Asia and Africa in Transition

Sustainability Strategy and Asian Investments in Energy Sector in Africa – Regulatory Governance and Dispute Resolution

June 28, 2021, Copenhagen
18:00-19:00 (CEST)

**Plenary Keynote:**
China-Africa Trade and Investment Relations and Sustainable Development: Problems, Promise, Progress, and Possibilities
Uché Ewelukwa Ofodile

June 29, 2021, Copenhagen

**Welcome**
9:25-9:30 am (CEST)

**Panel: The Quest for Sustainability in Investments in Africa**
9:30-11:30 am (CEST)
Chair: Joanna Lam

Keynote:
The Quest for Sustainability within Africa’s Investment Regulatory Frameworks
Makane Moïse Mbengue

Presentations:
Asian Investments in Energy in Africa - Judiciary's Role in Ensuring Due Compliance with Sustainable Strategies and Regulations
Olayinka Ojo

The Emerging Risks from Third Party Regulations Faced by Chinese Investment in African Countries in the Context of OBOR: Focusing on the EU’s Recent Countervailing Practices
Weidong Chen

Soft Regulation and Hard Law on BRI Linked Projects: How to Promote the Sustainable Investment in Africa?
Wei Yin
Special Address:
13:00-14:00 (CEST)
Moderator: Wen Xiang; Discussants: Beatriz Martinez Romera and Alessandro Monti

How the World Bank’s Environmental and Social Framework Can Help Achieve Sustainable Investment in Africa
Charles E. Di Leva

Panel: China’s Approach to Sustainable Investment in Energy Sector in Africa
14:00-15:15 (CEST)
Chair: Haicong Zuo

Presentations:
Responsibility to Protect, Sustainability Challenges and Environmental Degradation in Nigeria’s Oil and Gas Energy Sector: The Case for China’s Soft Power Diplomacy Intervention to Protect Environmental Rights
Simon-Peter Ayooluwa St. Emmanuel

The Security Exception Clause under the Impacts of Non-traditional Security: Changes, Justifications and Countermeasures
Yong Liang

The Chinese Approach to Dispute Resolution under the BRI
Salvatore Mancuso

Panel: China-Africa Sustainable Investment: Challenge, Innovation and Trends
15:30-17:30 (CEST)
Chair: Salvatore Mancuso

Keynote:
Contemporary Trends in China-Africa Economic Relations and Dispute Settlement
Won Kidane

Presentations:
Investments in Special Economic Zones and Environmental Standards - Lessons from China and Africa
Joanna Lam

Green Finance as a Mechanism to Direct the BRI towards Sustainability
Chi Zhang, Meihui Zhang, Fenghua Li and Ziyu Liu

Implications of China’s Energy Law and Policy in the African Energy Transition
Wen Xiang and Olubayo Oluduro
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Panel: Legal Instruments and Experience
9:00-10:30 am (CEST)
Chair: Manjiao Chi

Presentations:
The Latest on the Best? Reflections on the China-Mauritius FTA
Julien Chaisse and Kehinde Olaoye

How Green are Chinese Investment Treaties?
Ying Zhu

The EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investment as a Sustainable Model for Africa?
Peng Wang

Promotion and Legal Protection of the Foreign Investment: Based on the Chinese Lithium Investment in Democratic Republic of the Congo
Xiaolian Quan

Panel: Sustainability and Beyond
10:30-12:00 pm (CEST)
Chair: Olubayo Oluduro

Presentations:
The Contributions and Limits of the CAI to Sustainable Development
Yongmin Bian

Asian-Driven Investments in Africa’s Energy Sector; Developmental Prospects and Legal Challenges
Dilini Pathirana

Rethinking the Sino-Africa Investor Dispute Settlement Mechanism
Jia Xu

Liability and Compensation for Vessel Source Marine Pollution in China
Bingying Dong

Closing remarks
12:00-12:10 pm (CEST)
List of Speakers

Uché Ewelukwa, Professor, School of Law, University of Arkansas
Makane Moïse Mbengue, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva
Won Kidane, Professor, School of Law, Seattle University
Charles E. Di Leva, Chief Officer, Environmental and Social Standards, World Bank; Adjunct Professor, George Washington University School of Law and the American University Washington College of Law
Olayinka Ojo, Associate Professor, School of Law, Jindal Global University
Weidong Chen, Professor, School of Law, University of International Business and Economics
Wei Yin, Associate Professor, School of International Law, Southwest University of Political Science and Law
Haicong Zuo, Professor, School of Law, University of International Business and Economics
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Yong Liang, Associate Professor, Fudan University School of Law
Salvatore Mancuso, Professor, University of Palermo
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