



# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual CONFERENCE



OF THE NIGERIAN BRANCH OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION

THEME:

THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL  
LAW IN THE REGULATIONS OF NEW  
TECHNOLOGIES

DATE: Wednesday 19th April, 2023 || TIME: 9:00am

VENUE: LAGOS COURT OF ARBITRATION

Remi Olowude Street, Lekki Peninsula

Phase 1, Lagos

# AGENDA

08:30 Registration

---

09:00 Opening Remarks and Welcome  
Chair of Conference Organizing Committee  
**Mofesomo Tayo-Oyetibo**

---

09:10 Welcome Remarks  
by **Professor Fidelis Oditah, KC, SAN**,  
President of the Nigerian Branch of the ILA

---

09:20 Goodwill Messages

---

09:30 Keynote Lecture by **Dr. Edward Kwakwa**  
Assistant Director General  
(Global Challenges and Partnership Sector)  
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO),  
Geneva, Switzerland

---

10:00 Questions and Answers Session

---



**10:30**

**First Plenary:  
Regulating New Technologies: The Role of State and Private  
Actors, Striking the Balance**

This plenary session will examine the role of state and private actors in regulating new technologies. The session will explore the challenges and opportunities of different types of regulation and the potential for cooperation between state and private actors. The fast-paced technological advancement are creating difficulties for regulators who are grappling with maintaining the right balance between protecting consumers, dealing with unintended consequences of disruption at the same time not stifling much needed innovation. The panel will address the question of how to ensure the effectiveness of regulation in the face of rapidly evolving technology, and the challenges of balancing innovation and protection of public interests. The session will also discuss the role of international law in regulating new technologies and the challenges of coordinating efforts across different jurisdictions. It will also consider the role of industry self-regulation and the potential for partnerships between government and industry to promote responsible innovation.

**Moderator: Adeleke Alex-Adedipe,**

Managing Partner Duale Ovia and Alex-Adedipe

Panelists:

**Prof. Mohammed T. Ladan**

DG, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

**Adewolu Adene,**

Government Affairs & Public Policy Manager Nigeria, Google

**Kashifu Inuwa Abdallahi,**

DG, National Information Technology Development Agency

**Babatunde Bamigboye,**

Head, Legal, Enforcement and Regulations, Nigeria Data Protection Bureau

**Kaelo Ajuluchukwu,**

Associate General Counsel, Meta

**Ijeoma Uju,**

Partner, Templars

11:30 Tea break

---

12:00 Debate: Is the regulation of social media a violation of international human rights law?

Afe Babalola University vs University of Lagos

**Panel of Judges:**

**Professor Momodo Kasim-Momodu**

Dean of Law, Bola Ajibola College of Law,  
Crescent University, Abeokuta, Nigeria.

**Dr. Tobi Moody,**

Director, WIPO Nigeria

**Oyeyemi Aderibigbe,**

Senior Associate, Templars

---

01:00 Lunch

---

02:00 2nd Plenary: The role of State and Private in addressing cyberwarfare and cybersecurity

The question of who is responsible for cybersecurity has been hotly debated over the last few years. While the issues involving cybersecurity and responsibility have no clear black and white areas to determine who is exactly responsible for what, it is clear that everyone, especially governments and private entities, need to play a role in the fight against cybercrime.

With recent events like major data breaches and cyberattacks, this belief is more relevant than ever. In the case of cyberattacks and data breaches, for example with banks, the banks are often viewed as negligent for not protecting their customers' from attack. Governments also face blame when they do not or cannot stop malicious cyber activities from happening on their soil.

While it is true that everyone should play their part in the battle against cybercrime, this problem will not be solved with only one side taking action.

Cybersecurity is a constantly evolving field and this session will discuss the interplay between the responsibilities of State and private actors in addressing cyberwarfare and cybersecurity challenges within the context of domestic and international law.



