

AFIELN 8TH BIENNAL CONFERENCE
 University Mohammed VI Polytechnic, Rabat (Morocco)
 24-26 June 2026
 DRAFT PROGRAMME (as of 30 May 2026)

WEDNESDAY, 24th JUNE 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY			
08:00-09:00	REGISTRATION			
09:00- 09:30	WELCOME REMARKS From AfIELN From SIEL From UM6P			
09:30 – 09:40	Conference organisation			
09:40 – 10:40	KEYNOTE SPEECH			
10:40 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK			
11:00- 12:30	PLENARY 1: For a New (New) International Economic Order: Africa, Asia and the Americas at the Forefront of The Second Non-Alignment Convenor Prof. Leïla Choukroune			
12:30-13:45	PARALLEL SESSIONS 1, 2, 3 & 4			
	PANEL 1 Africa’s Engagement in Global Governance Chair: Prof. James Gathii Presenters 1. Ikrame Kohl (FSJES Souissi – Mohammed V University, Rabat): Africa’s Strategic Legal Alignments in a Multipolar World: Norm Contestation and the Future of Economic Governance. 2. Ndidi Olibamoyo (University of Bath) Governing the Digital: African Agency in International Cyber Governance and the Future of International Economic Law	PANEL 2 Sustainable Transformation and Green Industrial Policy Chair: Prof Franziska Sucker Presenters 1. Jihad Ait Soussane (Higher Institute of Commerce and Business Administration (Groupe ISCAE-Casablanca), Green Industrialization or Green Dependency? International Economic Law, Critical Minerals, and Africa’s FDI Strategy in the Energy Transition Era 2. Caren Nalwenge Mudeyi Okumu (Kabarak University, Kenya)	PANEL 3 Commerce international et dépendances stratégiques Chair: Prof Ali Kairouani Intervenants 1. Alouss Willy Doumbia, La puissance normative de l’Union européenne et l’impact des normes environnementales et de droits humains sur les relations économiques internationales : le cas des États africains 2. OUEDRAOGO Wendyam Armel Roland, Les Accords de partenariat économique (APE) entre l’Union européenne et les États africains face aux	Panel 4 Climate Governance and Africa’s Industrialisation Chair: Prof David Collins Presenters 1. Said Ait Faraji, Trade Integration, Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development under the AfCFTA: A Dynamic CGE Assessment of Morocco’s Strategic Trade-Offs 2. Ahmed Abdelazez Zayed, Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanisms and Africa’s Development Space: Reconfiguring International Economic Law in the Era of Green Industrialisation

	<p>3. Kanyiri Kariuki, How will Africa navigate a “post” Rules-Based International Economic ‘Nomos’?</p> <p>4. Adnane Kaab, Implementing the AfCFTA in a Fragmented World: Beyond the Global North–South Divide toward African Economic Resilience</p>	<p>Reimagining Equity in Global Climate Governance: The EU’s Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism as a Catalyst or Constraint for Africa’s Green Sovereignty and Regional Integration”</p> <p>3. Nkem Itanyi (University of East Anglia) Decolonising Innovation: Leveraging the AfCFTA IP Protocol as a Shield for Green Industrialisation in the Age of Polycrisis</p> <p>4. Ibukun Omisore (University of Lagos) Legal Pathways to Sustainable Industrialisation: Harmonising Company Law with International Environmental Standards in Africa</p>	<p>exigences de la Zone de libre-échange continentale africaine (ZLECAf)</p> <p>3. Sow Yassi Yirigouin Franck (IUA, Cote d’Ivoire) Le mécanisme d’ajustement carbone aux frontières (CBAM) : un défi juridique pour l’industrialisation africaine à l’ère de la Zlecaf</p> <p>4. Prof Ismaelline Eba Nguema, L’accord sur les subventions à la pêche de l’OMC entre contraintes et défis pour l’Afrique</p>	<p>3. Kamo Sende, Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanisms and the Reordering of Climate Trade Governance in the Global South</p> <p>4. Carolina Fabara, Rewiring Green Globalisation: China–EU FDI, Electric Mobility and AI-Enabled Dispute Resolution in Latin America and Africa</p> <p>5. Tiisetso John Rantlo, Environmental Impact Assessment as a Site of Economic and Constitutional Contestation in the Global South</p>
13:45-15:00	LUNCH			
15:00 – 16:15	PARALLEL SESSIONS 5, 6, 7 & 8			

