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NICArb 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE MARKETING BROCHURE

NIGERIA INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ARBITRATORS

is delighted to present its 2026 Annual Conference with the theme:

**Re-imagining Arbitration and ADR in Africa:
Innovation, Integrity and Commercial
Justice in a Changing World**

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NICArb 2026 INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND ADR CONFERENCE

WHO WE ARE

The Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators (NICArb) is the premier arbitration institution in Sub-Saharan Africa. Established in 1979 under the visionary leadership of the late Judge Bola Ajibola, SAN, KBE—a former Attorney General and Minister of Justice of Nigeria, and Judge of the International Court of Justice at The Hague—the Institute was duly incorporated in 1988 under the Companies and Allied Matters Act (formerly the Companies Act) as a legal entity limited by guarantee.

Since its inception, NICArb has remained at the forefront of promoting the domestication, development, and practical application of arbitration and other forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in Nigeria. Over the years, the Institute has earned a reputation as the preferred appointing authority and case management institution for a wide range of commercial disputes within Nigeria and across international jurisdictions.

NICArb maintains a strong national presence through its active state branches, led by its Fellows, in Abuja, Abia, Adamawa, Anambra, Akwa Ibom/Cross River, Bayelsa, Borno, Delta, Edo, Enugu, Imo, Kaduna, Kano, Niger, Ondo, Osun, Rivers and Oyo States. The Institute also operates specialised Sectoral Committees dedicated to addressing the dispute resolution needs of key

industries, including Aviation and Transportation, Banking and Finance, Construction and Real Estate, Energy and Power, Government and Privatisation, Manufacturing, Maritime and Admiralty, Public-Private Partnerships and Concessions, and Telecommunications.

Beyond its national footprint, NICArb is also active internationally through strategic partnerships with leading ADR institutions in Africa and around the world. Some of our partners are: The United Nations Commission for International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), International Commercial Court of Arbitration (ICCA), China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (C.I.E.T.A.C), International Mediation Institute (IMI), Court of Arbitration and Mediation of the Cameroon Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines, and Crafts as well as the African Arbitration Association and Organisation for the Harmonisation of Business Law in Africa (O.H.A.D.A). These partnerships reflect the Institute's commitment to fostering cross border cooperation, promoting knowledge exchange, and advancing the harmonisation of dispute resolution practices to meet the evolving demands of international commerce.

To encourage the widespread adoption and effective use of ADR, NICArb pursues a multifaceted strategy encompassing advocacy, professional capacity development, research, arbitration referral and case administration services, strategic partnerships, and programme development. Through its regular training programmes, seminars, workshops, conferences, and other professional engagements, the Institute continues to strengthen the ADR ecosystem by developing highly skilled practitioners and supporting institutions committed to delivering efficient, impartial, and internationally recognised dispute resolution services.

RE-IMAGINING ARBITRATION AND ADR IN AFRICA:

INNOVATION, INTEGRITY AND COMMERCIAL JUSTICE IN A CHANGING WORLD

The implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), increasing cross-border investments, rapid digital transformation, expanding infrastructure projects, and emerging technologies are creating unprecedented opportunities for growth and prosperity across the continent. However, these developments are equally generating more complex commercial relationships and disputes that require efficient, credible, and modern mechanisms for resolution. Against this backdrop, arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) have become indispensable tools for promoting legal certainty, protecting investments, preserving business relationships, and fostering sustainable economic development.

Africa has witnessed significant growth in the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution over the last decades and we agree significant progress is being made. New arbitration institutions have emerged, existing centres have strengthened their capacities, and legislative reforms in several jurisdictions have enhanced the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and negotiated

settlements. Yet, despite this progress, challenges remain. Questions concerning institutional effectiveness, enforcement, cost efficiency, ethical standards, technological adaptation, access to justice, and the continued preference for foreign arbitral seats in many high-value disputes continue to shape discussions about the future of dispute resolution on the continent.

The theme, “Reimagining Arbitration and ADR in Africa: Innovation, Integrity and Commercial Justice in a Changing World,” reflects the urgent need to rethink and reposition dispute resolution systems to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving global environment. The world is witnessing profound changes driven by artificial intelligence, digital commerce, fintech, virtual hearings, data governance, environmental sustainability concerns, and increasingly complex international business transactions. These developments require ADR practitioners, institutions, policymakers, corporate users, academics, and the judiciary to embrace innovation while safeguarding the core values that underpin the legitimacy of the dispute resolution process.

Innovation is therefore central to the future of arbitration and ADR in Africa. The integration of technology into case management, virtual proceedings, online dispute resolution, digital evidence management, and AI-assisted research presents opportunities to enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and expand access to justice across geographical boundaries. At the same time, innovation must be accompanied by integrity. Confidence in arbitration and ADR depends fundamentally on the independence, neutrality, transparency, competence, and ethical conduct of institutions, arbitrators, mediators, and other critical stakeholders on the continent.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE AIMS TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING CORE OBJECTIVES :

1

To Explore Innovative Approaches and Emerging Technologies in Dispute Resolution
Examine how technological advancements such as artificial intelligence, online dispute resolution (ODR), virtual hearings, digital case management systems, and data analytics can enhance the efficiency, accessibility, and effectiveness of arbitration and ADR processes across Africa.

2

To Strengthen Integrity, Ethics, and Professional Standards in Arbitration and ADR
Promote the highest standards of independence, transparency, impartiality, accountability, and ethical conduct among arbitrators, mediators, institutions, legal practitioners, and other stakeholders in order to build trust and confidence in Africa's dispute resolution ecosystem.

3

To Advance Commercial Justice as a Catalyst for Economic Growth and Investment.
Identify practical strategies for ensuring that arbitration and ADR continue to provide fair, timely, cost-effective, and enforceable resolutions that support business certainty, investor confidence, regional trade, and sustainable economic development across Africa.

4

To Enhance Africa's Competitiveness as a Global Arbitration and ADR Destination.
Assess opportunities and challenges affecting Africa's emergence as a preferred seat for dispute resolution, including institutional capacity, legislative reforms, enforcement frameworks, talent development, and international best practices.

5

To Foster Collaboration Among Key Stakeholders in the Justice and Business Ecosystems
Encourage meaningful dialogue and partnerships among governments, the judiciary, arbitral institutions, corporate users, legal practitioners, policymakers, academics, and development partners to strengthen dispute resolution frameworks and promote harmonized regional approaches.

6

To Develop a Future-Ready Vision for Arbitration and ADR in Africa.
Generate actionable recommendations and policy insights that will help reposition arbitration and ADR to effectively respond to emerging global trends, cross-border commercial challenges, evolving business models, and the changing needs of African economies and societies.

BENEFITS OF SUPPORTING THE NICARB 2026 INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND ADR CONFERENCE

Supporting the NICArb 2026 International Arbitration & ADR Conference provides a unique opportunity to partner with one of Africa's foremost platforms for advancing innovation, integrity, and commercial justice in dispute resolution. As arbitration and ADR continue to shape the future of cross-border trade, investment, and economic development, your organisation will be recognised as a strategic partner committed to strengthening Africa's legal and commercial ecosystem.

1. **Strategic Brand Visibility** through extensive exposure on conference materials, publications, digital platforms, event branding, media engagements, and promotional activities before, during, and after the Conference.
2. **Access to High-Level Decision Makers** including business executives, regulators, government officials, policymakers, in-house counsel, investors, arbitrators, and legal practitioners from Nigeria and across the international ADR community.
3. **Enhanced Corporate Reputation** through association with this prestigious and impactful event dedicated to advancing commercial justice, investor confidence, and sustainable economic development.
4. **Thought Leadership Positioning** by your organisation's participation in panel discussions, paper presentations and moderation of relevant sessions as well general attendance and participation of your staff in the conference proceedings.
5. **Business Development Opportunities** through direct engagement with potential clients, partners, stakeholders, and key influencers across multiple sectors of the economy.
6. **Networking and Relationship Building** with leaders from the public and private sectors, development institutions, professional bodies, and over 1,000 conference participants.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Bronze

The NICArb 2026 International Arbitration and ADR Conference offers tailored sponsorship packages designed to deliver visibility, strategic engagement, and exclusive branding opportunities. Sponsors gain access to thousands of professionals, government officials, investors, and key players in the ADR and arbitration ecosystem.

- ◆ Exposure to NICArb's extensive network of members and partners.
- ◆ Feature on NICArb's official website and social media platforms before and during the conference.
- ◆ Complimentary conference pass for one (1) representative.
- ◆ Right to display one roll-up banner at the conference venue.



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Silver

- ◆ Exposure to NICArb's membership base.
- ◆ Quarter-page advertisement in NICArb's newsletter and conference programme.
- ◆ One roll-up banner display at the conference.
- ◆ Three dedicated posts on NICArb's website and social media channels (two pre-conference, one during the event).
- ◆ Complimentary conference pass for three (3) representatives.



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Gold

- ◆ Exposure to thousands of NICArb members and her network
- ◆ Full-page advertisement in the conference programme.
- ◆ One-minute video advertisement to be aired during the conference.
- ◆ One roll-up banner display at the conference.
- ◆ Five social media and website posts (three before and two during the event).
- ◆ Complimentary attendance for four (4) representatives.



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Sapphire

- ◆ Expose to thousands of NICArb members and her network.
- ◆ Full-page advertisement in the conference programme and newsletter.
- ◆ Two-minute video advertisement to be aired during the conference.
- ◆ Acknowledgement in NICArb's Annual Report.
- ◆ Opportunity to insert branded items in conference bags.
- ◆ One (1) roll-up banner at the venue.
- ◆ Seven (7) social media and website posts (five before, two during).
- ◆ Complimentary attendance for five (5) representatives.



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Diamond

- ◆ Exposure to thousands of NICArb members, partners and her network
- ◆ Logo publication in all promotional materials for this and the next Annual Conference.
- ◆ Full-page advertisement in the programme and newsletter.
- ◆ Three-minute address by the sponsor's CEO (or designee) on social responsibility/local content.
- ◆ Three-minute promotional video during the conference.
- ◆ One (1) roll-up banners at the event and co-branding opportunities.
- ◆ Inclusion of branded items in conference bags.
- ◆ Acknowledgement in NICArb's Annual Report.
- ◆ Ten (10) social media and website posts (seven before, three during).
- ◆ Display table for promotional materials.
- ◆ Complimentary attendance for seven (7) representatives



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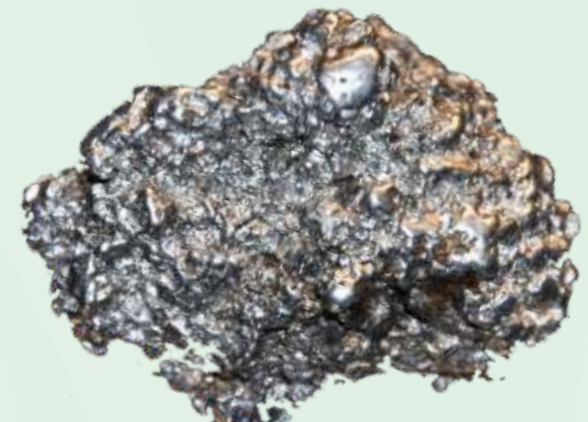
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Platinum

- ◆ Exposure to thousands of NICArb members, partners and her network
- ◆ Logo publication in promotional materials for this and next year's conference.
- ◆ Full-page advertisement in the programme.
- ◆ Five-minute address by the CEO or designee.
- ◆ Three-minute promotional video was played at the opening ceremony.
- ◆ Two display tables for promotional materials.
- ◆ Two (2) roll-up banners at the event and co-branding opportunities
- ◆ Insertion of branded items in conference bags.
- ◆ Acknowledgement in NICArb's Annual Report.
- ◆ Twelve social media and website posts (eight before, four during).
- ◆ Complimentary attendance for ten (10) representatives.



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- ◆ Exposure to thousands of NICArb members, partners and her network
- ◆ Exclusive branding at the cocktail reception.
- ◆ Seven-minute CEO or designee address.
- ◆ Five-minute video advertisement during the reception.
- ◆ Branded items in conference bags.
- ◆ Logo displayed intermittently during the cocktail event.
- ◆ Fourteen social media and website posts (nine before, five during).
- ◆ Two promotional tables.
- ◆ Two (2) roll-up banners at the event and co-branding opportunities
- ◆ Complimentary attendance for ten (10) representatives.
- ◆ VIP seating for five (5) at the Investiture/Awards and Presidential Dinner.



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Investiture/Awards and Presidential Dinner

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- ◆ Exposure to thousands of NICArb members, partners and her network
- ◆ Ten-minute keynote speaking slot during the conference.
- ◆ Ten-minute video advertisement during lunch.
- ◆ Prominent audiovisual branding.
- ◆ Five-minute CEO or designee address during the Investiture/Award and Presidential Dinner.
- ◆ Full-page advertisement in the event programme.
- ◆ Branding on dinner menus.
- ◆ Opportunity to provide branded table gifts.
- ◆ Logo featured on-screen during the Investiture/Awards and Presidential Dinner.
- ◆ Two promotional tables at the Investiture/Awards and President Dinner.
- ◆ Two (2) roll-up banners at the conference and Investiture events and co-branding opportunities
- ◆ Complimentary attendance for ten (10) representatives.
- ◆ Reserved one VIP table for eight (8) representatives at the dinner.



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