**Moderator: Titi Awe,**

Managing Partner, Stalwart Legal

Panelists:

**Dr Babatunde Obrimah**

COO, Fintech Association of Nigeria

**Kofo Salam-Alade,**

Director, Legal Services Central Bank of Nigeria

**Rotimi Ogunyemi,**

Managing Partner, Bayo Ogunyemi & Co

**Dr. Ifeoluwa Olubiyi**

Associate Professor, Dept of Private & Business Law,  
Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti

**Oyeyemi Aderibigbe**

Senior Associate, Templars

---

03:00	Inauguration of New Members of the Executive Council of the Nigerian Branch, by <b>Professor Fidelis Oditah, KC, SAN,</b> President of the Nigerian Branch of the ILA
03:15	Acceptance Speech by the New President of ILA Nigeria Branch, <b>Professor Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN</b>
03:25	Vote of Thanks by the Secretary General of ILA Nigeria Branch, <b>Clement Osuya, FCI Arb</b>
03:30	End of Conference
6:00	The President's Ball and Award Night, hosted by <b>Professor Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN</b> Venue: Four Points by Sheraton, Oniru Lekki, Lagos.

---

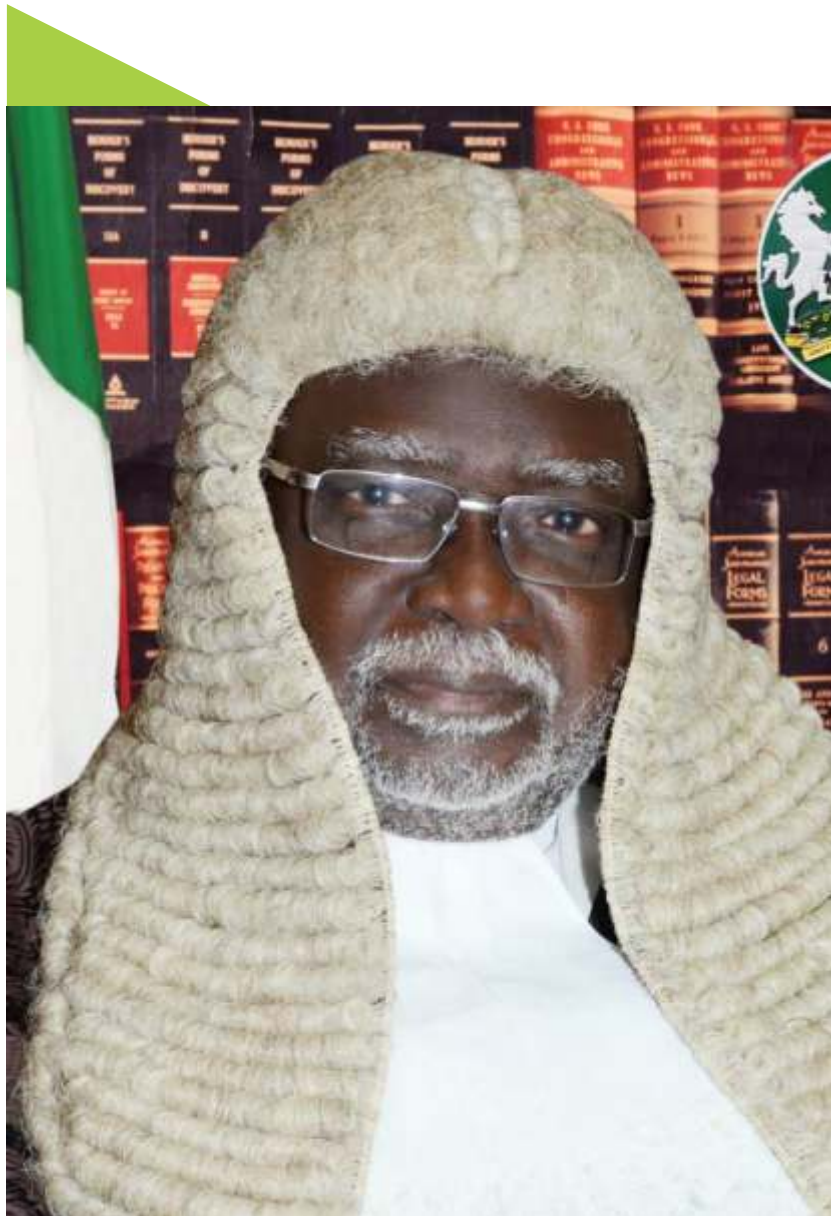


HIS EXCELLENCY  
**Muhammadu Buhari**, GCFR  
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



HIS EXCELLENCY  
**Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu**  
Executive Governor, Lagos State.





Honourable  
**Mr. Justice Olukayode  
Ariwoola, GCON**  
Chief Justice of Nigeria





**Prof. Fidelis Oditah, KC, SAN**  
President ILA Nigeria Branch



**Prof. Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN**  
President Elect ILA Nigeria Branch

## CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE



**Mofesomo Tayo-Oyetibo**  
Chairman



**Oludayo Olorunfemi**



**Dr Adenike Akinsemolu**



**Oluwatosin Ogunlana**



**Joshua Daranijo**



**Moronkeji Kolawole**



**Abraham Adeniran**



**Tosin Majekodunmi**



**Mary-Cynthia Okundaye**



**Oluwaseun Ayansola**



**Peter Ndubuisi Akpu**



**Daniella Ajayi**

**IMMEDIATE  
PAST EXCO**



**Prof. Fidelis Oditah, KC, SAN**  
President



**Prof. Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN**  
Vice President



**Johnson Agwu**  
Secretary-General



**Dr. Oyeniyi Abe**  
Treasurer