	<p>PANEL 5 Digital trade and Regional Integration (I)</p> <p>Chair Presenters</p> <p>1- Nelly C. Rotich (University of Pretoria) Promoting Coherence Between AfCFTA and WTO Digital Trade Rules: Implementation and Policy Options for African Countries</p> <p>2- Alice Pamilerin Adeyi (Nigerian Institute of International Affairs) Sustainable Digital Trade and the AfCFTA: A Development-Oriented Approach to Digital Trade Governance</p> <p>3- Rachid Benharrouse (Tilburg University) Literary Methodologies as Diagnostic Tools: Identifying Normative Gaps in the AfCFTA Digital Trade Protocol</p> <p>4- Joshua Kitili (Strathmore University, Kenya) Navigating Africa's Data Future: Cross-Border Flows and the AfCFTA Digital Trade Protocol</p> <p>5- Ngozi Bridget Ogwezzy (University of East London) Digital Trade under the AfCFTA: Assessing the Challenges and Prospects for Regional Integration in Africa</p>	<p>PANEL 6 Regional Integration and Economic Resilience (I)</p> <p>Chair Prof Bashar Malkawi Presenters</p> <p>1- Clayton Hazvinei Vhumbunu (University of Free State, South Africa) AfCFTA in the Shadow of External Powers: How Global Geopolitical Competition Shapes African Continental Trade Integration</p> <p>2- Javier Delmar Mario (Strathmore Law School) The False Promise of Liberalisation: Rethinking the AfCFTA's Approach to Intra-African Trade</p> <p>3- Adaeze Aniodoh (University of Leicester) Fragmentation by Design? The Fallacy of the AfCFTA in a Discordant Economy</p> <p>4. Muluken Kassahun Amid (Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia), Regulatory protections of gig economy under AfCFTA</p>	<p>PANEL 7 Intégration régionale et gouvernance institutionnelle de la ZLECAF</p> <p>Moderateur: Prof Ismaelline Eba Nguema Intervenants</p> <p>1. Prof Ali Kairouani (Université Mohamed V, Maroc), L'insoluble problème du choix des modèles juridiques au sein de la ZLECAF</p> <p>2. Doumbia Adjaratou Madoussou (IUA, Cote d'Ivoire) Souveraineté étatique et intégration régionale : les accords commerciaux extérieurs face à la ZLECAF</p> <p>3. Cissé Aminata (IUA, Cote d'Ivoire), La coexistence entre la ZLECAF et les communautés économiques régionales</p> <p>4. Adnane Kaab & Nour Eddine El Kaddouri, CEDEAO, laboratoire géopolitique pour la ZLECAF ? Intégration régionale, résilience et souveraineté dans un monde fragmenté</p>	<p>Panel 8 Regional Integration and Economic Resilience (II)</p> <p>Chair: Prof Regis Simo Presenters</p> <p>1. Assil El Mahmah & Said El Hachimi, Trade Fragmentation and Growth in Africa: Does Geoeconomic Alignment Matter?</p> <p>2. Dr Suzzie Onyeka Oyakhire & Dr Ashimizo Afadameh-Adeyemi, Geopolitical Tensions in West Africa and their Impact on Trade under the African Free Continental Trade Area</p> <p>3. Natalie Mubalama, Weaponized Interdependence and the Future of Trade Law</p>
16:15-17:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS 9, 10, 11 & 12			
	<p>PANEL 9 Intellectual property and Innovation</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Janet Njambi Macharia</p>	<p>PANEL 10 Investment Law and the Digital Economy</p> <p>Chair Prof. Leïla Choukroune</p>	<p>PANEL 11 Gouvernance numérique et transformations technologiques</p> <p>Moderateur: Prof Addé Franck</p>	<p>Panel 12 Digital Economy, Taxation and Financial Inclusion</p> <p>Chair: Dr Ashimizo Afadameh-Adeyemi,</p>

