The contribution of regional arbitral centres in Africa to the development of international arbitration and the rule of law

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A. Why do we need arbitration and arbitration centres in Africa?

ICC International Court of Arbitration
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London Court of Arbitration (LCIA)

(chart: LCIA)
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Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)
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Treaty adherence

ICSID Contracting States

New York Convention Contracting States

(map: ICSID)

(map: UNCITRAL)
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The needs of cross-border trade
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Investment into and within Africa

Figure II.1. Geographical distribution of sources of greenfield investment in Africa by number of projects, 2003–2008 and 2009–2013 (Per cent)

2003–2008

- China: 3
- India: 4
- Rest of the world: 21
- Africa: 10

2009–2013

- India: 6
- Rest of the world: 19
- Africa: 18

Source: UNCTAD, based on information from the Financial Times Ltd., fDi Markets (www.fDimarkets.com).
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Share of Intra-African Projects and Intra-African Trade
B. How can arbitral institutions contribute?

Best practices and harmonization
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Capacity-building
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Transparency
C. Who is active in Africa?

More established institutions
C. Who is active in Africa?

Newer institutions
C. Who is active in Africa?

The Mauritian arbitration project
D. Space for all

- Cooperation rather than competition
- A healthy competition
- Growing market
- Importance of self-regulation
E. Looking to the future

Institutions and capacity-building
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Development and international cooperation
Thank you