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Annual Conference

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

After London in 2016 and Washington in 2017, the international conference of the African Business Law Firms Association will be held in Paris this year for two days. For this year, we are particularly pleased to have the support of the Paris Bar Association. I am grateful to the President Marie-Aimé Peyron for her commitment with us and for her presence by our side the 3rd of May.

This conference is a key event for those who would like to secure their investments in Africa. In fact, for two days, the best African lawyers as well as major African financial institutions will be presenting their expertise and entering into a fruitful dialogue with European and French firms and companies involved in investment activities across Africa. We all know that Africa's possible development is significant, that the potentials are huge. However, at the same time, we must be fully aware of pitfalls to avoid and constantly evolving legal and fiscal frameworks. The objective of this programme is to present these points to you.

The particularity of this programme lies in the fact that large time slots are reserved for networking, especially one session to take place on Friday 4th of May which will allow those who wish to meet potential partners in one-to-one meetings.

We look forward to a large audience for this 2018 edition of the International Conference organised by the ABLFA!

MICHEL BRIZOUA-BI
PRESIDENT OF THE ABLFA

03 MAY 2018

MAISON DU BARREAU
2 Rue de Harlay, 75001 Paris

MORNING SESSION

8:00AM

Arrival and registration of attendees

8:45AM

Opening ceremony

Michel BRIZOUA-BI, President of the ABLFA
Stephen KARANGIZI, Chief Executive of the ALSF
Marie-Aimée PEYRON, President of the Paris Bar Association

9:15AM

**Feedback on the Legal Security of Investment
Projects in Africa**

Panel of legal directors of development finance institutes

BAD, AFC, AFD, AFREXIMBANK

10:15AM

Coffee Break 1

10:45AM

Investing in French-Speaking Africa

**Focus on Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Senegal and
Democratic Republic of Congo**

*Panel led by law firms from Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Senegal and
Democratic Republic of Congo*

Paul T. JING, Jing & Partners

12:00PM

Investing in English-Speaking Africa

Focus on South Africa, Nigeria and Ghana

Panel led by law firms from South Africa, Nigeria and Ghana

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AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00PM

Lunch Break

2:30PM

Investing in North Africa

Focus on Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria and Egypt

Panel led by law firms from Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria and Egypt

Maya BOUREGHDA CHEBEANE, JURISMED

3:45PM

Coffee Break 2

4:15PM

Arbitration in Africa

Joachim BILE-AKA, BRIZOUA-Bi & Associés

Panel moderated by Me Isabelle VAUGON, FIDAL

5:30PM

End of the first day cocktail reception

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3 Place du Général Kœnig, 75017 Paris

MORNING SESSION

8:45AM

Collaboration Between Legal Policy Makers of French Companies Operating in Africa and Law Firms in Africa

AFJE representative
Francophone business law firm
Anglophone business law firm

9:45AM

Coffee break 3

10:00AM

Improvement of Business Climate and Access to Legal Information

Guillaume DEROUBAIX, LexisNexis
ALSF Representative

11:00AM

Bilateral Meetings (B to B) Between African Law Firms and:

- International law firms
 - French companies
 - Development finance institutes (African and International)
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1:00PM

Closing of the conference followed by a convivial lunch

FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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Before 23/04/2018