	<p>Presenters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cynthia O. Igodo (Africa University) From Image Rights to Data Rights: Legal Convergence and Fragmentation in the AI Economy 2. Pallavi Arora, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge, and Africa: The Case for Coordinated Environmental, Intellectual Property, and Trade Governance 3. Zineb ZNAGUI, Special Economic Zones and Knowledge Spillovers: Facilitating Technology Transfer and Capacity-Building in Morocco 4. Oluwanimilo Ola-Olorun, Coding the Green Continent: Africa's Legal Diplomacy in Creating a Sustainable and Digital Global Economy 	<p>Presenters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emily Sipiorski (Tilburg Law School), Transforming Moralities of International Treaties: Coercion and Minerals Agreements in the African Context 2. Liberty Mshindi Shiava (Kabarak University, Kenya) Is the AfCFTA Investment Protocol Fit for the Fifth Industrial Revolution? Defining and Protecting Digital Assets in Africa 3. Uchenna Agunwa (Durham Law School) Investing in Data Centres in Africa: A View from the Lens of Foreign Investment Protection Law 4. Chukwudi E. Anyanwuocha, Critical For Who? Critical Minerals Resource Nationalism And Africa's Recalibration Of International Investment Law In The Era Of Energy Transition Critical minerals resource nationalism and investment law 	<p>Intervenants</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Imane Labied, Le Protocole sur le commerce numérique de la ZLECAF : vers une gouvernance africaine des flux transfrontaliers de données et de la cybersécurité 2. El Hassane Gatra, Bâtir une infrastructure de confiance pour la ZLECAF : facilitation numérique, gouvernance des données et effectivité des règles 3. Ghizlane Diab, L'Afrique face à la gouvernance numérique mondiale : de la transformation des pratiques de gestion à l'influence normative 4. Benzeid Fatima-Zahra, L'influence de l'IA dans les campagnes publicitaires numériques sur la perception du comportement du consommateur entre enjeux éthiques et développement durable 	<p>Presenters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opeyemi Bello, African States, the G20 and the Demand for International Tax Reforms 2. Riva Jalipa, Taxing Big Data 3. Marie-Louise F. Aren, Greening without revenue: climate finance, fiscal justice, and the failure of global tax governance in africa's green transition 4. Sebastian Krafzik, Correspondent Banking Relationships and Financial Exclusion: African Banks in the Global De-Risking Era
17:30	END OF DAY 1			