**Clement Osuya**  
Director of Public Affairs  
& Communication



**IMMEDIATE PAST  
COMMITTEE CHAIRS**



**Mrs Doyin Rhodes-Vivour, SAN**  
C'mttee on Int'l  
Commercial Arbitration



**Dr. Adesegun Akin-Olugbade, OON**  
C'mttee on Int'l  
Banking & Monetary Law



**Prof. Yinka Omorogbe, SAN**  
C'mttee on Energy  
& Natural Resources Law



**Prof. Amos Enabulele**  
Former Committee Chair,  
Committee on Justice  
and Human Rights



**Mofesomo Tayo-Oyetibo**  
Young Members'  
Committee

## NEW EXECUTIVES 2023



**Prof. Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN**  
President



**Oludayo Olorunfemi**  
Vice President



**Clement Osuya**  
Secretary General



**Alex Oche**  
Treasurer



**Dr. Eghosa Ekhatior**  
Chair, Committee on  
Teaching International  
Law & the SDGs



**Dr. Oyeniya Abe**  
Chair, Committee on  
Business  
and Human Rights



**Olujoke Aliu**  
Chair, Committee on  
International Banking  
and Monetary Law



**Mofesomo Tayo-Oyetibo**  
Chair, Committee on  
International Law  
and New Technologies



**Oluseyi Ebenezer**  
Chair, Committee on  
Natural Resources,  
Energy and Environmental Law



**Tolu Aderemi**  
Chair, Committee on  
International Arbitration  
and ADR



**Joshua Daranijo**  
Chair, Young  
Members Committee



**Jacob Sule**  
Media and  
Communications  
Officer



FIRST PLENARY:  
**REGULATING NEW TECHNOLOGIES:  
THE ROLE OF STATE AND PRIVATE ACTORS, STRIKING THE BALANCE**

PANELISTS



**Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan**  
DG, Nigerian Institute of  
Advanced Legal Studies



**Adewolu Adene**  
Government Affairs &  
Public Policy Manager Nigeria, Google



**Kashifu Inuwa Abdallahi**  
DG, National Information  
Technology Development  
Agency



**Babatunde Bamigboye**  
Head, Legal, Enforcement and  
Regulations, Nigeria Data Protection  
Bureau



**Kaelo Ajuluchukwu**  
Associate General Counsel,  
Meta



**Ijeoma Uju**  
Partner, Templars

MODERATOR



**Adeleke Alex-Adedipe**  
Managing Partner, Duale Ovia  
and Alex Adedipe Law Firm

DEBATE: IS THE REGULATION OF SOCIAL MEDIA A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW? AFE BABALOLA UNIVERSITY VS UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS

PANEL OF JUDGES



**Prof. Momodu Kasim-Momodu**  
Dean of Law,  
Bola Ajibola College of Law,  
Crescent University, Abeokuta, Nigeria.



**Dr. Tobi Moody**  
Director, WIPO Nigeria



**Oyeyemi Aderibigbe**  
Senior Associate, Templars

SECOND PLENARY:  
**THE ROLE OF STATE AND PRIVATE IN ADDRESSING  
CYBERWARFARE AND CYBERSECURITY**

PANELISTS



**Dr Babatunde Obrimah**  
COO, Fintech Association  
of Nigeria



**Kofo Salam-Alade**  
Director, Legal Services Department,  
Central Bank of Nigeria



**Rotimi Ogunyemi**  
Managing Partner,  
Bayo Ogunyemi & Co



**Dr Ifeoluwa Olubiyi**  
Associate Professor, Dept of Private &  
Business Law, Afe Babalola University,  
Ado Ekiti



**Oyeyemi Aderibigbe**  
Senior Associate, Templars

MODERATOR



**Titi Awe**  
Managing Partner,  
Stalwart Legal



**Keynote Lecture by**  
**Dr. Edward Kwakwa**

Assistant Director General (Global Challenges and Partnership Sector)  
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland

**E**dward Kwakwa is Assistant Director General, Global Challenges and Partnerships Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva. He served as General Counsel at WIPO from 2004 until September 2016. Prior to his current role, he was Senior Director, Department for Traditional

Knowledge and Global Challenges, at WIPO.

Kwakwa holds an LL.B. degree from the University of Ghana, an LL.M. from Queen's University in Canada, and an LL.M. and a J.S.D. from Yale Law School in the U.S.A. Before joining WIPO, Kwakwa practiced corporate and international trade law and investment with the law firm of O'Melveny and Myers in Washington, D.C., worked as International Legal Adviser at the Commission on Global Governance in Geneva, as Senior Legal Adviser at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and as Legal Affairs Officer at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

His publications include four books and numerous articles on international law. He is currently serving as Vice-President of the African Foundation for International Law, Member of the Governing Council of Africa Legal Aid and Member of the Editorial Advisory Boards of the African Journal of International and Comparative Law and the International Organizations Law Review.

In September 2011, he was elected as an Associate Member of the Institut de Droit International, and became a full Member in September 2017. He served from 2001 to 2004 on the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), from 2012 to 2015 as Counselor of the ASIL, and as Vice President of the ASIL from 2015 to 2017.

He is a Visiting Professor of Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, and at the University of Lausanne, and has been an Adjunct/Visiting Professor of Law at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, the University of Denver College of Law, and the University of Pretoria, South Africa, where he has been appointed as an Extraordinary Professor in Law.

## OUR SPONSORS



**TAYO OYETIBO LP**  
Solicitors & Barristers



**SPA Ajibade & Co.**  
Legal Practitioners, Arbitrators and Notaries Public







## ABOUT THE **INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION (ILA)**

**T**he International Law Association (ILA) was founded in Brussels in 1873. The ILA now has some 4,500 members in 45 national and regional branches around the world. It is headquartered in London under the leadership of the Executive Chair, Professor Christine Chinkin, FBA, Emerita Professor of International Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

The objectives of the ILA, under its Constitution, are “the study, clarification and development of international law, both public and private, and the furtherance of international understanding and respect for international law.”

The ILA has consultative status as an international non-government organization with a number of the United Nations specialized agencies.

