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# MAKING A MULTILATERAL INVESTMENT COURT BENEFICIAL FOR SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA?

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12th Event in [‘2022 UNCITRAL Days in Africa’](#)

Workshop convened by:

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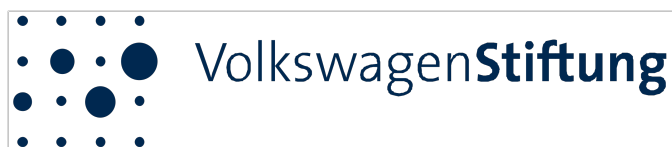
Prof. Jonathan Klaaren,  
University of the Witwatersrand

Asso. Prof. Emmanuel Laryea,  
Monash University

Mandela Institute, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

24 – 25 November 2022

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# Workshop Programme

- Please note that all times specified below are South African Standard Time.

## Day 1 (24 November 2022):

Bus from Southern Sun Rosebank to Workshop Venue (11:30 – 12:00)

Lunch (12:00 – 13:00)

Welcoming Remarks (13:00 – 13:10)

- Firoz Cachalia
- Director, Mandela Institute, University of the Witwatersrand

Keynote Speaker 1 (13:10 – 13:40)

*The Origins of the Idea of a Multilateral Investment Court*

- Colin Brown
- Head of Unit F.3 (Legal Aspects of Trade and Sustainable Development and Investment), Directorate General for Trade, European Commission
- Head of Delegation of the European Union, UNCITRAL Working Group III

Panel 1 (13:40 – 15:55)

- Presentation 1

- Rafia de Gama, University of South Africa
- Paper:

*Multilateral Investment Court: How to Ensure that the Voice of the States of Sub-Saharan Africa is Reflected*

- Commentator: Jonathan Klaaren, University of the Witwatersrand

- Presentation 2

- Afolabi Adekemi, Saarland University
- Paper:

*Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) in Africa and the Viability of a Multilateral Investment Court as the Future of ISDS in Africa*

- Commentator: Jonathan Klaaren, University of the Witwatersrand
  
- Presentation 3
  - Marie-Louise Aren, University of Pretoria
  - Paper:  
*The Applicable Substantive Law of the Multilateral Investment Court Vis-à-Vis Sub-Saharan African Investment Interests: Concerns And Options*
  - Commentator: Hélène Ruiz Fabri, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law
  
- Presentation 4
  - Peter Muriithi, Zed Achoki Hussein Advocates
  - Paper:  
*The Need to Uphold States' Sovereignty through the Concept of Consent in the Establishment of the Multilateral Investment Court*
  - Commentator: Hélène Ruiz Fabri, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law
  
- Moderator: Emmanuel Laryea, Monash University

Panel 2 (16:20 – 18:45)

- Presentation 1
  - Kathleen Mpofo, University of the Witwatersrand
  - Paper:  
*Pursuing Accountability of Investors within the Framework of the Multilateral Investment Court*
  - Commentator: Anne van Aaken, University of Hamburg
  
- Presentation 2
  - Emma Chitsove, University of Botswana
  - Paper:  
*Prospects for the Multilateral Investment Court being a Tool for Combating Investment Corruption: Lessons from ICSID*
  - Commentator: Anne van Aaken, University of Hamburg

- Presentation 3
  - Priccilar Vengesai, Great Zimbabwe University
  - Paper:
    - Towards an Effective and Efficient Multilateral Investment Court in Sub-Saharan Africa: Combating Corruption and Political instability*
  - Commentator: August Reinisch, University of Vienna
  
- Presentation 4
  - Martin Jarrett, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law
  - Paper:
    - Testing for Fault-Based Causality in the Multilateral Investment Court*
  - Commentator: August Reinisch, University of Vienna
  
- Moderator: Malebakeng Forere, University of the Witwatersrand

#### UNCITRAL Days in Africa (18:45 – 19:15)

##### *An Introduction to UNCITRAL Days in Africa*

- Anna Joubin-Bret
- Secretary, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

#### Workshop Dinner (at Southern Sun Rosebank) (19:15 – 21:30)

## Day 2 (25 November 2022):

Bus from Southern Sun Rosebank to Workshop Venue (9:00 – 9:30)

Welcoming Remarks (9:30 – 9:35)

Keynote Speaker 2 (9:35 – 10:05)

*UNCITRAL's Work on ISDS reform: Past, Present, and Future*

- Anna Joubin-Bret
- Secretary, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

Panel 3 (10:05 – 12:20)

- Presentation 1
  - Rimdolmsom Jonathan Kabre, University of Pretoria
  - Paper:  
*Africa, the Multilateral Investment Court, and the Challenge of Inclusivity in Investment Adjudication*
  - Commentator: Marc Bungenberg, Saarland University
- Presentation 2
  - Christopher Nyinevi, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
  - Paper:  
*Project-Affected Local Communities and the Multilateral Investment Court*
  - Commentator: Marc Bungenberg, Saarland University
- Presentation 3
  - Robert Mutembei Koome, Egerton University
  - Paper:  
*Why Multilateral Investment Court Without Equitable Inclusion is an Illusion for Sub Saharan Africa*
  - Commentator: Emmanuel Laryea, Monash University
- Presentation 4
  - Richard Mlambe, University of Malawi
  - Paper:

*Should the Envisaged Multilateral Investment Court have Jurisdiction over Human Rights and Environmental Claims?*

- Commentator: Emmanuel Laryea, Monash University
- Moderator: Jonathan Klaaren, University of the Witwatersrand

Introduction to 'The Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights Arbitration' (12:20 – 12:40)

*The Hague Rules of Business and Human Rights Arbitration:  
Potential to Close a Governance Gap?*

- Anne van Aaken
- Member, Working Group 'Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights Arbitration Project', Center for International Legal Cooperation

Lunch Break (12:40 – 13:40)

Panel 4 (13:40 – 15:55)

- Presentation 1
  - Collins Ajibo, University of Nigeria
  - Paper:  
*Mainstreaming AfCFTA's Development Dimension into MIC's Design and Interpretative Philosophy: A Roadmap for Action*
  - Commentator: Fola Adeleke, University of the Witwatersrand
- Presentation 2
  - Ijeoma Anozie, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies
  - Paper:  
*Multilateral Investment Court System: A Critical Mechanism for the Successful Operation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement*
  - Commentator: Fola Adeleke, University of the Witwatersrand
- Presentation 3
  - Takunda Gumbu, University of Namibia
  - Paper:  
*Consistently Inconsistent Awards: Does The Proposed Multilateral Investment Court Model Address African Concerns?*

- Commentator: Malebakeng Forere, University of the Witwatersrand
  
- Presentation 4
  - Mawuto Tossa, University of Granada
  - Paper:  
*The Multilateral Investment Court Project: A Dangerous Trap or a Safety Net for African States in Investment Disputes Settlement?*
  - Commentator: Malebakeng Forere, University of the Witwatersrand
  
- Moderator: Martin Jarrett, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law

Keynote Speaker 3 (15:55 – 16:25)

*ISDS Reform: An African Approach to the Proposed Multilateral Investment Court*

- Michael Imran Kanu
- Ambassador & Deputy Permanent Representative for Legal Affairs, Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations (New York)
- Head of Delegation of Sierra Leone, UNCITRAL Working Group III

Closing Remarks (16:25 – 16:30)

Bus to Southern Sun Rosebank (16:30 – 17:00)