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In speaking order:



Yasmin Batliwala – Advocates for International Development (Moderator)

Yasmin is the CEO of Advocates for International Development (A4ID), which sources lawyers to provide free legal advice and assistance to support organisations working in the international development sector and whose principle aim is the eradication of poverty by focusing on the 2030 Agenda.

She has held a number of significant leadership positions over the years within the Public and Third Sectors. Her portfolios have included HIV/Aids, Drug and Alcohol dependency, and Criminal Justice. She has undertaken work for the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime in this regard. Yasmin was a recipient of the City of London Woman of Achievement Awards in respect to her work in the Public Sector.



Hannington Amol – East Africa Law Society (Opening remarks)

Hannington is the Chief Executive Officer of the East Africa Law Society (EALS), overseeing the welfare and capacity building of over 20,000 members, while promoting the East African Community's regional integration.

Hannington is regarded as one of the region's best litigation lawyers, respected for his powerful courtroom presence. He has a great wealth of experience that cuts across Energy Law, Project Finance, Construction Law, Public Procurement Regulation, Contracts and Corporate Management, Arbitration and Litigation.

Hannington was previously an associate in the region's two leading law firms: Anjarwalla & Khanna (Africa Legal Network), and Dentons Hamilton Harrison & Mathews. He has also served as a senior in-house counsel at Kenya's leading companies including KenGen and Stima SACCO. He is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya.



Ndinda Kinyili – Law Society of Kenya (Opening remarks)

Ndinda is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and a Certified Professional Mediator. She is the Convener of the In-house Counsel Committee of the Law Society of Kenya, in addition to being a member of the Council of the Law Society of Kenya, where she is the elected Up-Country Lawyers Representative.

Ndinda works as an In-House Counsel at the public sector in Kenya. She also serves as a Technical Committee Member of the Nairobi Legal Awards, which seeks to promote legal excellence.



Howard Morris – Morrison & Foerster LLP

Howard is Senior of Counsel at Morrison & Foerster where he heads the Business Restructuring & Insolvency Group in the London office. He has more than 25 years' experience in UK and international restructuring and insolvency work and has acted for banks, other secured and unsecured creditors, ad hoc committees, trade creditors, debtors, and acquirers of business and assets from insolvent companies.

Howard's experience covers every type of UK restructuring and insolvency procedure and he is one of the few English lawyers with hands on experience with the U.S. Chapter 11 process. He's worked around the world and was elected Chief Executive of Dentons for two terms.

Howard has a number of roles in professional organisations, for example, he co-chairs the Projects Committee of the International Insolvency Institute, is active in the Institute's pro bono work, most particularly African-related projects, has articles regularly published, and has been closely involved in development of Morrison & Foerster's guidance for clients on Brexit. Howard is an accredited Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution mediator, and he is particularly interested in mediating disputes arising out of restructurings and insolvency proceedings.



Chiraag Shah – Morrison & Foerster LLP

Chiraag Shah is a Partner in the London office of Morrison & Foerster LLP. With more than 15 years of experience, Chiraag represents clients in institutional, ad hoc and treaty arbitrations around the world with a focus on arbitrations involving state entities. Chiraag conducts commercial litigation matters before the English courts and advises clients on white collar, fraud and corruption issues. He is dual-qualified (Kenya and England and Wales) and has represented clients in numerous disputes in Africa, across a range of sectors.

Prior to joining Morrison & Foerster, Mr. Shah was a Partner at an international law firm. He has previously practiced law in Kenya and is qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales. He is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and has previously worked in the firms of Anjarwalla & Khanna, A R Kapila and Kaplan & Stratton Advocates.



Catherine Musakali – Corporate Governance Consultant

Catherine is a Corporate Governance Consultant and the Founding Partner at Dorion Associates and Chairperson of The Women on Boards Network. She is currently the Company Secretary of various Companies. She has previously served as a Director at Nairobi Securities Exchange, Association of Kenya Insurers (AKI) and Chairman of Kenya Seed Company Limited. She also served as the Chairman of the Corporate Governance steering Committee of the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) and is currently a member of the Capital Markets Master Plan Implementation Committee.

Catherine is a Fellow of the Institute of Certified Secretaries (ICS) where she served as the Chairperson of the Institute until May 2014. She holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree and a Master of Laws Degree from the University of Nairobi, a Higher National Diploma in Law (Kenya), as well as a certificate in Securities and Investment from the Securities and Investment Institute (London).

Catherine previously worked for Kenya Shell Limited as the Company Secretary and Head of Legal for over fifteen years, during which period she managed the Legal Functions of Shell operations in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Morocco, Egypt and Tunisia. She has worked for Shell in the United Kingdom specialising in Mergers and Acquisitions and other commercial transactions.



Roger Leese – A4ID and Clifford Chance LLP (Moderator)

Roger is a Partner at Clifford Chance, where he co-heads the firm's Global Business and Human Rights practice, which advises clients across a range of jurisdictions and sectors in connection with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights ("UNGPs") and related international standards and local legislation. Roger also chairs the firm's Responsible Business Committee and is responsible for the firm's pro bono and Community Affairs programmes. Roger is a co-founder and Chair of the UK legal charity

Advocates for International Development (A4ID) and a Trustee of RCJ Advice & Citizens Advice Islington.

Roger Leese has a wide range of expertise in commercial, corporate, banking and financial services disputes. He has experience in cross-border disputes, forum issues, and professional negligence, fraud and trust matters. Roger also has a wealth experience of fund and trust related international dispute resolution, including litigation in offshore jurisdictions including Cayman and Jersey.