The Association’s objectives are pursued primarily through the work of its International Committees, and the focal point of its activities is the series of Biennial Conferences. The Conferences, of which more than 80 have so far been held in different locations throughout the world, including the ILA’s 150 years anniversary in 2023, in Paris, provide timely fora for the comprehensive discussion and endorsement of the work of the Committees.

You can find more details at <http://www.ila-hq.org>

### **ILA - NIGERIAN BRANCH**

The Nigerian Branch is one of the newest Branches of the ILA. It was founded in 2014 with its pioneer President being Professor Fidelis Oditah, KC, SAN. The Branch was formally inaugurated by the Chief Justice of Nigeria at a public ceremony held on October 28, 2014.

The Branch provides an intellectual space for Nigerian scholars and practitioners to unearth, analyze and resolve important questions in public and private international law, international diplomacy, and global governance.

The Branch has attracted many new members, and continues to welcome other Nigerians to join us in promoting Nigeria’s brand of international law and diplomacy to the rest of the world.





## MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the ILA is open to anyone interested in international law. This includes practicing lawyers; members of the academia, government, corporations or associations based in Nigeria; full time students; and non-lawyer experts from public, commercial, industrial and financial spheres.

Membership of the ILA confers a number of benefits from the ILA Headquarters and from the Nigerian Branch. Members are entitled to receive the ILA Biennial Conference Report and to attend ILA global biennial conferences at a reduced rate.

Furthermore, The Nigerian Branch holds a number of international law conferences and seminars which members are entitled to attend mostly free of charge or at a discounted rate. The Nigerian Branch also nominates individual members to sit on ILA International Committees.

## MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES

W: [www.ila-nigeria.org.ng](http://www.ila-nigeria.org.ng)  
E: [info@ila-nigeria.org.ng](mailto:info@ila-nigeria.org.ng)  
Tel: +234 (81) 4 0000 988 | +234 (80) 67839 583  
Twitter: @NIGERIA\_ILA  
LinkedIn: International Law Association, Nigerian Branch



Google

# Hustle Academy

Business Bootcamp

Take your business to the next level  
with our free week long bootcamp.

Apply via:

[g.co/hustleacademy](https://g.co/hustleacademy)



# SPA Ajibade & Co.

Legal Practitioners, Arbitrators and Notaries Public

## Our Offices:

### Lagos

Suite 201, SPAACO House,  
27A Macarthy Street, Onikan. +234 1  
4605091; +234 1 2703009  
lagosoffice@spaajibade.com

### Abuja

Suite A312, Garki Mall Plot 1580,  
Damaturu Crescent  
Off Kabo Street, Garki II, FCT, Abuja. +234  
909 481 9809  
abujaoffice@spaajibade.com

### Ibadan

Top Floor Suite, SPAACO House 138,  
Liberty Stadium Road P. O. Box 151  
Ibadan. +234 811 3898 219  
ibadanoffice@spaajibade.com



spaajibade



SPA\_Ajibade



Lagos | Abuja | Ibadan



www.spaajibade.com



## **6TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

### **President's Dinner and Award Night**

6:00-8:00pm

**VENUE: Four Points by Sheraton, Oniru Lekki, Lagos**

# Agenda

- 1. Event Opening**  
**Mofesomo Tayo-Oyetibo,**  
Chairman, Conference Organizing Committee
- 2. Opening Remarks,**  
**Professor Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN,**  
President of the Branch
- 3. Keynote Conversation with Chief Bayo Ojo, SAN**  
Moderated by Joke Aliu
- 4. Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Executive Council**
- 5. Inauguration of New Committee Chairs**
- 6. Response on Behalf of the New Chairs**
- 7. Awards**
  - i. Prizes for Essay Competition
  - ii. Book Prize
  - iii. Best Committee for 2022-2023
  - iv. Service Award
- 8. Closing remarks and toast**
- 9. Dinner and entertainment**

Sponsored by:

