



9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the

INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION,
NIGERIAN BRANCH

2026

Theme:

Mitigating Economic and Financial Crime
Risks in a Shifting Global Order:
The Role of International Law

Date:

13–15th April, 2026

Venue:

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Legislative and Democratic
Studies, Abuja

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MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

DAY 1

9:00 am – 10:00am Conference Registration Begins

10:00 am – 11:00 am Press Conference

11:00 am – 01:00 pm Executive Council Meeting

01:00 pm - 04:00pm Committee Meetings / Events

Welcome Reception

04:00 pm - 04:05pm National Anthem

04:05 pm - 04:10pm **Opening Remarks and Welcome** - Chair of Conference Organizing Committee – **Dr. Grace Dafiell**

04:10 pm - 04:15pm Citation of the Keynote Speaker – **Oludayo Olorunfemi**, Vice-President, ILA Nigeria

1st Keynote lecture

04:15 pm - 04:45pm **Illicit Financial Flows and National Development: Drivers, Challenges and Pathways for Multistakeholder Solutions**
Keynote Speaker: Professor Bolaji Owasanoye, SAN, OFR
Former Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission, and Coordinating Director, Proceeds of Crime Management and Illicit Financial Flows Directorate, Nigeria Revenue Service

Plenary Panel 1

Moderator: Oludayo Olorunfemi, Vice-President, ILA Nigeria

Speakers:

Session Coordinator: George Amos, Media Officer, NREEL Committee, ILA Nigeria

- 04:45 pm - 05:45pm
- **Professor Abubakar Olanrewaju Sulaiman**, Director General, National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS)
 - **Dr. Iliyasu Gashinbaki**, President and Chairman of the Governing Council, Chartered Institute of Forensics and Certified Fraud Investigators of Nigeria
 - **Dr. Adesegun A. Akin-Olugbade**, Founder and Principal Partner of Luwaji Nominees
 - **Joke Aliu**, Co-Managing Partner at Aluko & Oyeboode, Abuja
 - **Felix Obiamalu**, General Counsel, Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit

AGENDA

05:45 pm – 06:00pm	Questions and Answer
06:00 pm - 06:05pm	Closing: Professor Damilola S. Olawuyi , SAN President, International Law Association, Nigerian Branch
06-05 pm - 07:00pm	Light refreshments and reception
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026 DAY 2	
08:30 am - 09:00am	Arrival and Registration
09:00 am - 09:30am	Opening Ceremony and National Anthem Welcome Remarks - Chair of Conference Organizing Committee – Dr. Grace Dafi
09:30 am - 10:00am	Opening Remarks • Prince Lateef Fagbemi, SAN, FNIALS, Honourable Attorney General and Minister of Justice of Nigeria • Professor Abubakar Olanrewaju Sulaiman, Director General, National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS) • Dr. Zacch Adedeji, Executive Chairman, Nigeria Revenue Service (NRS) • H.E Mohamed M Malik Fall, United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator • Professor Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN, President, International Law Association, Nigerian
10:00 am - 10:45am	2nd Keynote Lecture Topic: Mitigating the Impacts of Economic and Financial Crimes on National Development: Challenges Facing Developing Countries and the Role of International Law Speaker: H.E. Fatou Bom Bensouda , Former Prosecutor, International Criminal Court and High Commissioner of the Gambia to the United Kingdom

AGENDA

10:45 am – 11:00am

Discussion, Questions and Answers

11:00 am - 11:15am

Tea Break: Entertainment, Photos and End of Opening Ceremony

Plenary Panel 2

Topic: Tackling Transnational Financial Crimes and Illicit Flows in a Globalized World

Moderator: Muna Jallow, CEO, Africa Agenda Network & Gambia National Chair of the AU Women Leaders Network

Session Coordinator: George Amos, Media Officer, NREEL Committee, ILA Nigeria

Speakers:

- **Professor Mohammed Tawfiq Ladan**, Coordinating Director, AFCFTA Law and Policy Programme Division, Office of the Director General, National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS)
- **Dr Hervé Lado**, Africa Head, United Nations Global Compact, Abuja-Nigeria
- **Amb. Aminou AKADIRI**, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the Federation of West African Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FEWACCI)
- **Muhammed Idris Abdullahi**, Head of Anti-Corruption, Nigeria Revenue Service (NRS)
- **Dr. Gabriel Onagoruwa**, Founding Partner, Parsons Legal, United Kingdom

11:15 am - 12:30pm

12:30 pm - 01:30pm

Networking lunch

Plenary Panel 3

Topic: Strengthening International Law and Cooperation in the Fight Against Economic Crimes

Moderator: Professor Emiri Festus, SAN, Chair, Nigerian Bar Association, Institute for Continuing Legal Education (NBA-ICLE)

Session Coordinator: Latona Adedeji, Executive Member, Young Members' Committee, ILA Nigeria

Speakers:

- **Professor HOU Jiaru**, China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China
- **Dr Tobiloba Moody**, Director, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Nigeria Office
- **Adeyemi Aladesawe**, Assistant Director Head/FDE at Nigeria Revenue Service (NRS), Member, National Working Group on Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs)
- **Stanley Maxwell Ibeh**, Senior Partner, Goodshare and Maxwells
- **Prof. Victor C. Odoeme**, HOD. Public International Law, Veritas University of Nigeria, Abuja
- **Adeku Innocent Anuku**, Deputy Director, Legal FCDA

01:30 pm - 03:00pm

03:00 pm – 03:15pm

Health Break

1st Breakout: Parallel Session 1

Session 1A

Unilateralism, Multilateralism and the New World Order

Opening Keynote Speech: Mohammed Bello CFR, SAN, FCI Arb,
Former Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice
of Nigeria

Moderator: Fatima Ojochenemi Audu, Legal Practitioner at
Chenemi Audu & Co.

Session Coordinator: Moronkeji Kolawole, Program Coordinator,
ILA Nigeria

Speakers:

- **Prof. Ademola Abass,** Professor of International Law and
Director of Administration, The Progressive Institute, Abuja
- **Prof. Elijah Okebukola,** Dean, Faculty of Law, Nasarawa State
University, Keffi
- **Seun Bakare, PhD (Leiden),** Executive Director, Justice Bridge
Foundation and Visiting Scholar, Columbia Law School.

Session B:

Transnational Financial Governance and Policy Coordination

Moderator and Session Coordinator: Dr. Matthew Godfreee,
Lecturer, Department of International Law and Jurisprudence,
Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko

Speakers:

- **Dr Anita Nwotite,** Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at
Nnamdi Azikiwe University and an Adjunct Lecturer at
Shanahan University
- **Daniel T. Olayinka & Latona Ayodeji,** Generative Artificial
Intelligence in Nigeria Socio-economic Landscape. The Role of
International Law in Balancing Transformative Benefits in
Finance, Law, and Induction’.
- **Regina Emmanuel,** ‘AI, Deepfake and AR Emergency Legal
Frontiers in Media and Telecommunications.’
- **Dr. Akinwunmi Ogunranti,** ‘Illicit Financial Trade Law and
Investment Law: Redistributive Justice Framework’.
- **Adeniran Abraham,** ‘Crypto-Enabled Money Laundering in
West-Africa, International Standard Regulatory Gaps and Policy
Responses’
- **Dr. Victor Ayeni,** ‘The Role of Legal Practitioners in Legal
Combating Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing in
Nigeria Towards Self Regulation’

03:15 pm - 05:00pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

AGENDA

DAY 3

08:30 am - 09:00am Arrival and Tea/Coffee - Informal networking

09:00 am - 09:45am

3rd Keynote Lecture
Topic: The Role of International Law in Combating Economic and Financial Crimes in a Shifting Global Order
Speaker: **H.E. Edward W. Harris**, Director-General, Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA)

09:45 am - 11:15am

2nd Breakout: Parallel Session 2
Session 2A
Topic: Asset Recovery and Proactive Enforcement: Consumer Protection and Dispute Resolution
Moderator: **Professor Ibe Ifekandu**, Research Professor, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.
Session Coordinator: **Samuel Olayinka**, Research Associate, OGEES Institute, Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti
Speakers:

