Monday, 21 June 2021
5PM WAT (5PM BST / 6PM CET) via Zoom

INAUGURAL EVENT
Nigeria Group on Private International Law

PROGRAMME

17:00 Welcome Dr Onyója Momoh, NGPIL Chair

Opening remarks Dr Christophe Bernasconi, Secretary General of the HCCH

Keynote speech Associate Professor Richard Frimpong Oppong, University of Bradford
Reforming Private International Law in Africa

17.30 SESSION I

Moderator – Dr Iyabode Ogunniran (Associate Professor) Faculty of Law, University of Lagos, Nigeria

The Prospects of Ratifying Hague Conventions in Nigeria:
A Comparative Interrogation
Dr Pontian Okoli, University of Stirling, UK (NGPIL)

Dr Onyója Momoh, University of Aberdeen; 5 Pump Court Chambers, UK (NGPIL)

Perspectives from a Regional Office of the HCCH: Lessons Learned from the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (“ROLAC”)
Mr Ignacio Goicocchea, ROLAC, Permanent Bureau - HCCH

18.00 Discussion

18.20 SESSION II

Moderator – Hon. Justice HAO Abiru Justice of the Court of Appeal, Nigeria

The Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitration Awards in Nigeria
Dr Chukwudi Ojiegbe, ACE Winches, UK (NGPIL)

Jurisprudence of Personal Jurisdiction
Dr Abubakri Yekini, Lagos State University, Nigeria (NGPIL)

Choice of Court Agreements in Nigerian Jurisprudence
Dr Chukwuma Okoli, T.M.C Asser Instituut, The Netherlands (NGPIL)

18.50 Discussion

19.10 Concluding remarks – Professor Hakeem A. Olaniyan, University of Lagos, Former Head of Department, Jurisprudence and International Law