THURSDAY, 25TH JUNE 2026

09:00-10:30	PLENARY 2 « L’OHADA, LES COMMUNAUTÉS ÉCONOMIQUES RÉGIONALES ET LA ZLECAF ? » Convener Dr Kabré			
10:30-11:45	PARALLEL SESSIONS 13, 14, 15 & 16			
<p>PANEL 13 Investment Law and dispute settlement in Africa</p> <p>Chair: Dr Harisson Mbori Presenters</p> <p>1. Bakhita M. Koblavie (Ghana School of Law) Reimagining Investment Governance in Africa: Mediation as an AfCFTA Pathway to Development, Stability, and Rights Protection.</p> <p>2. Diana Kanyuithia (University of Portsmouth) Recalibrating Investor-State Dispute Settlement and International Investment Law in East Africa: Sustaining Imperatives, Regulatory Autonomy and Local Communities Interests.</p> <p>3. Tracy Boahene (University of Salford) Enforcement of Investment Arbitral Awards in a Fractured Global Order: Sovereignty, Indigenous Rights, and the Limits of ISDS.</p> <p>4. Darbali Sabrina & Bouty Fatima Zohra, Recalibrating ISDS in Africa: Investor Due Diligence and Minimum Standards under the AfCFTA Investment Protocol</p>	<p>PANEL 14 Climate Change, IEL and Africa’s Structural Vulnerabilities</p> <p>Chair Dr Suzzie Onyeka Oyakhire Presenters</p> <p>1. Anindo June Dezinavell (Stratmore University, Kenya) Chilled Ambitions: How Investment Treaties Constrain Africa’s Climate Response</p> <p>2. Jennifer H. Mike (DePauw University, USA) Health Rights in the Age of Climate Crisis: Reimagining Legal Accountability in a Fragmenting Global Order</p> <p>3. Nasanga Aki (SLR Consulting, Kenya) Carbon Border Adjustment and Extraterritorial Climate Governance: Rethinking Regulatory Space in International Economic Law</p> <p>4. Abena Achiaa Otu (University of Edinburgh) The Global Energy Transition and Its Implications for African Participation in International Trade</p> <p>5. Maria Anna Corvaglia & Arinze Okiche, Environmental Commitments in African RECs: Emerging Priorities and Regulatory Patterns</p>	<p>PANEL 15 Souveraineté économique et arbitrage international</p> <p>Moderateur: Dr Kabré Intervenants</p> <p>1. Reyve Madeleine ZIZA EDZANG, La souveraineté transactionnelle au Gabon : arbitrage règlementaire et filtrage des investissements face à la rivalité sino-française (2000–2025)</p> <p>2. Sanae Hanine, La résurgence des empires : quelles implications géopolitiques et économiques ?</p> <p>3. Widad Habchi (Université Mohammed V de Rabat, Maroc) L’extension de la clause compromissoire aux non-signataires : mutations du consentement à l’arbitrage international et enjeux de sécurité juridique pour l’Afrique</p> <p>4. Othmane El Alaoui (Université Mohammed V de Rabat, Maroc) L’évolution du pouvoir de réglementation des États africains dans la jurisprudence CIRDI : analyse jurisprudentielle</p>	<p>Panel 16 Digital trade and Regional Integration (II)</p> <p>Chair Dr Ramani Garimella (South Asia University New Delhi, India) Presenters</p> <p>1. Tayewo A. Adewumi, Africa’s Digital Future in International Economic Law: Cross-Border Data Flows and the AfCFTA Digital Trade Protocol in a Disrupted World</p> <p>2. Oluwatosin Ogwezy Omobolanle, Digital Trade and Regional Integration in Africa: A Legal Appraisal of the Cross-border Data Flows under the AfCFTA Digital Trade Protocol</p> <p>3. Elisabeth Achancho Etagha, Regulating digital trade in Africa: opportunities and challenges for economic transformation and achievement of Agenda 2063</p> <p>4. Pam K. Mwananshiku, Redefining Africa’s Place in Global Digital Governance: Agency, Innovation, and the Path to Equitable Rule-Making</p>	

