, a new generation of arbitration practitioners with the requisite expertise to succeed in international arbitration, will emerge. The Academy will also in coming years help Africans who are desirous of pursuing graduate or post graduate degree programmes in international arbitration to review their application materials and guide them through the process.

The 2019 Academy programme is sponsored by 13 city law firms including WilmerHale, White & Case, Clifford Chance, Linklaters, Stephenson Harwood, Allen & Overy, Baker & McKenzie, Herbert Smith Freehills, Hogan Lovells, Freshfields, Pinsent Masons, LMS Legal, and CMS Cameron. It has also received collaboration with ICSID (World Bank), International Bar Association, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Cairo Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre, Mauritius International Arbitration Centre, Lagos Court of Arbitration, Asian International Arbitration Centre, Africa Arbitration, AfricArb and SOAS London.

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Femi cut his legal teeth at Olaniwun Ajayi LP in Lagos, Nigeria, where he garnered significant experience on corporate/ transactional law practice and dispute resolution. Now of Schwartz LLC in New York, he is qualified to practice law both in Nigeria and New York. Femi is also an executive member of the Nigerian Lawyers Association in the United States.

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Kate Okoh Kpina holds an LL. B, BL and LL.M. She has training certificates in arbitration and negotiation from ICC, Paris and the Harvard Negotiating Institute, Boston. Kate is presently the Advisor, Rule of Law to the GIZ Police Programme Africa, Nigeria, where she supports the Nigerian criminal justice system.

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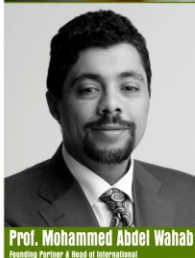


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Date	Names of Law Firm	Events/Programme	Address of Law Firm
3 rd June 2019 (9am – 6pm)	Stephenson Harwood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Remarks – Abayomi Okubote/Kamal Shah • LCIA Hot Topics – Shai Wade & Ayo Oketunji • Enforcement of Arbitral Awards – Kamal Shah & Charlotte Welsh • Introduction to Investment Treaty Arbitration – Christopher Harris QC, and Cameron Miles (3 Verulam Buildings) • ISDA Agreements & Islamic Finance – George Vaughton and David Lacey • Quantification of Damages – David Mitchell (BDO) • Networking drinks 	1 Finsbury Circus, Finsbury, London EC2M 7SH, UK
4 th June 2019 (9am – 6pm)	Linklaters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) - Matthew Weiniger, QC • AfCFTA and Investment Arbitration in Africa - Mr. Tunde Fagbohunlu, SAN • Comparing Interpretation of Contracts and Treaties within Investor-State Arbitrations – Prof Joshua Karton • Networking drinks 	One Silk St, London EC2Y 8HQ, UK
5 th June 2019 (9am – 6pm)	Baker McKenzie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trends in international arbitration – Steve Abraham • Spotlight on Arbitration in the Oil and Gas Sector – Judith Mulholland • Spotting compliance issues and corruption risks 	100 New Bridge St, London EC4V 6JA, UK

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Yindi Gesinde • China: Belt and Road – Peter Lu • Mentoring session by Segun Osuntokun • Networking drinks 	
6 th June 2019 (9am – 6pm)	Clifford Chance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax and Investment Law – Audley Sheppard, QC • Special session by Prof Catherine Rogers • Mentoring session by Audley Sheppard, QC • Special Workshop on the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) • Networking drinks 	
7 th June 2019 (9.30am - 4.30pm)	Herbert Smith Freehills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclosure in International Arbitration – TBC • Mentoring session by Paula Hodges, QC • Third-party funding in International Arbitration: Funder's Perspective - Anastasia Bondarenko (Vannin Capital) • Roundtable session with the Commonwealth Secretariat - moderated by Elizabeth Bakibinga 	Exchange House, Primrose St, London EC2A 2EG, UK
10 th June 2019	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sessions by Sylvia Noury, Gisele Stephens-Chu, Natalie Sheehan, Ella Davies, Stephanie Mbonu, Maxence Rivoire, Bryan Dayton and Mohamed Eid • Mentoring Session by Mrs. Funke Adekoya, SAN and Prof Mohammed Abdel Wahab 	65 Fleet St, Temple, London EC4Y 1HT, UK
11 th June 2019 (5pm – 8pm)	SOAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inaugural Academy Lecture by Prof. Gary Born • Debate on "Creation of Multilateral Investment Court" by Mrs. Funke Adekoya SAN; Matthew Weiniger QC; Michele Potesta, Dr. Chrispas 	Wolfson Lecture Theatre (SWLT), SOAS, Bloomsbury, London WC1H 0XG, UK



