



AGENDA

PEACE, PROSPERITY, AND THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW
A POLICY DIALOGUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 82ND BIENNIAL
INTERNATIONAL LAW CONFERENCE, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Evening Programme

5:00pm – 5:40pm

Welcome & Opening Remarks

5:00pm – 5:15pm

Registration and Welcome Tea

5:15pm – 5:40pm

Welcome:

Her Excellency, Ambassador Dr. Florence Fatima Ajimobi, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Republic of Austria

Opening/Goodwill Remarks:

Prince Lateef Fagbemi SAN, Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Professor Christine Chinkin, Chair of the Executive Council and Chair of the Management Committee, International Law Association

Professor Damilola Olawuyi SAN, President, Nigerian Branch of the International Law Association

Mr. Tunde Fagbohunlu SAN, Senior Partner, Aluko & Oyeboode, (ALN Nigeria)

5:40pm – 6:25pm

SESSION 1

Africa Leaders' Dialogue: Navigating Geopolitical and Goeconomic Change—Africa's Strategic Choices for Sustainable Development

As the international order undergoes profound geopolitical and goeconomic transformation, African governments are confronted with increasingly complex choices regarding trade, investment, natural resource governance, regional integration and institutional development. This high-level Leaders' Dialogue brings together distinguished policymakers and institutional leaders to examine how African States can strengthen governance, safeguard national interests, deepen intra-African economic integration and build the legal and institutional capacity required to compete effectively in a rapidly evolving global landscape. Drawing on perspectives from government, regional economic policy, natural resource governance and international legal institutions, the discussion will explore practical pathways for advancing sustainable development, economic resilience and Africa's long-term strategic interests.

MODERATOR

Femi Oke, International Journalist/Co-Founder, Moderate the Panel

PANELLISTS

Prince Lateef Fagbemi, SAN, Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Mrs Patience Okala, National Coordinator of Nigeria's AfCFTA Coordination Office

Mr. Olivier Pognon, Director and Chief Executive Officer, African Legal Support Facility (ALSF)

6:30pm – 7:15pm

SESSION 2

The Role of International Law in a Fragmenting World

As the international system becomes increasingly shaped by geopolitical rivalry, geoeconomic competition and competing visions of global governance, fundamental questions are being asked about the continuing relevance and effectiveness of international law. Can international law continue to provide a stable framework for cooperation, peaceful dispute resolution and sustainable development, or must it evolve to reflect new political and economic realities? This session brings together leading scholars and practitioners to examine how international law can respond to an increasingly fragmented world while remaining an effective instrument for promoting peace, prosperity, justice and inclusive development. Particular attention will be given to the future of international economic law, sustainable development and the institutions that underpin the rules-based international order.

MODERATORS

Babatunde Fagbohunlu, SAN, Senior Partner, Aluko & Oyeboode

Dr. Eghosa Ekhator, Associate Professor of International Environmental Law, University of Derby

PANELLISTS

Professor Olabisi Akinkugbe, Purdy Crawford Chair in Business Law and Associate Professor at the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University

Mr. Ahmed Essa Al-Sulaiti, President of the International Law Association - Gulf Cooperation Council Branch, and a faculty member at the College of Law, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, in Doha, Qatar

Professor Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Vice President, ILA Canada, Chair in Sustainable Development Law and Policy at the University of Cambridge

7:15pm – 9:00pm

Closing & Networking

7:15pm – 7:25pm

Closing Remarks

7:25pm – 9:00pm

Cocktail Reception and Networking