Challenging the Perception of Risk in Africa

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Schedule of Events

Monday, May 21, 2018

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Registration & Breakfast
9:00 AM-9:10 AM Welcome Remarks
Steven M. Richman, Chair, ABA Section of International Law
9:10 AM – 11:00 AM Keynote Address & Plenary Session
Challenge the Perception of Risk in Africa
Panel Chair: Dr. Shola Mos-Shogbamimu and Deborah Kalu

The perception of risk in Africa continually impedes sustainable economic growth and development on the continent. It is often perpetuated by negative media, limited factual reports on success stories, as well as assumptions and foreign policies that drive risk perceptions. Official responses to circumstances and anecdotes shape public opinion nationally and internationally, demonstrating that the pursuit of a deeper understanding of risk in Africa is imperative.

This session will set the tone for the rest of the forum: the keynote speaker will outline Africa's current “rise” and share concrete examples of key successes, challenges and risks. The role for the expert commentator will be to introduce a new or different perspective on the views expressed in the keynote address. The discussion in the plenary session will help to define and highlight changes and actions that will help redefine risk in Africa.

Panel Chair:
Dr. Shola Mos-Shogbamimu, Solicitor of England and Wales, London, UK

Keynote Speaker:
Attorney General Abubakar Malami (Invited)
Vice President Yemi Osibajo (Invited)

Speakers:
Francis Daniels, Africa Opportunity Fund
Catherine Kimaro, NCL, Tanzania
11:00 AM – 11:30 PM  
**Group Photo & Networking Break**

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
**Concurrent Sessions**

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<td>The struggle to combat corruption in Africa involves a wide range of stakeholders, including governments, the private sector, civil society, and international organizations. Panel participants will share their unique perspectives on corruption throughout the continent, examining corruption's causes, impacts and effective ways to deter it and deal with its consequences. Specific topics for discussion will include: practical steps to mitigate corruption risks; efforts by multilateral development banks to avoid and deter corrupt actors through debarments and other sanctions; how corruption undermines the rule of law; and how international law can help Africa fight corruption.</td>
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<td>Trevor Hills, PwC, Johannesburg, South Africa</td>
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<td>Athaliah L. Molokomme, Attorney General, Gaborone, Botswana (Invited)</td>
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<td>Linda Ofori-Kwafo, Ghana Integrity Coalition, Accra, Ghana (Invited)</td>
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<td>Akosua Asaa Yelbert, Stanbic Bank, Accra, Ghana (Invited)</td>
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<td>The panelists will discuss corporate strategies for doing business in Africa with integrity. Specific topics include responding to recent developments in international and local anti-bribery laws; creating and maintaining a sound anti-corruption compliance culture; mitigating third-party risks; and tackling obstacles presented by informal, cash-based economies.</td>
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<td>Segun Osuntokun, Commercial Dispute Resolution, Berwin Leighton Paisner (invited)</td>
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2:30 PM – 4:00 PM  
**Political Risk: Managing Institutional Transparency, Accountability & Stability**

This panel will identify the perceived issues of institutional transparency, accountability and stability affecting countries in Africa including cause & effect. It will highlight a range of legal, political and market-based strategies to help minimize the likelihood and impact of political risk that may arise.

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| **Speakers:** |
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4:00 PM-4:30 PM  
**Networking Break**

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM  
**Concurrent Sessions**

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<td>There is an acute gap in infrastructure spending in virtually all countries in Africa, and this offers the significant potential for large-scale infrastructure development. Improvements in infrastructure are one of a number of ways to alleviate societal and political risks. There is,</td>
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| This panel will examine the implications of the Paris Agreement on Africa's future economic growth and sustainable development agenda. It will identify strategies for implementing the agreement, especially through Pan-African initiatives and institutions, and employing public-
therefore, need to actively engage with national and international entities that make it possible for infrastructure investors to deploy capital effectively. This panel will discuss this issue, identify the perceived infrastructure risks and inform on developments in these areas. Specific topics include:

- Public-private partnerships to finance infrastructure construction
- Institutional incentives for infrastructure management and sustainability
- Corruption and infrastructure maintenance and sustainability
- Alternative institutional arrangements for rural infrastructure
- Highlight lessons learned from China - Africa trade, which is revolutionizing investment in Africa's infrastructure

Panel Chair:
Kanyinsola Ajayi (Invited)

Speakers:
TBD

private partnerships and the engagement of state- and non-state actors.

It will also discuss climate financing for a transformation towards a green economy and low-carbon development in Africa. It will consider and address the following question: Will the opportunities from climate change spring the continent to transformative development?

Panel Chair:
Linda Lowson, Global ESG Financial Regulatory Academy™, Washington, DC
Emilia Siwingwa, Accountability Counsel, Nairobi, Kenya

Speakers:
Justus Kabyemera, Climdev Africa Special Fund (CDSF)
Mwila Musumali, African Development Bank Group, Pretoria, South Africa

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  Reception

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  Registration & Breakfast
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  Concurrent Sessions
Recent Developments

Interrogating Recent Developments in Democracy, Governance, Justice and Human Rights in Africa
Session Lead: Emilia Simingwa and Shingi Masanzu

Over the past two years, Africa has witnessed unprecedented developments in democracy, governance, justice and human rights, especially in sub-Saharan Africa.

From the Gambia, Burundi, Tanzania, Kenya, and Cameroon to Zimbabwe, this panel will examine how recent developments have impacted democracy and the rule of law, as well as impunity in various countries. Panelists will consider prospects for the further deepening and institutionalizing democracy and the rule of law, and ending the stalemate that seems to endanger democratic developments in some African countries (e.g., Central African Republic, Libya, Egypt, South Sudan and Cameroon).

Panel Chair:
Shingira Masanzu

Speakers:
Ottilia Anna Maunganidze, Institute for Security Studies, South Africa
Selemani Kinyunu, African Union Advisory Board on Corruption
Brian Kagoro, (tentative)
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**Africa Is the World’s Second Most Attractive Investment Destination: What Are the Challenges and Opportunities of Doing Business Here?**

*Session Lead: Dr John Mbaku and Kerry McClean*

Africa is the most attractive investment destination in the world behind Asia. However, how easy is it to establish and run a business in Africa? This panel will explore ways to significantly improve the institutional and economic environment for entrepreneurship and wealth creation in Africa. It will pay particular attention to detailing the institutional, cultural and economic obstacles to business development in the continent. Some topics to be examined include:

- government regulations
- corruption and government impunity
- poorly defined and enforced property rights
- access to credit
- sectarian violence
- illiteracy and multiplicity of languages
- various issues that affect the ability of women to engage in entrepreneurial activities

**Panel Chair:**
Dr. John Mbaku

**Speakers:**
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