

# AFRICA CONSTRUCTION LAW WEEK

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About the Virtual Conference: 9th to 15th April 2021



#### VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

DAY 1 - TRANSACTIONAL MODULE: 13 APRIL 2021 @ 11:00 BST / WAT  
DAY 2 - DISPUTES MODULE: 14 APRIL 2021 @ 14:00 BST / WAT



Africa Construction Law (ACL) has assembled experts from leading consultancies and law firms to demystify construction law in Africa in its inaugural event, [Africa Construction Law Week](#).

We are proud to support the work of ACL and to be participating in the West Africa sub-regional session of the upcoming virtual conference. The conference will bring together experienced construction law professionals from across the continent (West, East, North, South, Francophone and Lusophone) to discuss the infrastructural challenges faced both across the continent and specific to each region.

The West Africa sub-regional session will take place over two days, with day one addressing transactional issues and day two focussing on dispute resolution in the West Africa region. The team including [James Doe](#), [William Breeze](#) and [Hilary Lau](#) are among panellists involved in discussing the trends, common risks and challenges arising at various stages of construction projects in the region.

For more information on Africa Construction Law Week and to register to attend the sessions, please visit the website [here](#).

## WEST AFRICA SUB-REGIONAL SESSION

### DAY 1: TRANSACTIONAL MODULE

13 April 2021 @ 11:00 BST / WAT

**Keynote address:** Recent developments in the West African construction market and what the future holds

#### **Part 1: Contracting strategy and project finance**

- Project procurement strategy and risk allocation – what works from a West African perspective
- Financing construction projects in West Africa – what makes a project bankable?
- Public Private Partnerships in West Africa – why do they often fail?
- Would the use of model contracts in the construction sector minimise disputes?
- Q&A with speakers

#### **Part 2: Challenges of foreign participation**

Panel discussion and Q&A: Challenges of foreign participation in West African construction projects including:

- What lessons can be learnt from Chinese sponsored projects?
- West African perspectives on Chinese sponsored projects

## **DAY 2: DISPUTES MODULE**

14 April 2021 @ 11:00 BST / WAT

### **Part 1: Claims Management and Dispute Avoidance**

- Key trends in and common issues arising from construction claims and disputes in West Africa
- Delayed projects in sub-Saharan Africa – drivers of delay that are typical to the region
- Panel discussion and Q&A: Early dispute avoidance and resolution on West African construction projects

### **Part 2: Dispute Resolution and Enforcement**

Panel discussion and Q&A: Dispute resolution and enforcement in the West Africa region including:

- Different forms of dispute resolution available and popular in the West Africa region
- Arbitration and the African construction industry – the trends, risks and opportunities
- Enforcement of decisions vs forms of ADR
- Difficulties with enforcement of ADR models

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