

WEBINAR

Introduction to International Arbitration in Africa

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9:00-10:15 a.m.
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As interest in international arbitration with parties from Africa and/or with seats in Africa is growing, the Center is hosting an event, which will allow participants to get an idea of the *status quo* of international arbitration in Africa. The starting point will be an overview of the historical development of arbitration in Africa as well as the legal framework applicable in the various African countries to be analyzed by the two speakers, Ndanga Kamau and Emilia Onyema. When addressing the legal framework, the speakers will also identify Model Law and non-Model Law jurisdictions on the African content and address the impact of OHADA and the New York Convention on arbitration in Africa. As part of their focus on the legal framework, the speakers will also analyze the institutional framework in the sense of the arbitral institutions operating on the African continent.

The speakers will also address practical issues, such as the implications of choosing to seat an arbitration in an African jurisdiction, and the importance of African arbitrators and counsel in international arbitrations with seats in Africa and outside Africa.

Ms. Kamau and Prof. Onyema will also examine the attitudes of domestic courts vis-à-vis arbitration at both the pre-award and the post-award stages.



HOST and MODERATOR

Franco Ferrari
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Franco Ferrari, the webinar's host, joined NYU School of Law as a full-time professor in Fall 2010, after serving as professor of law at Verona University (2002-16), Bologna University (1998-2002), and Tilburg University (1995-98). Professor Ferrari, a former legal officer at the UN Office of Legal Affairs, works and does research in the areas of international commercial law, conflict of laws, comparative law, and international commercial arbitration. He is a recipient of the 2018 Certificate of Merit for High Technical Craftmanship and Utility to Practicing Lawyers and Scholars awarded by the ASIL. He also acts as an international arbitrator both in international commercial arbitrations and investment arbitrations.

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Domenico Di Pietro has practiced international commercial and investment arbitration with leading international arbitration firms for nearly 25 years in jurisdictions as diverse as Italy, England & Wales, Japan and the U.S. He has published extensively in the field of international arbitration. Some of his writings have been cited by the leading courts in several civil law and common law jurisdictions. He is co-founder and current co-chair of ARBIT, Italy's leading arbitration and ADR association. He was the first Italian national to be admitted as a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators, City of London.

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SPEAKERS

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Ndanga Kamau, a Kenyan national, is the Founder of Ndanga Kamau Law based in The Hague. She sits as arbitrator and acts as counsel in international disputes. She is a vice president of the ICC Court, visiting scholar at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, member of the ILA Committee on Rule of Law and International Investment Law, co-chair of the Africa Subcommittee of the IBA Arbitration Committee, and member of the Executive Committee of FIAA.

Emilia Onyema
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Emilia Onyema is a Professor of International Commercial Law at SOAS University of London where she teaches international commercial arbitration and international investment law. Emilia, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, is qualified to practice law in Nigeria, and as a Solicitor in England & Wales. She convenes the SOAS Arbitration in Africa conference series and leads the SOAS Arbitration in Africa biennial survey research project. Her research interests focus on the development of international arbitration in Africa and the engagement of Africans in international arbitration. She has experience as presiding, co and sole arbitrator, and as expert witness in international commercial arbitration.

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