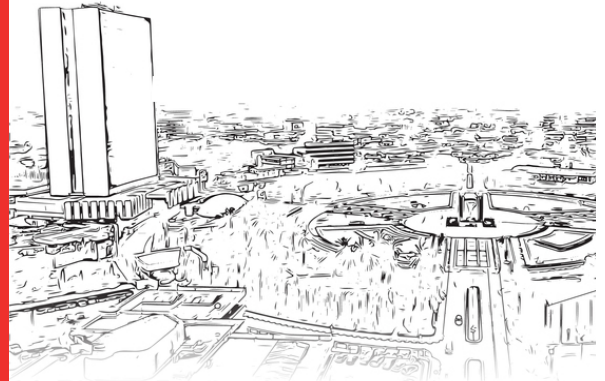


THE POWER OF LOME ARBITRATION WEEK

February 05 to 08, 2025
in Lomé (Hôtel 2 Février)



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PROJECT RATIONALE

The Power of L.A.W., the first edition of a new event in the OHADA region, will be held in Lomé, the capital of maritime and financial activities.

The Power of L.A.W. is an annual week of activities designed to bring together maritime and financial arbitration practitioners from all over the world in Lomé, whose strategic position has already enabled it to host a platform for the African financial industry (AFIS).

The Power of L.A.W. is an event designed to build a powerful link between operators, users, institutions in the maritime and financial sectors and arbitration practitioners. The event also aims to create a historic framework for professionals to listen to each other, and to connect young practitioners, the heirs of tomorrow's maritime and financial arbitration.

The Power of L.A.W. is a forum for high-level doctrinal debates and edifying workshops led by internationally renowned professionals.

The Power of L.A.W. is an event designed to promote arbitration and mediation as means of settling maritime and financial disputes.



THE PROMOTEUR

Created in 2019 by the Association Internationale pour le Développement de l'Arbitrage en Afrique (AIDAA), the Centre International d'Arbitrage et de Médiation (CIAM) has established itself as an internationally renowned institution specializing in the settlement of maritime and financial disputes.

The idea of a center specializing in the settlement of financial and maritime disputes arose from the founders' desire to respond to a real need to offer economic operators in these sectors appropriate and effective dispute settlement methods.

The Center launched its activities at an international symposium on arbitration of maritime and

financial disputes held in Lomé on April 28 and 29, 2022, which brought together a number of high-profile participants.

Its first arbitrators and mediators were selected following a training course organized in September 2023 in Lomé, following an international call for candidates.

The logo for AIDAA, featuring the letters 'AIDAA' in a bold, dark grey sans-serif font. A small red square is positioned above the letter 'i'.

Association Internationale pour le
Développement de l'Arbitrage en Afrique

PROJECT RATIONALE

The project has two components:

Firstly, because of its strategic position for the development and operation of maritime and financial infrastructures useful to the sub-region, the Port Autonome de Lomé (PAL) welcomes the latest generation of ships.

Whether they are brokers or charterers, managers or agents, shipowners or insurers, freight forwarders, port logisticians, port operators, customs representatives or simple users, maritime trade operators are all involved in using port infrastructures to transport goods to and from their destinations.

With over 90,000 ships (oil tankers, container ships, roll-on/roll-off vessels), sea freight is the most important mode of transport for shipping goods internationally.

The total volume of goods traded internationally represents around eleven (11) billion tonnes per year. UNCTAD has indicated that maritime trade grew by 1.4% in 2022, and that this trend will average 2.1% per year over the period 2023-2027, and multiply by 4 by 2050.

Today, PAL is seen by many as an interconnection link between Africa and the rest

of the world, putting Lomé in a unique and sustainable position to improve delivery times and support the economic development of countries in the sub-region.

One shipowner had no hesitation in revealing his ambition to strengthen his presence in Africa from Lomé: *“A dematerialization of processes between sea, land and the customer, combined with collaboration with the partners and administrations concerned, will make it possible to help shape a more sustainable future for Africa and the planet.”*



Consequently, disputes relating to maritime activities, whether they concern ship operation and management, navigation, goods transport, repairs, commission, logistics, sales, charter parties, insurance, etc.... very often involve African parties, while at the same time being international in nature.

Yet, for a very long time, maritime arbitration has been the usual means of settling disputes in this field.

African parties therefore need to “domesticate” maritime arbitration as a means of settling disputes involving them.

Secondly, Lomé’s dominant position as the headquarters of sub-regional financial institutions such as BOAD, BIDC, ETI, AGF and CICA-RE, and its proximity to the regional stock exchange in Abidjan, reinforces reflection on the effectiveness and appropriateness of arbitration

procedures for disputes in the complex fields of banking and financial law.

Major players are increasingly realizing that arbitration is better suited to disputes in banking and finance, and recognize that the characteristics of this procedure effectively complement the range of dispute resolution mechanisms available in the OHADA area, while contributing to the zone’s attractiveness.



In these circumstances, CIAM has decided to bring together in Lomé all the players in the maritime, banking and financial sectors, together with their clients and partners, in a major event entitled The Power of L.A.W. to discuss, over the course of a week, the justifications for settling maritime and financial disputes in Africa by means of arbitration and mediation, addressing issues specific to each sector of activity

and those of commercial and investment arbitration.