		Nyombi, and Dr. Emilia Onyema	
12 th June 2019 (10am – 5pm)	White & Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arbitrability - Clare Connellan, Luiz Aboim and Opeyemi Longe • Costs in arbitration - Elizabeth Oger-Gross and Robert Wheal • Special ICSID Session – Paul-Jean Le Cannu • Networking drinks 	5 Old Broad St, London EC2N 1DW, UK
13 th June 2019 (10am – 6pm)	Hogan Lovells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Hearing & Redfern Schedule – Nathan Searle & Angus Rankin • Third-party funding in International Arbitration: Practitioner's Perspective - Dr. SPA Ajibade, SAN • Corruption and Investment Arbitration in Africa - Dr. Khrushchev Ekwueme • Mentoring session by Meg Kinnear • Special session by the International Bar Association – Julien Fouret, Sophia Martins, Ndanga Kamau 	Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, Holborn, London EC1A 2FG, UK
14 th June 2019 (10am – 6pm)	WilmerHale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session on Oil and Gas Arbitration - Charlie Caher, Jonathan Lim • Investment Arbitration and Environmental Law Issues - Charlie Caher, Jonathan Lim • Institutional Arbitration and Choice of Institution - Mr. Vinayak Pradhan • Briefing on advocacy exercise and preparation time - Charlie Caher, Jonathan Lim 	49 Park Ln, Mayfair, London W1K 1PS, UK
17 th June 2019 (10am – 6pm)	Pinsent Masons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introduction to Pinsent Masons & Africa Practice - Rob Wilkins and Akshai Fofaria 	30 Crown Pl, Earl St, Hackney, London EC2A 4ES, UK

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing business disputes in Africa – Arbitration trends, traps and tips - Jean-Fracois Le Gal and Alistair Calvert • Energy and Infrastructure disputes in Africa - Gurmukh Riyat • Force Majeure on African projects - Katie McCourt • The Protection of Investments in Africa - Mike Cottrell • Mentoring Session by Mr. Gbenga Oyebo • Belt and Road and the Role of CAJAC - Navjeet Virk • Young Practitioners' Panel – Arbitration Practice in the Era of Disruption: Skills and Strategies for Young Practitioners to Succeed – Jonathan Lim, Charlotte Welsh, Guled Yusuf, Daniel Wilmot, James Dingely, Tatiana Polevshchikova • Networking drinks 	
18 th June 2019 (10am – 6pm)	Allen & Overy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session by Allen & Overy – James Freeman • Moot based on the HKIAC Rules - Wesley Pang • Latest developments on Belt and Road in Africa 	One Bishops Square, Spitalfields, London E1 6AD, UK
19 th June 2019	Free	Free	Free
20 th June 2019 (10am – 6pm)	Hogan Lovells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock session on Preliminary Hearing & Redfern Schedule – Nathan Searle & Angus Rankin • Mentoring Session by Samaa Haridi 	Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, Holborn, London EC1A 2FG, UK



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Workshop on the Mauritius International Arbitration Centre – Ashwita Ambast • special Workshop on the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC) – Funmi Iyayi • Special Workshop on the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) – Dr. Dalia Hussein 	
21 st June 2019 (10am – 6pm)	LMS Legal/CMS Cameron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving treaty protection for international infrastructure projects by strategic investment restructuring - Virginie Colauti (LMS Legal) • FIDIC – The Rainbow Suite - Rob Wilson (CMS) • Money claims in construction - Yolanda Walker (CMS)/Matthew Finn (Ankura) • Claims Management Under FIDIC – Ngo-Martins Okonmah • Force majeure and treaty arbitration: contractors' • remedies and State defences in times of war - Leonardo Carpentieri (LMS Legal) • Dispute Boards/ DRBF - Geoffery Smith (PS-Consulting) • Joint operating Agreement disputes - Philip Ashley (CMS) 	78 Cannon St, London EC4N 6AF, UK

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