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November 17th
1st Day
Opening and Introduction

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Morning Session

Inauguration

Chairman: The Honorable Dr. Ahmed Fathi Sorour
President of the Assembly of the People of Egypt, President of the IDEF

8:00 A.M.

Guests and speakers welcomed and orientated
Local cultural entertainment

8:30 A.M.

Arrival of Heads of States and Officials
Welcoming remarks by:

Prof. Akouété Pedro Santos, *President of IDEF-Togo*

Dr. Ahmed Fathi Sorour, *President of the Assembly of the People of Egypt, President of the IDEF*

Representative of the International Organization of Francophonía (OIF)

Representative of the African Union (AU)

The Honorable Faure Essozimna Gnassingbe, *President of the Republic of Togo*

10:00 A.M.

Break

Presentation of the Theme of the Symposium

“The Role of the Law in the Construction of a Common Economic Area”

Chairman: Mr. Robert Dossou
Attorney, Advisor to the President of the Republic of Benin

10:15 A.M.

Mr. Eric Brousseau, *Professor at University Paris X – Member of the Institut Universitaire de France*

The Influence of the Law on the Economy

(Within the meaning of the works of Douglass C. North, Nobel Prize of Economy, according to whom the Western World owed its economic development to its conversion to the rule of law)

10:45 A.M.

Mr. Patrick de Fontbressin, *Attorney, Lecturer at the University of Paris XI*

The Role of Law in the Construction of an Open Economic Area

11:15 A.M.

Mr. Etienne Cerexhe, *Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain, Honorary Consul of Burkina Faso, Former Senator*

The Consequences of the “Non Droit”

Two Examples of Resistance to the Rule of Law

11 : 30 : The Russian Example : Distrust of the Russian people for the Rule of Law

➤ Mr. *Jean-Robert Raviot*, (Lecturer – Chairman of LERC and of the Department of Slavic Studies, Lecturer at The Institute of Political Sciences - Paris)

➤ Prof. *Gabor Hamza*, (Professor – University « Eötvös Loránd » Budapest)

12 :00 PM: The Example of Developing Countries : The Disorganisation of Property Law in these Countries

➤ The Honorable *Tertius Zongo* (Prime Minister of Burkina Faso)

➤ Prof. *Alain Rochegude*, (Professor of Public Law, International Consultant)

12 : 30 : Questions and Answers

1 :00 : Lunch

2 : 30 – 6 :00 : Afternoon

Overview of the Law

Historic and Comparative Outlook

Chairman : to be determined

The Coexistence of Different Legal Traditions in a Same Economic Area

2:30 : The Canadian experiment

➤ The Honorable *Jean-Louis Baudouin*, (Judge at the Court of Appeals of Quebec)

3 :00 : The Indian Ocean Experiment

➤ Prof. *Jean-Baptiste Seube*, (Dean of the University of La Réunion School of Law)

3 :30 : The Cameroon Experiment

➤ The Honorable *Lucy Asuagbor* (Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of BUEA, Cameroon)

4 :30 – 5 :00 : Questions and Answers

5 :00 – 5 :15 : Break

The Acceptance of the Rule of Law

Chairman : to determine

5 :15 : The Western Attitude towards the Rule of Law : How the Western Society Converted to the Rule of Law ?

➤ Mr. *Gilles Cuniberti*, (Lecturer at the University of Paris XII – Visiting Professor at Duke University)

5:45 : The psycho-sociological attitude of African Society towards the Rule of Law :How the Rule of Law is Perceived in Africa ?

➤ Ms. *Mariame Coulibaly*, (Officer responsible of the Violence Against Women section of the NGO RADI, Chairman of WILDAF/Senegal)

➤ Mr. *Camille Kuyu*, (Chairman of the African Academy of Legal Theory – International Consultant)

6 :15 – 6 :45 : **Questions and Answers**

7:00 : **End of the Session**

8 :00 : **Opening Dinner**

Second Day : The Benefits of The Rule of Law

9 :00 – 12 : 30 : Morning

The Reception of Law and Justice by the Population

Chairman : *The Honorable Anoussamy David*

≈ Honorary Judge, member of the Overseas Sciences Academy and of the International Academy of Comparative Law (India) ≈

