Programme

10:00  The New York Convention: An International Perspective
       Professor Emmanuel Gaillard - Head of International Arbitration, Shearman & Sterling LLP

10:30  Procedural Requirements for the Enforcement of Convention Awards in Nigeria: what do you need to do?
       Olufunke Adekoya SAN – Partner, ELEX

11:00  Article II(3) of the New York Convention and Kompetenz-Kompetenz: where do Nigerian courts stand?
       Adewale Atake – Partner, Templars

11:30  The New York Convention's influence on the enforcement of arbitration agreements in Nigeria
       Isaiah Bozimo – Partner, Broderick Bozimo

12:00  Enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in Nigeria: the influence of the New York Convention
       Hamid Abdulkareem – Partner, Aluko Oyebode

12:30  Presentation of the New York Convention Guide
       Professor Emmanuel Gaillard - Head of International Arbitration, Shearman & Sterling LLP

12:45  Lunch Break

02:15  General discussion with the attendees
Emmanuel Gaillard founded and heads Shearman & Sterling’s International Arbitration practice, which includes over 100 fully-dedicated lawyers operating from offices in Abu Dhabi, Beijing, Dubai, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, London, New York, Paris, Shanghai, Singapore and Washington, DC. They are able to conduct arbitrations in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Chinese and Arabic.

Emmanuel has acted as counsel in over 300 international arbitrations, both commercial and investor-State, *ad hoc* and under all major international arbitrations Rules. His achievements include securing a USD 50 billion award (the largest award ever rendered) for the majority shareholders of the former Yukos Oil Company against the Russian Federation, as well as securing a USD 2.47 billion award for Dow Chemical Company against the Petrochemical Industries Company of Kuwait. He has also acted as arbitrator in over 50 international proceedings, primarily under the aegis of the ICC and ICSID. He regularly appears as expert witness on arbitration law issues, before arbitral tribunals or national courts.

He is a Professor of Law in France and currently a Visiting Professor at Yale Law School. In 2010, he was appointed as expert by UNCITRAL for the drafting of the UNCITRAL Secretariat Guide on the New York Convention. He was appointed by France to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and chairs the International Arbitration Institute (IAI).

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She represents both local and transnational parties as counsel in both domestic and international arbitration proceedings within Nigeria and abroad and has acted in numerous disputes as either - party appointed Arbitrator, Sole Arbitrator and Presiding Arbitrator.

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He is an experienced litigator and arbitration counsel, and regularly advises and represents clients in disputes on an extensive range of issues, including those pertaining to energy and natural resources, taxation, company and labour law. Some of his cases have resulted in landmark judgments from Nigerian courts, including the decision that Nigerian courts have no jurisdiction to issue anti-arbitration injunctions (Statoil v. NNPC, 2013).

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