

## Construction Law in Africa Conference

*Enabling the African Energy Transition:  
Predicting challenges and seizing opportunities*



**17-18 October 2023**

**The Wanderers Club, 21 North St, Illovo  
Johannesburg, 2196, South Africa**

# DAY 1

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
09.30 - 10:00	REGISTRATION	
10.00 - 10:10	Chairman's Welcome	Richard Laudy
10.10 - 10.30	<b>Keynote Address:</b> The African Energy Transition	Wikus Kruger
10.30 - 11.00	SOAS Arbitration in Africa and QMUL Energy Disputes Survey Reports 2022 – Key Findings	Rob Wilkins
11.00 - 11.30	BREAK	
11.30 - 12.00	The Relevance of Climate Change and Sustainability to Energy Disputes in Africa	Thomas King Angela Lawrence
12.00 - 12.45	<b>Discussion:</b> The Challenges of Running a Green Arbitration in Africa, and How to Overcome Them	Abdul Jinadu Thomas King Angela Lawrence CHAIR: Rob Wilkins
12.45 - 13:45	LUNCH	
13.45 - 14.15	Rolling Blackouts, Covid 19 and Force Majeure – The Response of the Standard Forms	Simon Hughes KC
14.15 - 14.45	The Africanisation of African Disputes – What Does the Future Hold?	Abdul Jinadu
14.45 - 15.00	BREAK	
15.00 - 15:30	Recent Key Decisions Affecting Construction Contracts	David Thomas KC
15.30 - 16.15	<b>Discussion:</b> Expert Evidence in African Disputes	Tim Harwin Jawaid Babamia SC Lucy Garrett KC CHAIR: Junaid Banoobhai
16.15 - 17.00	<b>Discussion:</b> Are Virtual Hearings Good for Africa?	Thethe Mokele David Thomas KC Arnold Subel SC CHAIR: Jason Smit
17.00 - 17.15	QUESTIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS Richard Laudy	

## DAY 2

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
09.30 - 10:00	REGISTRATION	
10.00 - 10:10	Chairman's Welcome	Simon Hughes KC
10:10 - 10:30	<b>Keynote Address:</b> AFSA and the Development of African Arbitration Centres	Michael Kuper SC
10.30 - 11.15	<b>Discussion:</b> What Makes a Successful DAB and Their Role in Settling Infrastructure Disputes	Chloe De Jager Kevin Trisk SC Paul Buckingham KC CHAIR: Robert Gaitskell KC
11.15 - 11.45	BREAK	
11.45 - 12.15	The Approach to Valuing Defects and the Role of Sampling	Paul Buckingham KC
12.15 - 12.45	Making Awards Stick – The Importance of Swift and Effective Enforceability	Jason Smit
12.45 - 13.45	LUNCH	
13.45 - 14.30	<b>Discussion:</b> The Development of Arbitration and Construction Law in Africa	Michael Kuper SC Ngo-Martins Okonma Abdul Jinadu CHAIR: Andrew Fawcett
14.30 - 15:00	Renewables and the Green Energy Transition	Jurg van Dyk Emma Roberts
15:00 - 15:15	BREAK	
15.15 - 15:45	Claims for Time and Cost Under FIDIC in the Context of Energy Disputes	Lucy Garrett KC
15.45 - 16:05	The Role of Mediation in the Resolution of African Construction Disputes	Richard Laudy
16:05 - 16:45	<b>Discussion:</b> Mediation: The International Experience	Robert Gaitskell KC Jason Smit Rosemary Jackson KC CHAIR: Richard Laudy
16:45 - 17:00	QUESTIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS Simon Hughes KC	