9 :00 : Thoughts on the reception of the Rule of Law by the population

➤ Prof. *Barthélemy Mercadal*, (Law Professor, Honorary Professor at the Conservatory of Arts and Trades, Chair of business law)

9 :15 : An Application : The Reception of the Rule of Law in Africa

Round Table

Moderator: ***Mr. Fénéon Esq.***

≈ Attorney at the Paris Bar, specialized in African Business Law (France) ≈

- The Honorable *Yawovi Madji Agboyibo* (Attorney, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Togo)
- Ms. *Heddy Amarin Esq.* (Notary) (Togo)
- Prof. *Abdellah Boudahrain* (Professor and attorney) (Morocco)
- Prof. *Alain Rochegude* (Professor of Public Law - University of Paris I)
- Mr. *Constantin Tohon* (Attorney at the Bar of the Hauts de Seine, PH.D ; Searcher at the Laboratory of Legal Anthropology - Paris I)
- The Honorable *Abraham Zinzindohoué* (Chief Justice of the Court of Justice of WAMU, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Benin)
- Mr. *Raymond Verdier* (Director of Research, CNRS)

The participants to the round table should discuss the results of a study made on representative samples of the populations of Burkina Faso and Togo on the following topics :

- African Justice : judicial statistics ; image of the courts ; management ; case law ; judges (hiring, motivation, advertising).
- The African Justiciable : Trust ; Judgment ; Education to Judgment ; Degree of Knowledge of the OHADA ; Conscience of the action of Judging.

10 :00 : **Questions and Answers**

10 : 30 : Break

The Contribution of Economic Integration – The Multilateral African Treaties

Chairman : *The Honorable Diango Cissoko*

≈ Former Minister, Secretary General of the Presidency of the Republic of Mali ≈

11 :00 : The Contribution of the Economic and Monetary African Treaties

- WAMU – ECOWAS – CEMAC
- Prof. *Augustin Loada*, Professor at the University of Ouagadougou School of Law (Burkina Faso)

11 :20 : The Contribution of African Treaties on Intellectual Property and Insurance

The Implementation of Intellectual Property Law (OAPI) and Insurance law (CIMA)

- The Honorable. *Diango Cissoko*, (Former Minister, Secretary General to the presidency of the Republic of Mali)
- *Mr. Amidou Dembélé* (Consultant for the Malian Prime Minister, Lecturer at the University of Bamako School of Law - Mali)

11 :40 : The Contribution of the African Treaty on Business Law : the Effectivity of the OHADA Law

. Overview of the Case Law Interpreting and Applying the OHADA law

- Prof. *Joseph Issa Sayegh* , (Professor at the University of Nice, Dakar and Abidjan Law schools)
- Mr. *Jimmy Kodo*, (Contributor to the case law website of OHADA and to the drafting works of IDEF)

. The action of the Associations, Clubs OHADA and Others

- Mr. *Michel Akouété Akué* (Founder of the OHADA Discussion Forum currently under Construction)
- *Ms. Axelle de Borger*, (Chairman of the Organization of French Speaking Business Lawyers)

12 :00 – 12 :30 : Questions and Answers

12 :30 – 2 :00 : Lunch

2 :00 – 6 :00 : Afternoon

The Consolidation of the Rule of Law

Chairman : *Seydou Ba*

≈ Former Chief Justice of the Common Court of Justice and Arbitration of the OHADA (CCJA)
Chairman of the Association for the Unification of Law in Africa (UNIDA)≈

2 :00 : The consolidation by the Information on Sources of Law

- 1st discussion : The Contribution of Numerical Technology

- Prof. *Yann Tanguy*, (former chairman of the University of Nantes ; Consultant for the Installation of the Campus of the French Speaking Numerical University).

