



Call for Papers: AfIELN 8th Biennial Conference: Africa and the Future of International Economic Law: Navigating Geopolitical Realignments, Sustainability Imperatives, and Technological Disruptions (EN/FR) (UM6P, Rabat, Morocco)

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The [African International Economic Law Network](#) (AfIELN) invites the submission of abstracts for its 8th Biennial Conference taking place at the [University Mohammed VI Polytechnic, Rabat, Morocco](#), from **24 to 26 June 2026**.

Background

The global order is undergoing a profound transformation shaped by a confluence of three interconnected forces: heightened geopolitical rivalries, the urgent imperative of sustainable transformation, and the rapid acceleration of technological change. Rising global rivalries, reflected in geo-economic fragmentation, resource nationalism, the weaponisation of trade and finance, and new configurations of South-South and North-South alliances, are reshaping the foundations of international economic law (IEL). At the same time, climate change and the global push toward decarbonisation are exerting unprecedented pressure on existing legal regimes governing trade, investment, finance, intellectual property, and energy. In parallel, the Fourth and emerging Fifth Industrial Revolutions, characterised by breakthroughs in AI, automation, datafication, quantum technologies, blockchain and advanced biotechnology, are blurring traditional divisions between goods, services, data, and knowledge.

Le [African International Economic Law Network](#) (AfIELN) invite à la soumission de résumés pour sa 8e Conférence biennale, qui se tiendra à [l'Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique, Rabat, Maroc](#), du **24 au 26 juin 2026**.

Contexte

L'ordre mondial connaît une transformation profonde façonnée par la convergence de trois forces interdépendantes : l'intensification des rivalités géopolitiques, l'impératif pressant de la transition durable, et l'accélération rapide des mutations technologiques. Les tensions géopolitiques, marquées par la fragmentation géoéconomique, le nationalisme des ressources, l'instrumentalisation du commerce et de la finance, ainsi que la reconfiguration des alliances Sud-Sud et Nord-Sud, redéfinissent aujourd'hui les fondements du droit international économique (DIE). Parallèlement, le changement climatique et l'effort global de décarbonation exercent une pression sans précédent sur les régimes juridiques régissant le commerce, l'investissement, la finance, la propriété intellectuelle et l'énergie. De plus, les quatrième et émergente cinquième révolutions industrielles, caractérisées par les avancées en intelligence artificielle, automatisation, mise en données (datafication), technologies quantiques, blockchain et biotechnologies avancées, effacent les

frontières traditionnelles entre biens, services, données et savoirs.

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Submission Instructions:

We welcome submissions in **English** and **French**. Papers will be selected based on quality, originality, alignment to the theme/sub-themes and their capacity to provoke productive debates.

Submissions must include a research abstract (no more than 400 words) and a short biography (no more than 200 words).

Submission Deadline: Thursday, 15 January 2026. Email: afieln.siel@gmail.com

Authors working on a common issue or topic may propose their own panel by submitting a common proposal for the establishment of such a panel with the following details: Proposed topic or issue for the panel; names of panel participants and their respective affiliations; respective paper titles and abstracts of no more than 400 words; and contact details of panel head.

Decisions on the acceptance of abstracts will be communicated by **Sunday, 15 February 2026**. Selected applicants will be expected to submit their complete paper (not exceeding 6, 000 words) by **Sunday, 31 May 2026**.

Enquiries: Please submit any enquiries to the Conference Chair, **Dr Jonathan Kabré**, by email at **afieln.siel@gmail.com**.

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