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PRESENTS:

PEACE, PROSPERITY, AND THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

***A POLICY DIALOGUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 82ND BIENNIAL
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EVENT DETAILS

EVENT NAME:

The International Law Association (Nigeria Branch) Africa Policy Dialogue.

EVENT THEME:

Peace, Prosperity and the Future of International Law: Geopolitics and Geoeconomics in a Fragmenting World.

EVENT DATE AND TIME:

20 August 2026, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (CEST), Vienna, Austria.

VENUE:

Lindner Hotel Vienna Am Belvedere, Rennweg 12, A-1030 Vienna.

AGENDA

1. WELCOME ADDRESSES:

Her Excellency, Dr. Mrs. Florence Ajimobi JP, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Vienna, Austria

Prince Lateef Fagbemi SAN, *Attorney-General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*

Professor Damilola Olawuyi SAN, *President, Nigerian Branch of the International Law Association*

Mr. Tunde Fagbohunlu SAN, *Senior Partner, Aluko & Oyebode, (ALN Nigeria)*

2. PANEL SESSIONS:

SESSION 1 – Africa Leaders’ Dialogue: Navigating Geopolitical and Geoeconomic Change—Africa’s Strategic Choices for Sustainable Development (45 MINUTES)

As the international order undergoes profound geopolitical and geoeconomic transformation, African governments are confronted with increasingly complex choices regarding trade, investment, natural resource governance, regional integration and institutional development. This high-level Leaders’ Dialogue brings

together distinguished policymakers and institutional leaders to examine how African States can strengthen governance, safeguard national interests, deepen intra-African economic integration and build the legal and institutional capacity required to compete effectively in a rapidly evolving global landscape. Drawing on perspectives from government, regional economic policy, natural resource governance and international legal institutions, the discussion will explore practical pathways for advancing sustainable development, economic resilience and Africa's long-term strategic interests.

Moderator:

Femi Oke (International Journalist/Co-Founder, *Moderate the Event*)

Panellists:

Prince Lateef Fagbemi, SAN, Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Hon. Umaru Napoleon Koroma, Deputy Minister of Mines of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

Mrs. Patience Okala, National Coordinator of Nigeria's AfCFTA Coordination Office.

Mr. Olivier Pognon, Director and Chief Executive Officer African Legal Support Facility, ALSF.

SESSION 2 –The role of International Law in a Fragmenting World (45 MINUTES)

As the international system becomes increasingly shaped by geopolitical rivalry, geoeconomic competition and competing visions of global governance, fundamental questions are being asked about the continuing relevance and effectiveness of international law. Can international law continue to provide a stable framework for cooperation, peaceful dispute resolution and sustainable development, or must it evolve to reflect new political and economic realities? This session brings together leading scholars and practitioners to examine how international law can respond to an increasingly fragmented world while remaining an effective instrument for promoting peace, prosperity, justice and inclusive development. Particular attention will be given to the future of international economic law, sustainable development and the institutions that underpin the rules-based international order.

Moderators:

Babatunde Fagbohunlu, S.A.N., (*Senior Partner, Aluko & Oyebo*) and **Dr. Eghosa Ekhat** (*Associate Professor of International Environmental Law, University of Derby*)

Panellists:

Professor Olabisi Akinkugbe, Purdy Crawford Chair in Business Law and Associate Professor at the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University.

Mr. Ahmed Essa Alsulaiti, President of the International Law Association – Gulf Cooperation Council Branch, a lawyer, and a faculty member at the College of Law, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, in Doha, Qatar.

Professor Marie-Claire Cordonnier Segger, Vice President, ILA Canada, Chair in Sustainable Development Law and Policy at the University of Cambridge.

3. CLOSING REMARKS

4. COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND NETWORKING