	5. Bonnylove Ingabire, (University of Portsmouth) More Than Meets the Eye? A Critical Analysis of International Investment Law and Climate Change-Related Reforms in the East African Context			
11:45-12:00	COFFEE BREAK			
12:00-13:15	PARALLEL SESSIONS 17, 18, 19 & 20			
	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL 17 Digital Economy, Labour & Human Rights</p> <p>Chair Prof Suresh Nanwani (Durham University)</p> <p>Presenters</p> <p>1. Irene Makau & Josephine Kaaniru (Strathmore University) Beyond Opaque Algorithms: Reclassifying African Platform Workers as Employees for Accountability and Labour Protection”</p> <p>2. Simeon Igbinedion (University of Lagos) Levelling the playing field in the relationship between business and human rights in the digital economy</p> <p>3. Achancho Pauline (Catholic University of Central Africa) From Analog to Digital : Leveraging AI to Enhance Human Rights and Access to Justice in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)</p> <p>4. Michael Chukwujindu Ogwezy (Rivers State University) Digital Frontiers or Rights Faultlines? Corporate Accountability and Human</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL 18 Competition Law and Digital Markets</p> <p>Chair Dr Sebastian Espinosa Velasco</p> <p>Presenters</p> <p>1. Pranav Narang (Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, INDIA) Addressing the gaps in Asian and African competition regulation of digital markets: Ensuring sustained growth of digital economy</p> <p>2. Leonard Otuonye Ugbajah, Reimagining digital competition law through African indigenous economic thought</p> <p>3. Kweku Attakora Dwomoh Esq (Ashesi University, Ghana) Selling by Algorithm on Digital Platforms: Unequal trade and a Case for Competition policy Reform under the AfCFTA</p> <p>4. Simphiwe Gumede & Franziska Sucker (Competition Commission of South Africa & University of the Witwatersrand) Economic Dependence under Article 11 of the AfCFTA Competition Protocol and the Regulation of Digital Platforms in Africa</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL 19 Régulation des marchés numériques</p> <p>Moderateur: Prof Regis Simo</p> <p>Intervenants</p> <p>1. Prof Franck ADDE, La responsabilité à l'épreuve de la décentralisation : cryptomonnaies, droit OHADA et perspectives d'harmonisation dans l'espace ZLECAf</p> <p>2. Djrobie Grace Esther Djrosse, Les services numériques transfrontaliers dans le cadre de la ZLECAf</p> <p>3. Basma Rizqy (Université Hassan Ier, Maroc) Le droit de la concurrence face aux marchés numériques en Afrique : entre souveraineté économique, intégration régionale et dépendance technologique – Réflexions à partir du cas marocain</p> <p>4. Aya Ouarzazi, Procédures collectives et digitalisation : perspective d'efficacité ou illusion de progrès ?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 20 Gender, Labour and Social Justice in International Economic Law</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Gertrude A. Amarh</p> <p>Presenters</p> <p>1. Julie Ynes Ada, Climate Adaptation, Care Economies, and the Invisible Labour of African Women</p> <p>2. Zinhle Novazi, Trading Without Guardrails: Decision-Making Power and Accountability under the AfCFTA Digital Trade Protocol</p> <p>4. Fauziya Tijjani, Digitalising African Consumer Dispute Resolution: Harmonising Consumer Redress Regimes to Navigate Technological Disruptions under the AfCFTA</p>

	<p>Rights in Africa's Booming Digital Economy Amid Technological Disruptions"</p> <p>5. Hamouti Nadia & El bakouhi (University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, Morocco) Criminal liability and regulation of the digital economy in Africa : challenges and prospects</p>			
13:15-14:30	LUNCH			
14:30-15:45	PARALLEL SESSIONS 21, 22, 23 & 24			
	<p>PANEL 21 Critical Minerals, Resources and Sustainability</p> <p>Chair Prof. Jose Manuel Alvarez Zarate, Presenters</p> <p>1. Mitchel Kakai, Kenya Law School Digital Governance and Resource Control: A Critical Analysis of Blockchain Traceability in African Mineral Supply Chains</p> <p>2. Darryl Isabel, “Navigating EU Environmental Standards for Cobalt Exports from the DRC: Legal and Trade Implications for Local Battery Manufacturing”</p> <p>3. Chukwudi E. Anyanwuocha, Critical for who? critical minerals resource nationalism and Africa’s recalibration of international investment law in the era of energy transition</p>	<p>PANEL 22 Digital Sovereignty and Data Governance</p> <p>Chair: Prof Nlerum S. Okogbule Presenters</p> <p>1. Oluwabunmi Adaramola, University of Leeds, Digital Sovereignty And Crypto-Colonialism In Nigeria: Rethinking Good Governance in the Global Crypto-Order</p> <p>2. Emmanuella Wangui Maina, University of Nairobi, Leveraging blockchain to safeguard indigenous knowledge and biotechnological outputs: sustainability, epistemic justice and african agency in international economic law.</p> <p>3. Nguyen Hai Yen, Hanoi Law University (Vietnam) Cross-Border Data Flows under the AfCFTA Digital Trade Protocol: Between Digital Sovereignty and Economic Integration</p>	<p>PANEL 23 Droit des affaires internationales: Questions choisies</p> <p>Moderateur: Prof Traoré Intervenants</p> <p>1. Douah Ayoub, Politique monétaire et croissance économique au Maroc : une approche ARDL et VECM face aux chocs sanitaires et géopolitiques</p> <p>2. Belmejdoub Houda, La protection des parties contractantes à l’épreuve de l’insolvabilité : analyse critique des défis et solutions juridiques en droits marocain et OHADA</p> <p>3. Bahoui Rajae & EL Hassani Hafid, Interactions macroéconomiques et efficience boursière au Maroc : une approche VAR</p> <p>4. Hamdouche Elmostafa, Propriété intellectuelle, innovation et transfert de technologies en Afrique : cadres stratégiques pour les secteurs vitaux et la souveraineté technologique</p>	<p>Panel 24 Competition Law, Digital Markets and Consumer Protection</p> <p>Chair: Dr Victor T Amadi Presenters</p> <p>1. Oluwayemi O. Ogunkorode & Omolade A. Oniyinde, An Examination Of Digital Arbitration As A Mechanism For Resolving Digital Trade Disputes In Africa: Afecta In Perspective</p> <p>2. Ichraq Fahim, “Your Technology, My Data: Moroccan Consumers’ Perspectives on Biometric Marketing Research”</p> <p>3. Lamiae Zitouni & Khalid Atmani, The regulation of digital finance in the era of artificial intelligence: new approach to combating financial crime</p> <p>4. Darbali Sabrina & Bouty Fatima Zohra, Recalibrating ISDS in Africa: Investor Due Diligence and Minimum Standards under the AfCFTA Investment Protocol</p>