- **Clement Osuya, FCI Arb; UK**, Secretary General of ILA Nigeria Branch
- **Oluwaseyi Ebenezer**, Chairperson, Committee on Natural Resources, Energy and Environment
- **Isaac Ibikunle**, Senior Associate and Team Lead, Arbitration Practice, Olaniwun Ajayi LP, Member, ILA Committee on International Commercial Arbitration and ADR
- **Latona Adedeji**, Executive Member, Young Members Committee, ILA Nigeria

Session 2 B
Topic: Asset Recovery and Proactive Enforcement: Rethinking Tools for Global Financial Integrity
Moderator: Dr. Grace Dafiel, Dean of Student Services, Thomas Adewunmi University, Kwara State.
Speakers:

- **Dr. Maryam Shehu Mohammed**, Director, Legal Services Department, RMAFC
- **Dr. Jimoh Musa Yusuf**, University of Abuja
- **Prof. Olugbenga Oke-Samuel**, Director of Quality Assurance, Adekunle Ajasin University
- **Dr. Friday O. Agbo**, Principal, Potters Chambers
- **Mrs. Ruqayyah O. Abdulazeez**, ED, HOPDI
- **Timothy Melaye**, Head, GIABA Office in Nigeria

AGENDA

11:15 am - 11:30am	Tea Break
11:30 am - 01:00pm	Grand Finale of Debate Moderator and Coordinator: Latona Adedeji, Executive Member, Young Members Committee, ILA Nigeria Panel of Judges • Prof. Ibe Ifeakandu, Research Professor, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) • Uzoamaka Obidike, ECOWAS Commission • Ozioma B. Soludo, Associate, Kenna • Obinna Udochukwu, Associate Trainee, Olisa Agbakoba Legal
01:00 pm - 01:10pm	Vote of Thanks by the Secretary General of ILA Nigeria Branch, Clement Osuya, FCI Arb;UK
01:10 pm - 02:30pm	End of Conference and Networking Lunch
06:00 pm - 09:00pm	President's Dinner and Award Night



9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

President's Dinner and Award Night

6:00-9:00pm

VENUE: Abuja, Nigeria

AGENDA

06:00 pm - 06:05pm

Event Opening - Chair of Conference Organizing Committee
– Dr. Grace Dafiel

06:00 pm - 06:15pm

Opening Remarks, Professor Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN,
President of the ILA Nigeria Branch

06:15 pm - 07:00pm

Keynote Conversation with H.E. Fatou Bom Bensouda,
Former Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and
High Commissioner of the Gambia to the United Kingdom

07:30 pm - 08:00pm

Awards Presentation

- Prizes for Essay Competition
- Book Prize
- Distinguished Service Award
- Best Committee for 2025
- Emerging Star Award for an Outstanding Young Professional
- Life Time Achievement Award

08:00pm - 09:00pm

Closing remarks and toast

Dinner and entertainment



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**United Nations Resident and Humanitarian
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SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR



Dr. Zacch Adedeji PhD
Executive Chairman of the Nigeria Revenue Service

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR



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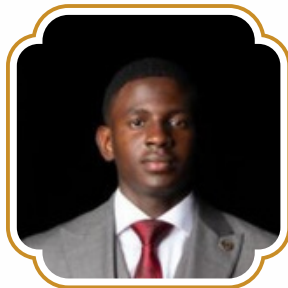
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1st Keynote Lecture

Illicit financial flows and national development: Drivers, Challenges and Pathways for multistakeholder Solutions

Prof. Bolaji Owasanoye, SAN, OFR

Former Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), and Coordinating Director, Proceeds of Crime Management and Illicit Financial Flows Directorate, Nigeria Revenue Service, Abuja.



Prof. Bolaji Owasanoye, SAN, OFR, NPOM, is the Taslim Elias Professor at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. Sabbatical Professor/ Consultant Coordinating Director, Proceeds of Crime and Management & Illicit Financial Flows Unit at the National Revenue Service, formerly Federal Inland Revenue Service. Former Executive Secretary, Presidential Advisory Committee Against Corruption (PACAC) 2015-2019 and former Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Nigeria 2019-2023.