2 : 30 : 2d discussion : The Digital Information on the OHADA legislation Ohada and is contribution : the contribution of l'IDEF

- Prof. *Georges Decocq*, (Adjunct Chairman of the site <http://www.institut-idef.org>, with the participation of Mr. *Jimmy Kodo*, contributor to the drafting works of IDEF)

3:00 : Questions and Answers

3:30 : Break

Chairman : the Honorable *Georges Taty*

≈ Judge at the Court of Justice of CEMAC (Tchad) ≈

4:00 : The Consolidation by Case Law

- 1^{er} discussion : The Economic Role of the Judge based on his Legitimacy

- Mr. *Dominique Hascher*, (Secretary General to l'AHJUCAF)

4 :30 : The Contribution by the Circulation of Case Laws : Comparative Overview of Different Case Laws

- 2^d discussion : Comparison of the civilian and non civilian case laws

- Mr. *Martin Lamoureux*, (author of « Overview of Ghanean Contract Law) et
- Prof. *Barthélemy Mercadal*, (Honorary Professor at the Conservatory of Arts and Trades, Chair of business law)

- 3^d discussion : Comparison of the Civilian Case laws in America

- Mr. *Henry Saint-Dahl*, (attorney and Deputy Secretary General of the Inter American Federation of Lawyers)

5: 30 : Questions and Answers

18 :00 : Gathering of the Scientific Council : Exchange of Points of Views, Adoption of Recommendations and Closing

20h : Dinner Offered by IDEF-Togo with Cultural Entertainment

3^d day morning: the Role of Government in the Consolidation of the Rule of Law

Legal action in favor of the Economy

Chairman: The Honorable *Fulgence Dwima Bakana*

≈ Chief Justice of the Accountancy Court of Burundi ≈

9:00: A New Tool for Investments: the Regime of the Public Private Partnership

➤ Mr. *Marc Fiolet*, (Attorney at the Paris Bar, expert on public-private partnerships)

9:30 : The Action in favor of Good Governance : the Fight against Corruption, Money Laundering and Crime in General

➤ Prof. *Ali Azmayesh*, (professor at the University of Tehran Law School)

➤ Mr. *Howard Whitton*, (CEO of Ethicos consulting organization of Ethicos group)

10 :00 : Questions and Answers

10: 30 : Break

The Fight for Law Enforcement

Chairman : The Honorable *Raphaël Hadas-Lebel*

≈ Section Chairman at the High French Administrative Court, Chairman of the Council of Orientation of Retirement (France) ≈

11 :00 - The Action in Favor of Legal Security

➤ Mr. *Jacques Frémont*, (Provost and vice-Commissioner – Academic Affairs, University of Montreal)

11 :30 : The Government as guarantor of the Rule of Law

➤ Mr. *François-Charles Bernard*, (Attorney at the Paris Bar)

12h : Questions and Answers

12h 30- 14h : Lunch

Afternoon - Closing

Chairman : The Honorable *Kofi Annan*

≈ Former Secretary General to the United Nations ≈

2 :30 : General Report

➤ The Honorable *Gaston Kenfack-Douajni*, (Judge, deputy director of civil, commercial, social and traditional legislation at the ministry of Justice of the Republic of Cameroon)

- Presentation of recommendations

➤ Mr. *Alain Plantey*, (Member of the Institute of France, Honorary President of IDEF)

- Closing Speech

- Mr. *Alain Joyandet*, (Secretary General tasked with the Cooperation and Francophonie at the French ministry of foreign and European affairs)
- Mr. *Mally Komlan*, (Prime Minister of the Republic of Togo).

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Solicited Guests :

- The Honorable *Jacques Chirac*, Former President of the French Republic, President of the Foundation of the Dialogue of Cultures and Sustainable Development.
- The Honorable *Donald Kaberuka* , President of the A.D.B. (African Development Bank)
- The Honorable *Alpha Oumar Konaré*, former President of the commission of the African Union and former President of the Malian Republic
- The Honorable Jean Ping, President of the Commission of the African Union,

SCHEDULE OF THE SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, November 15, 2008

- Arrival in Lomé at 5:00 PM (Welcome of the participants by the Prime Minister).

Sunday, November 16, 2008

- Touristic visit of Togo and Benin

Monday November 17 – Tuesday November 18 – Wednesday November 19

- Work of the Symposium – Debates will take place at the Convention Center

Thursday November 20

- Visit of Ghana (visas delivered there)

Friday November 21

- Free Day
- Lunch on the Lake Togo
- Convivial Dinner offered by the Prime Minister

Saturday November 22, 2008

- Departure from the Hotel at 7 :00 PM

Hotels provided : SAKAWA and IBIS