		4. Mishael M. Wambua, One World; Three Models? Africa's Emerging Digital Regulatory Identity	5. Pernando Etienne, Le renforcement du système national de la propriété intellectuelle et la stimulation de l'innovation au sein des pays africains : cas du Maroc (2014–2024)	
15:45-16:45	MOHAMMED BEDJAOUI MEMORIAL LECTURE			
16:45-17:10	BOOK LAUNCH International Economic Dispute Settlement in Africa Courts and Arbitral Tribunals as Socio-Legal Actors (Hart Publishing, 2026) Author: Harrison Otieno Mbori			
18:30-22:00	GALA DINNER			

FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE 2026

09:00-10:00	PARALLEL SESSIONS 25, 26, 27 & 28			
	<p>PANEL 25 AfCFTA: Legal Design, Challenges and Futures</p> <p>Chair: Prof Akinkugbe Presenters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof Nlerum S. Okogbule, Avoiding pitfalls of the past: functional African free trade regime 2. Roberto Isibor, A market without law? Limits of African economic integration 3. Prof David Collins, New frontiers in digital rules of origin under AfCFTA 4. Dr Victor T Amadi & Chelangat Faith, The Free Movement of Persons in the AfCFTA Era: Pathways for Integration and Development in Africa. 5. Marvin Alinaitwe, South-South technology transfer under AfCFTA 	<p>PANEL 26 Trade Law, WTO and Geoeconomics</p> <p>Chair: Dr Harisson Mbori Presenters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof Clive Vinti, The ‘National security’ gambit: South Africa’s attempt to reformulate ‘economic emergencies’ as a ‘national security’ matter under WTO law 2. Annabel Nanjira, In the name of national security or not? Assessing the growing securitisation of trade remedy measures in international trade law 3. Prof Bashar Malkawi, National Security and International Trade: New Paradigm in State Practice 4. Tonny Arisi Omwoyo, Decarbonisation Amid Geopolitical Rivalries: Climate Change And The Future Architecture Of International Economic Law 	<p>PANEL 27 Transition énergétique et industries extractives</p> <p>Chair: Dr Kabré Presenters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rachid El Bazzim, L’Alliance Solaire Internationale (ASI) : un nouveau levier pour le développement énergétique de l’Afrique 2. KOUROUMA Oumar, Les entreprises minières chinoises et les exigences ESG à l’ère des transitions énergétique et technologique 3. Christian Mpabwa, L’industrie minière africaine à l’ère de la transition énergétique : analyse des récents développements normatifs et jurisprudentiels en matière de protection des droits de l’homme et de l’environnement 	<p>Panel 28 Trade Law and Geoeconomic Fragmentation</p> <p>Chair: Presenters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michael Omondi Odhiambo, Economic world wars: redefining super powers in the wake of strategic alliances 2. Ndirangu Ngunjiri, AfCFTA as shield against geo-economic fragmentation: legal and institutional limits 3. Tripp Odom, CERCLA in Postcolonial Context: An Analysis of the Obstacles to the Retrospective Imposition of Environmental Remediation Liability by Postcolonial States 4. Aduragbemi Odubela, The Brussels Effect and Africa’s Digital Integration: Implications for Digital Trade
10:00-11:00	MENTORING SESSION FOR EARLY-CARRER SCHOLARS			
11:00 -12:00	PARALLEL SESSIONS 29, 30, 31 & 32			
	<p>PANEL 29 Emerging Technologies: Legal Readiness and Regulatory Gaps</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Faith Chelengath Presenters</p>	<p>PANEL 30 Crosscutting Issues (I)</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Janet Njambi Macharia Presenters</p>	<p>PANEL 31 Crosscutting Issues (II)</p> <p>Chair: Presenters</p>	<p>Panel 32 Technology Transfer, Innovation and Economic Transformation</p> <p>Chair: Prof Clive Vinti Presenters</p>