He has a rich portfolio of national development projects, policy advisory, consultancies and membership of global change initiatives such as the Chandler Sessions at Oxford University Blavatnik School of Government on Integrity and Corruption 2021-2023; Member, UN General Assembly/ECOSOC Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity (FACTI Panel 2020-2021); Member, AU High Level Mbeki Panel CAPAR Working Group; Member, Changers Anti-Corruption Leaders Practice Group a community of current and former heads of national anti-corruption agencies in Africa engaged in solution-oriented dialogue on emerging anti-corruption challenges amongst others. He was Visiting Professor at Univ of Pretoria 2015-2017; Professorial Research Associate at SOAS London 2011; Chairman, ECOWAS Committee on Drafting of Community Investment Code and Policy 2011-2015; Member AU Committee of Experts on Draft of Pan African Investment Code. He coordinated preparation of Nigeria's asset recovery strategy and whistleblower policy between 2015 and 2023. For his impact on governance and development he was awarded the National honour of Officer of the Federal Republic in 2002 and National Productivity Order or Merit same year. He was selected and awarded Distinguished Great Ife Alumni as one of 60 distinguished alumni of University of Ife globally in commemoration of the university's Diamond jubilee in 2021

2nd Keynote Lecture

Mitigating the Impacts of Economic and Financial Crimes on National Development: Challenges Facing Developing Countries and the Role of International Law

H E. Dr. Fatou Bensouda

**High Commissioner of the Republic of The Gambia to the United Kingdom.
Former Prosecutor, International Criminal Court (2012-2021)**



Dr. Fatou Bensouda served as Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court - (The ICC,) 2012-2021, having assumed office in 2012. In 2011, she was elected by consensus by the Assembly of States Parties to serve in this capacity. Dr. Bensouda was nominated and supported as the sole African candidate for election to the post by the African Union. She is the first woman to serve as the Prosecutor of the ICC. Her nine year mandate as ICC Prosecutor ended on 15 June 2021. Under her leadership, Dr. Bensouda has greatly reinforced the capacity of her Office through a number of strategic and managerial initiatives and

expanded her Office's activities to cover 14 investigations, and countless active preliminary examinations in conflicts around the world. She has received numerous awards, including the distinguished ICJ International Jurists Award (2009), presented by the then President of India, P. D. Patil; the 2011 World Peace Through Law Award presented by the Whitney Harris World Law Institute; the American Society of International Law's Honorary Membership Award (2014); the Outstanding Achievement Award by The International Law Association American Branch (ABILA); and The Sapienza Human Rights Award from Sapienza University, Rome, Italy. She received the 2022 Prominent Woman in International Law award from The American Society of International Law, among many others. In addition to several honorary doctorates, Dr. Bensouda has been listed by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world (2012); by New African magazine as one of the "Most Influential Africans"; by Foreign Policy as one of the "Leading Global Thinkers" (2013); by Jeune Afrique as one of 50 African women who, through their actions and initiatives in their respective roles, advance the African continent (2014 & 2015); and by Forbes magazine as one of Africa's 50 Most Power Women (2020). Dr. Bensouda, and the Office she led as ICC Prosecutor, was nominated for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of their achievements and work in advancing international criminal justice, without fear or favour. Dr. Bensouda currently serves as the Gambian High Commissioner to the Court of St James's and as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdoms of Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, the Republics of Austria, Ireland, and the Vatican City.

3rd Keynote Lecture

The Role of International Law in Combating Economic and Financial Crimes in a Shifting Global Order

H.E. Edwin W. Harris

Director-General, Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA)



Edwin W. Harris Jr., born in 1974, is the Director General of the Intergovernmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA), a position he assumed on 1 August 2022. He is an accomplished public sector leader and anti-financial crime expert with over 16 years of progressive experience in governance, transparency, anti-money laundering, counter-financing of terrorism, and anti-corruption policy. He holds a Master of Public Administration from Northeastern University in Boston, a Master of Business Administration from Strayer University in Virginia, and a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Political Science from the University of Liberia.

