



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

DAY1

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS	
09.30 - 10:00	REGISTRATIO		
10.00 - 10:10	Chairman's Welcome	Richard Laudy Consultant, Pinsent Masons	
10.10 - 10.30	Keynote Address : The African Energy Transition	Wikus Kruger Power Futures Lab University of Cape Town	
10.30 - 11.00	SOAS Arbitration in Africa and QMUL Energy Disputes Survey Reports 2022 – Key Findings	Rob Wilkins Partner, Pinsent Masons	
11.00 - 11.30	BREAK		
11.30 - 12.00	NEC Option X29: Climate change and the decarbonization of African Construction Projects	Thomas King Partner, Pinsent Masons	
		Angela Lawrence Senior Associate, Pinsent Masons	
12.00 - 12.45	Discussion : The Challenges of Running a Green Arbitration in Africa, and How to Overcome Them	Abdul Jinadu <i>Keating Chambers</i> Thomas King	
		Partner, Pinsent Masons Angela Lawrence Senior Associate, Pinsent Masons	
		CHAIR: Rob Wilkins Partner, Pinsent Masons	
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 Keating Chambers	
14.15 - 14.45	The Africanisation of African Disputes – What Does the Future Hold?	Abdul Jinadu Keating Chambers	
14.45 - 15.00	BREAK		

15.00 - 15:30	Recent Key Decisions Affecting Construction Contracts	David Thomas KC Keating Chambers
15.30 - 16.15	Discussion : Expert Evidence in African Disputes	Bridget Kelly Director, Kingsbourne
		Tim Harwin Partner, HKA
		Jawaid Babamia SC Group One Advocates
		Lucy Garrett KC Keating Chambers
		CHAIR: Junaid Banoobhai Partner, Pinsent Masons
16.15 - 17.00	Discussion : Are Virtual Hearings Good for Africa?	Thethe Mokele Senior Associate, Pinsent Masons
		David Thomas KC Keating Chambers
		Arnold Subel SC Group 621 Advocates
		CHAIR: Jason Smit Partner, Pinsent Masons
17.00 - 17.15	QUESTIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS Richard Laudy	

DAY 2

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	09.30 - 10:00	REGISTRATIO	
	10.00 - 10:10	Chairman's Welcome	Simon Hughes KC Keating Chambers
	10:10 - 10:30	Keynote Address : AFSA and the Development of African Arbitration Centres	Michael Kuper SC Chairman, AFSA International
	10.30 - 11.15	Discussion : What Makes a Successful DAB and Their Role in Settling Infrastructure Disputes	Chloe De Jager Senior Associate, Pinsent Masons
			Kevin Trisk SC <i>Maisels Group</i>
			Paul Buckingham KC Keating Chambers
			CHAIR: Robert Gaitskell KC Keating Chambers
	11.15 - 11.45	BREAK	
	11.45 - 12.15	The Approach to Valuing Defects and the Role of Sampling	Paul Buckingham KC Keating Chambers
	12.15 - 12.45	Making Awards Stick – The Importance of Swift and Effective Enforceability	Jason Smit Partner, Pinsent Masons
	12.45 - 13.45	LUNCH	
•	13.45 - 14.30	Discussion : The Development of Arbitration and Construction Law in Africa	Michael Kuper SC Chairman, AFSA International
			Ngo-Martins Okonmah Partner, Aluko & Oyebode
			Abdul Jinadu Keating Chambers
			CHAIR: Andrew Fawcett Partner, Pinsent Masons
	14.30 - 15:00	Renewables and the Green Energy Transition	Jurg van Dyk Partner, Pinsent Masons
			Emma Roberts

		Legal Director, Pinsent Masons
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 Keating Chambers
15.45 - 16:05	The Role of Mediation in the Resolution of African Construction Disputes	Duncan Turner SC Group 621 Advocates
		Paul Pretorius SC Group One Advocates
16:05 - 16:45	Discussion : Mediation: The International Experience	Robert Gaitskell KC Keating Chambers
		Duncan Turner SC Group 621 Advocates
		Paul Pretorius SC Group One Advocates
		Rosemary Jackson KC Keating Chambers
		CHAIR: Richard Laudy Consultant, Pinsent Masons
16:45 - 17:00	QUESTIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS Simon Hughes KC	