

The Regional project “Promotion of Rule of Law and Justice in Africa” GIZ and the Federal Bar Association of Germany, have joined forces and are very pleased to welcome you to our web conference “The new Africa Agreement AfCFTA - Opportunities for the Advocacy of Africa”.

On this three-day conference we will be taking a close look at the much anticipated but not yet fully penetrated African Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) from November 09-11, 2021.

Through presentations and workshop sessions, we invite you to exchange ideas on the following three topics:

1. The basics of the AfCFTA, its challenges and opportunities

With the Secretariat of the AfCFTA we will have a closer look at the structure, the status quo and the perspective of the free trade agreement. We will also talk about what the agreement can and cannot do. Especially the challenges and opportunities for practitioners in dealing with the agreement will be discussed.

2. The AfCFTA & the Role of the Legal profession (with a focus on Dispute Resolution)

Continuing with some practical tools, we will look at dispute avoidance, dispute prevention and dispute resolution. Based on that, we will discuss the general challenges in resolving (cross-border) disputes in Africa such as delay in courts, inadequate legislation and inadequacies in the dispute resolution infrastructure in Africa. Lastly, we will touch light on the dispute resolution instrument which is foreseen by the AfCFTA.

3. The AfCFTA & the Role of Bar Associations

Rounding it up, we want to give a voice to the various bar associations who help to strengthen the legal profession and who could also enhance the visions of the AfCFTA. The Pan African Lawyers Union as well as the Bar Association of Germany will give us an insight into their work and efforts.

We believe that this brief summary has given you a glimpse of what you can expect. We wish you a productive conference, and hope you enjoy the three days we will virtually spend together.

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CONFERENCE

THE NEW
AFRICA
AGREEMENT
AFCFTA -
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE
ADVOCACY OF AFRICA

PROGRAM**11/09/2021****10:00 – 10:30 (CET)**

Registration

10:30 – 10:45 (CET)

Opening Speech

Dr. Patina Gappah

Head of Legal of AfCFTA

André Haug

Vice President of the German Federal Bar

Emeka Obegolu

President of the Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU)

Vanessa Egert, LL.M.

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10:45 – 11:15 (CET)

Basics principles of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), Dr. Patina Gappah, Head of Legal of AfCFTA

11:15 – 11:30 (CET)

Coffee break / Get together 3 Rooms with Moderator

11:30 – 12:15 (CET)

Challenges and requirements regarding AfCFTA

Ndanga Kamau

International Lawyer, Founder of Ndanga Kamau Law

Hatem Kotrane

Lawyer, Prof. emerit. at the Faculty of Juridical, Political and Social Sciences, University of Carthage- Tunis

12:15 – 12:45 (CET)

Workshops on the Principles of the AfCFTA

Room 1: (English)

Dr. Babatunde Ajibade, SAN, FCI Arb

Managing Partner of SPA Ajibade & Co.

Room 2: (Arabic)

Hatem Kotrane

Lawyer, Prof. emerit. at the Faculty of Juridical, Political and Social Sciences, University of Carthage- Tunis

Room 3: (French)

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12:45 – 13:00 (CET)

Presentation of the Workshop Rooms

13:00 – 13:15 (CET)

Coffee break/Virtual

PROGRAM**11/10/2021****11:00 – 11:30 (CET)**

Basics of dispute avoidance, dispute prevention, and dispute resolution

Ndanga Kamau

International Lawyer, Founder of Ndanga Kamau Law

11:30 – 12:00 (CET)

Particularities of Dispute Resolution in Africa

Perspective and Challenges

Dr. Babatunde Ajibade, SAN, FCI Arb

Managing Partner of SPA Ajibade & Co.

12:00 – 12:15 (CET)

Pause / Get together

12:15 – 12:45 (CET)

Investment Dispute Resolution and the AfCFTA

Dr. Rukia Baruti

Secretary General at the African Arbitration Association (AFAA)

12:45 – 13:15 (CET)

Dispute Resolution and the AfCFTA

Ahmet Kasumi

Lawyer and Arbitrator at Kasumi & Partners Law firm

13:15 – 13:30 (CET)

Coffee break

13:30 – 14:15 (CET)

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PROGRAM**11/11/2021****11:00 – 11:05 (CET)**

Inquiry

11:05 – 12:00 (CET)

AfCFTA and the role of lawyers and the Bar Associations in Africa

Panel discussion

Emeka Obegolu

President of the Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU)

Chibuzo Ekwewkwo, Member of PALU

12:00 – 12:15 (CET)

Coffee break

12:15 – 13:15 (CET)

Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) and the role of Lawyers and the Bar Association

Pierre-Dominique Schupp

Vice-President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe

Christian Lemke

Vice President of the German Federal Bar

13:15 – 13:30 (CET)

Pause / Get together

13:30 – 14:30 (CET)

Round table between the African and European bar Presidents

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14:30 – 15:00 (CET)

Closing Remarks