Before joining GIABA, Mr. Harris served as Director of Liberia's Financial Intelligence Unit from November 2019 to July 2022, where he led important reforms to strengthen the country's AML/CFT framework. During his tenure, he coordinated the validation and publication of Liberia's National Risk Assessment report, enhanced inter-agency cooperation, and contributed to major enforcement milestones, including Liberia's first money laundering confiscation and indictments for money laundering offences. He also oversaw the introduction of AML/CFT regulations for Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions. Mr. Harris has also served as a Lecturer at the University of Liberia, where he taught courses in public administration and policy design. Earlier in his career, he held leadership roles as National Director of CAMTEFIL and Director of Government Affairs at the General Auditing Commission of Liberia. He is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist and a Certified Fraud Examiner, recognized for his strategic leadership, commitment to institutional development, and dedication to mentoring others. A committed Pan-Africanist, Mr. Harris believes strongly in Africa's advancement through unity and strong institutions. He is married and the father of four children.

FIRST PLENARY

Illicit Financial Flows and National Development: Drivers, Challenges and Pathways for Multistakeholder Solutions.

Economic and financial crimes such as money laundering, corruption and illicit financial flows rob the African continent of resources that could be used to finance development efforts, especially in the context of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Legal frameworks are therefore crucial to effectively anticipate, monitor and address the drivers of these risks. Building on the keynote lecture, the aim of the session is to explore how national frameworks and practice on anti-corruption and illicit financial flows can be enhanced to address vulnerabilities and risks.



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SECOND PLENARY

Tackling Transnational Financial Crimes and Illicit Flows in a Globalized World

The aim of the session is to explore recent trends on corruption and illicit financial flows risks in transnational and cross-border investments and projects and how to effectively anticipate and address them in an increasingly globalized world. Speakers will address the role of international lawyers in supporting and strengthening effective responses to illicit financial flows (IFFs) and antimoney laundering risks, especially in transactional contexts?



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THIRD PLENARY

Strengthening International Law and Cooperation in the Fight Against Economic Crimes

The aim of the session is to explore the role of transnational and international collaboration and partnership in addressing corruption and illicit financial flows risks in key economic sectors, especially in transnational and cross-border investments and projects. Speakers explore emerging trends on international partnerships, the challenges that remain and the ways forward.



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PARALLEL SESSION 1A

Unilateralism, Multilateralism and the New World Order



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PARALLEL SESSION 1B

Transnational Financial Governance and Policy Coordination



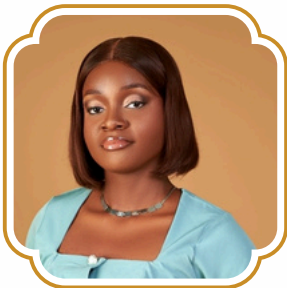
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Dr. Matthew Godfeee
Lecturer, Adekunle Ajasin
University, Ondo State

Moderator

PARALLEL SESSION 2A

Asset Recovery and Proactive Enforcement: Consumer Protection and Dispute Resolution

The session aims to examine proactive enforcement strategies and practical mechanisms for advancing asset recovery, strengthening consumer protection, and improving dispute resolution in cases of economic and financial crimes. The discussion will also consider how regulatory agencies can drive enforcement, support victims, and promote a consumer-centred, human-rights-based approach to asset recovery and justice.



**Clement
Ighodharho Osuya**
Secretary General, ILA
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Moderator



Latona Adedeji
Executive Member, ILA
Nigeria Young Members
Committee



Samuel Olayinka
Research Associate, Ogees Institute
Session Coordinator

PARALLEL SESSION 2B

Asset Recovery and Proactive Enforcement: Consumer Protection and Dispute Resolution

The aim of the session is to explore practical tools for strengthening effective asset recovery in cases of economic and financial crimes, including the role of arbitration, conciliation and mediation. Speakers explore how affected stakeholders can reduce risk exposure through such mechanisms, and how regulatory agencies can support consumer protection and enforcement to enhance asset recovery processes through a victim-oriented, human-rights-based approach.



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DEBATE GRAND FINALE



Prof. Ibe Ifeakandu

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