



Monday, 21 June 2021
5PM WAT (5PM BST / 6PM CEST) 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 Opong, *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)*

The Hague Conference Family Conventions: the 1980 Child Abduction, 1993 Inter-country Adoption, 1996 Child Protection and 2007 Maintenance

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 Goicoechea, *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*