	<p>1. Cyprian Chabvepi, Blockchain, the AfCFTA, and the Digital Intergration: A Legal Framework for Building Trust, Efficiency, and African Agency in Global Data Flows</p> <p>2. Christian-Lambert NGUENA, Quo Vadis Financial development in an Artificial intelligence automated World? Evidence from Africa using Quasi-Experimental Impact Evaluation Method</p> <p>3. Juliana Wamaitha Njiriri, Artificial Intelligence and the AfCFTA: Addressing Regulatory Gaps to Secure Africa's Digital Economic Future</p> <p>4. Olalekan Moyosore Lalude (Wisconsin International University College, Ghana) International Economic Law and the Realisation of Socio-economic Rights in Africa Amid Geopolitical Shifts and the Artificial Intelligence Revolution</p> <p>5. UnyimeAbasi Odong (University of Ottawa, Canada), Digital Market Power and AfCFTA's Competition Mandate: New Framework for Competition Assessment in Fintech Value Chains</p>	<p>1. Julie Ynes Ada, Climate adaptation, care economies, and invisible labour of African women</p> <p>2. William Kiema, Outer space Pan-Africanism under AU Agenda 2063</p> <p>3. Akinyi J. Eurallyah, Political economy of just energy transition in Kenya</p> <p>4. Alvin Kubasu, Informal trade, MSMEs, and productive integration in EAC</p> <p>5. Uchechukwu Ngwaba, Crisis, uncertainties and health governance in Africa</p>	<p>1. Sofia Zancanaro Habeck, À la carte sovereignty: US military power and capital access</p> <p>2. Joseph Mungai, Investment nationalism and hegemonic globalisation</p> <p>3. Natalie Mubalama, Weaponised interdependence and the future of trade law</p> <p>4. Sheppard K.M. Pasipanodya (Catholic University of Zimbabwe), Regulatory Sandboxes for Sustainability: Designing an Africa-Centric AI Governance Framework for the Tourism Sector.</p> <p>5. Fernando DIAS SIMÕES (Peking University School of Transnational Law, China) Investing in Africa's Energy Transition: Lessons from Europe</p>	<p>1. Issa Akanji Adedokun: Technological Disruptions and IEL Boundaries: Regulating AI, Blockchain, and Data Monetisation in Africa's Emerging Digital Single Market</p> <p>2. Olalekan Moyosore Lalude: International Economic Law and the Realisation of Socio-economic Rights in Africa Amid Geopolitical Shifts and the Artificial Intelligence Revolution</p> <p>3. Sumanta Bhattacharya: From Rule-Taker to Rule-Shaper: Africa's Agency in International Economic Law amid Sustainability Transitions, Technological Disruption, and Global Inequality</p> <p>4. Benjamin Kosisochukwu Anwuanwu: Rewriting the Rules: Africa, Sustainability, and Power in a Fragmented Global Trade and Investment Order</p> <p>5. Mohammed Merrouni : Green Hydrogen and the Future of International Economic Law in Africa: Regulatory Fragmentation, Economic Sovereignty, and Geopolitical Realignments</p>
12:00-12:30	CLOSING REMARKS			
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