



Programme – Friday 17 May 2019

13h30 - 14h00	Guest Arrival and Networking
14h00 - 14h05	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Pieter Steyn, Director, Werksmans Attorneys, South Africa and Chairperson of LEX Africa</p>
14h05 - 14h55	<p>Indigenisation, Local Content, Local Partner and other Requirements for Foreign Investors</p> <p>African governments are increasingly trying to leverage more local benefits from foreign investments. The approach ranges from South Africa's complicated Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment policies to Zimbabwe's former 51% indigenisation requirement to a more sector specific approach. Foreign investors are for example increasingly expected to have local shareholders, procure from local suppliers, promote skills transfers to locals and provide other support for local communities. Land ownership remains a contentious topic. The panel will discuss the various approaches adopted by African governments and future trends and developments.</p> <p>Chair: Sternford Moyo, Managing Partner, Scanlen & Holderness, Zimbabwe</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Gebreamlak Gebregiorgis, Senior Partner, Gets Law Office, Ethiopia Pedro Couto, Senior Partner, CGA, Mozambique Osayaba Giwa-Osagie, Senior Partner, Giwa-Osagie & Co, Nigeria Pieter Steyn, Director, Werksmans Attorneys, South Africa</p>
14h55 - 15h45	<p>African Competition Law Developments</p> <p>Africa is sometimes described as the "last frontier" of competition law. However African competition law is developing rapidly with recent important amendments to the South African Competition Act, new competition laws in Nigeria, Angola and Botswana and an increasing change in focus away from merger control towards cartels, restrictive practices and abuses of dominance. Regional authorities like the Comesa Competition Commission are increasingly important and cooperation between regulators is increasing. The panel will discuss recent developments and future trends.</p> <p>Chair: Pieter Steyn, Director, Werksmans Attorneys, South Africa</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Pathy Liongo Bootsi, Emery Mukendi Wafwana & Associates, Democratic Republic of the Congo Gebreamlak Gebregiorgis, Ethiopia Osayaba Giwa-Osagie, Nigeria Sternford Moyo, Zimbabwe</p>

15h45 - 16h00	Tea
16h00 – 16h25	<p>Developments in African Cyber Law, Block Chain and Artificial Intelligence</p> <p>From e-commerce and Uber type motor cycle taxis to mobile banking and security technology, the fourth industrial revolution provides tremendous business opportunities in Africa. The proposed listing of Nigerian Unicorn, Jumia, on the NYSE is just one example of the huge potential in this sector.</p> <p>Alice Namuli Blazevic, Partner at Katende, Ssempebwa & Company, Uganda, will give a briefing on recent developments and future trends.</p>
16h25 - 17h15	<p>Recent Developments and Challenges in African Insolvency and Business Restructuring Law</p> <p>The ability to foreclose and extract value in a distressed debt situation is both a challenge and risk for investors, financial institutions and other creditors in emerging markets. Business opportunities may also arise with regard to distressed debt and the restructuring of distressed businesses. The panel will discuss crucial differences between as well as reforms to harmonise insolvency and restructuring regimes across Africa.</p> <p>Chair: Dr Eric Levenstein, Director, Werksmans Attorneys, South Africa</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Pedro Couto, Mozambique Sternford Moyo, Zimbabwe Stephen Harris, Head of Restructuring, Ernst & Young, London Dr David Burdette, Senior Technical Research Officer, INSOL International, London</p>
17h15 – 17h20	Closing and thanks, Pieter Steyn, South Africa
17h20 – 19h30	Cocktail/Networking Event in the Harvest Suite