



**On The Occasion Of Its 50th Anniversary,
THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW (UNCITRAL)**

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The Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA)

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**The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Cameroon, the Ministry of External Relations, the Ministry of Commerce and the
Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Cameroon**

is organizing an International Colloquium entitled:

“UNCITRAL AT 50 AND ARBITRATION IN AFRICA ”

at

The Mont FEBE Hotel in YAOUNDE (CAMEROON), on May 24 and 25, 2017

**UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY MR. PAUL BIYA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
CAMEROON**

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 24 May 2017: Day 1

09:30-10:30: Opening Ceremony;

09:30: Welcoming Speech by the Government Delegate to the Yaoundé City Council;

- Opening Address by the Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations;
- Speech by the UNCITRAL Secretary;
- Speech by the Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Cameroon;
- Speech by the Minister of Commerce of the Republic of Cameroon
- Speech by the Minister of Finance of the Republic of Cameroon
- Speech by the Permanent Secretary of Organization for The Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA);
- Speech by the UNCITRAL Chairman and President of APAA;
- Speech by the State Minister, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Cameroon.

10:30: Coffee break and departure of the officials.

11:00-11:20: Introductory remarks by Jean-Michel JACQUET, Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, French Delegate to UNCITRAL.

FIRST SESSION: 11:20-17:30: The arbitration legal framework as proposed by international and regional organizations

Part 1: 11:20-12:30: The international trade framework with UNCITRAL instruments - Chaired by Jean-Michel JACQUET

11:20-11:35: International Sale of Goods (CISG), by Luca CASTELLANI, Legal Officer at the UNCITRAL Secretariat

11:35-11:50: The Convention on Electronic Commerce, by Luca CASTELLANI, Legal Officer at the UNCITRAL Secretariat

11:50-12:05: The Rotterdam Rules, by Hassan BELLO, Executive Secretary & CEO of the Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC) (tbc)

12:05-12:25: Discussion

Part 2: 12:30 – 13:30: The UNCITRAL instruments on International Commercial Arbitration – Co-chaired by Dominique HASCHER, Advisor to the French Court of Cassation and President of the Comparative Law Society and Claude MENTENON, Lawyer and – Former President of the Bar of Ivory Coast.

12:30-12:55: The New York Convention of 1958 and UNCITRAL Guide on the New York Convention; by Benjamin SIINO, Lawyer at Shearman & Sterling (Paris)

12:55-13:10: The UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration; by Jean-Michel JACQUET, Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva), French Delegate to UNCITRAL

13:10-13:30: Discussion

13:30-14:50: Lunch break

Part 3: 15:00 -16:00: A legal framework for investment arbitration – Co- chaired by Pr. Jean-Michel JACQUET and Alain Didier OLINGA, Head of the International Law Department at IRIC, University of Yaoundé II

15:15-15:30: The UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules by Joachim KUCKENBURG, Rechtsanwalt, Berlin and Paris Bar

15:30-15:45: The UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency and the Mauritius Convention on Transparency, by Judith KNIEPER, Legal Officer at the UNCITRAL Secretariat

15:45-16:00: Investment arbitration under the ICSID Convention, by Nadia DARWAZEH, Member of the Bars of England and Wales and Frankfurt

16:00- 16:20: Discussion

Part 4: 16:30 -17:30: Arbitration in the OHADA member states – Chaired by Joachim KUCKENBURG, Rechtsanwalt, Berlin and Paris Bar

16:30 - 16:45: The implementation of CCJA Arbitration, by Narcisse AKA, Secretary General of the CCJA.

16:45 – 17:00: The implementation of Arbitration on the basis of the Uniform Act on the Law of Arbitration, by Dr. Achille NGWANZA, Lecturer at Panthéon-Assas University and University of Yaoundé II, Chairman of the OHADA Working Group of the French Arbitration Committee

17:00-17:30: Discussion and end of the first day.

20:00 – 22:00 Social evening and dinner offered by the State Minister, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Cameroon

Thursday 25 May 2017: Day 2

SECOND SESSION: 9:20-18:00: Arbitration practice in Africa

Part 1: 9:20 -10:35: Practical aspects of International Commercial Arbitration - Chaired by Pr. Henri MODI KOKO, Dean of Law and Political Sciences department in the University of Dschang.

9:30-9:45: International Commercial Arbitration, by Emmanuel Jolivet, General Counsel at the ICC International Court of Arbitration (Paris)

9:45-10:00: An African Perspective on Arbitration as a tool for dispute resolution, by Emilia ONYEMA, Professor of International Commercial Law at SOAS, University of London

10:00-10:15: Efficiency of the national judge's participation to arbitration by Dominique HASCHER, Advisor to the French Court of Cassation and President of the Comparative Law Society

10:15-10:35: Discussion

10:35-10:50: Coffee break

Part 2: 11:00 -12:15: The enforcement of arbitral awards – Chaired by Béatrice CASTELLANE, Lawyer in Paris, AMCO

11:00-11:15: The enforcement of arbitral awards within the OHADA area, by Dr Sylvie BEBOHI EBONGO, Researcher at the APAA

11:15-11:30: The Enforcement of arbitral awards outside the OHADA area, by Jean François TOSSENS, Lawyer in Brussels

11:30-11:45: The African State in the enforcement of arbitral awards, by Serges ABESSOLO, Former Director General of the Judicial Agency in Gabon

11:45-12:05: Discussion

12:15- 14:30: Lunch break

Part 3: 14:30-16:30: Round table on the implementation of the domestic and international commercial arbitration – Chaired by Martial AKAKPO, Lawyer in Togo

The purpose of the round table is to present some of the challenges encountered in the practice of arbitration:

- **in Egypt:** the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), by Dr. Ismaïl SELIM, Director of the centre
- **in Rwanda:** the Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC), Fidèle MASENGO, Secretary General of the centre
- **in South Africa:** Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Inc. by Jonathan Ripley-Evans, Director
- **in Mauritius:** the LCIA – MIAC by Ndanga KAMAU, Secretary General of the centre
- **in Nigeria:** the International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation in Abudja (ICAMA), by Ojo BAYO, President of the centre
- **in Djibouti:** the International Centre of Arbitral Services (CISA), by Me Mohamed AREF, Lawyer in Djibouti
- **in Cameroon:** GICAM by Marie-Andrée NGWEE, President of the Arbitration Permanent Committee (GICAM)
- **in Europe:** the experience of an African Lawyer practicing in London, by Julius NKAFU, Lawyer at Great James & Co
- **in Africa:** by Emmanuel JOLIVET, General Counsel at ICC Court of Arbitration, Paris

Part 4: 16:30-17:45: Africa and the arbitration of investment disputes – Chaired by Nadia DARWAZEH, member of the Bars of England and Wales and Frankfurt

16:30-16:45: Africa in ICSID Arbitration, by Rose RAMEAU, Professor and Lawyer in Paris, Florida and New Jersey

16:45-17:00: An African overview on Investment Arbitration, by Gaston KENFACK DOUAJNI, President of APAA and UNCITRAL

17:00-17:15: Prospects for the reform of investment arbitration, by Judith KNIEPER, Legal Officer at the UNCITRAL Secretariat

17:15-17:35: Discussion

17:35-18:00: Closing remarks, by Renaud SORIEUL, followed by a cocktail reception

NB. The working languages of the colloquium are both French and English, with simultaneous interpretation. Registration form available at <http://apam-afrique.org/>