Finally, based on the principle that no arbitration centre can develop without the action of the State in its role of regulating and creating an attractive legal and legislative framework, the organizers of this unprecedented event and their partners intend to arouse the interest and support of the public authorities in order to create a modern and innovative

legal framework likely to appeal to the increasingly demanding international arbitration ecosystem.

The aim is not only to complete the legislative arsenal promoted by the OHADA treaty and its uniform acts, but also to envisage the establishment of an international jurisdictional body involving professionals, before which parties can confidently lodge appeals for annulment.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

The Power of L.A.W is intended to be a week during which legal practitioners, business leaders, investment support institutions, financial institutions, development partners and regional and international experts will reflect, in a spirit of exchange and partnership, on the opportunities for making Lomé a privileged location for the settlement of maritime and financial disputes through arbitration and mediation.



SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Time (GMT)	Activities
Jour 1 : 05 Février 2025	
08:00 - 09:00 am	Accueil et Enregistrement
09:00 - 10:00 am	<p>Opening ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by the President of AIDAA • Opening address by the Keeper of the Seals, Minister of Justice and Legislation • Interlude • Family photo & interviews • Visit of stands
10:00-10:30 am.	<p>A word from the Guests of Honor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. President of EUROCHAM TOGO; • Mr. President of the African Shipowners Association; • Mr. Secretary General of IMO;
10:30- 11 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key notes : Lomé, a hub for maritime and financial arbitration • The strategic position of the autonomous port of Lomé; • Lomé, home to the region's major financial and banking institutions; • Business-friendly Lomé;
11 -12.40 a.m.	<p>Panel 1: Maritime arbitration in the Gulf of Guinea: cross-practitioner views</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A shipowner's point of view; • A character's point of view; • A freight forwarder's point of view; • A reinsurer's point of view; • A customs officer's point of view;

12:40 - 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	<p>Panel 2 : Arbitration practice in financial matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arbitration issues for development banks; • Investment arbitration in Africa: state of play and outlook; • Private equity in OHADA law: what place for arbitration? • Arbitration clauses in credit agreements: feedback on the difficulties encountered; • Arbitration and disputes relating to misappropriation of credit; • Arbitration clauses in financial security agreements;
Day 2: February 06, 2025	
08:00 - 09:00 am	Accueil des intervenants et des participants
09:00 - 10:40 a.m.	<p>Panel 3: First views on arbitration in Africa: between difficulties and progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maritime disputes and legal disparities in the OHADA area; • Immunity from execution under OHADA law; • Exequatur of arbitral awards in the OHADA area; • ZLECAf arbitration;
10:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.	<p>Panel 4: The specificities of maritime arbitration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe port and safe berth clauses in maritime arbitration; • Maritime debt recovery through arbitration; • Maritime assistance compensation and application of the SCOPIC clause; • Major case law trends in maritime arbitration (hardship, breach of long-term contracts, adaptation clause, good faith, keeping one's word, etc.); • Provisional and conservatory measures in maritime arbitration

12h10 -14h00	Lunch
12:10 - 2:00 pm	Panel 5: Insurance and arbitration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arbitration agreements in insurance contracts • Arbitration in marine insurance: feedback
Day 3: February 07, 2025	
08:00 - 09:00 am	Welcome for speakers and participants
09:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Panel 6: Africa and international arbitration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arbitration of natural resource disputes in Africa; • Arbitration in mining and gas contracts in Africa; • Public procurement and arbitration in Africa; • The place of African arbitrators in international arbitration; • The role of African arbitration centers in dispute resolution;
10:30-12:00 p.m.	Panel 7: The practice of mediation in maritime and financial disputes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediation: a resolution method adapted to maritime disputes; • Mediation: a suitable method for resolving financial disputes; • Executing the mediation agreement
12:30 - 2:00 pm	Lunch
Jour 4 : February 08, 2025	
09h00	Guided tour

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Physical participation

Before January 10, 2025

4.00 000 XOF - 610 € - \$720

Individual registration

200 000 XOF - 307 € - 332 \$

Inscription étudiant(e)

1.000.000 XOF - 1525 € - 1612 \$

Group registration (3 people)

After January 10, 2025

500 000 XOF - 763 € - 900 \$

400 000 XOF - 610 € - 720 \$/ personne

Participation by videoconference

Before January 10, 2025

300 000 XOF - 458 € - 540 \$

After January 10, 2025

400 000 XOF - 610 € - 720 \$

Registration entitles you to :

- * **Colloquium educational pack**
- * **Access to the symposium**
- * **Coffee breaks**
- * **Lunches**
- * **Conference attendance certificate**



SPONSORING

TECK: 5.000.000 XOF
7.6223 Euros | 8.085 Dollars

- Identification as TECK sponsor of the event;
- On-screen advertising with a 60-second message before round tables and workshops, during coffee breaks and lunches;
- Mention of logo on all event promotional materials;
- Insertion of promotional material in the individual documents of event participants;
- Stand in the conference hall;
- Free access to plenary sessions for 4 people.

ACAJOU : 3.000.000 XOF
4.573 Euros | 4.851 Dollars

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- Logo projection on screen during coffee breaks and lunches;
- Logo on all event promotional materials;
- Insertion of promotional material in individual documents for event participants;
- Stand in the conference hall;
- Free access to plenary sessions for 2 people.

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- Logo projection on screen during coffee breaks;
- Free access to plenary sessions for 1 person.

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