



Kehinde 'Kenny' Aina

Lawyer Arbitrator

Overview

Kehinde 'Kenny' Aina is a practicing lawyer, mediator and arbitrator. He is one of Africa's finest ADR specialists. He is a Member of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the American Bar Association, the Nigerian Bar Association and the International Bar Association. Kenny is founder of The Lagos Multi-Door Courthouse (the first court-connected ADR Centre in Africa), The Abuja Multi-Door Courthouse and The Kano Multi-Door Courthouse. He is also a founding member and Chair of the African Mediation Association (AfMA) and the Negotiation and Conflict Management Group (NCMG).

Kenny's pioneering work includes the introduction of the Court of Appeal Mediation Program.

Kenny sits on the board of the Standards Committee of the International Mediation Institute (IMI). He is also a Board Member of the International Centre for Energy (ICE) and a Member of the Institute of Petroleum. Kenny is a Consultant to The World Bank, The Africa Development Bank and The International Finance Corporation. His remit covers many African Nations including Nigeria, Cameroon, DR Congo, Chad, Benin, Niger, Ghana, Togo and Burkina Faso.

Languages

English

Professional Background

Kenny is the Managing Partner of one of Africa's premier law firms: Aina Blankson LP based in Nigeria. Kenny is a legal advisor to international agencies, governments and multinationals including Fortune 500 companies. Kenny specializes in corporate finance, high profile complex multi-party mergers and

acquisitions, cross border negotiation and the international commercial arbitration and mediation of disputes particularly in the oil and gas sectors.

Kenny is an expert in Commercial Arbitration, Negotiation and Mediation. He frequently advises on the development and design of private and court-connected ADR projects for corporations, development agencies, judiciaries and governments and has been involved in many high profile Mediations and Arbitrations.

Kenny served as co-mediator in the £20 Billion dispute involving Shell Petroleum and the Bodo Community in Rivers State. He was also engaged by the Compliance Advisory Ombudsman to handle the dispute emanating from the USD\$ 2.8Billion Chad-Cameroon Pipeline Project.

Testimonials

‘Kenny is a professional that knows what to do and understands the process. He is a pleasure to work with’

I Rusenga: Head of International Finance Corporation

Recent Arbitrations

Kenny’s arbitrations include the following:

- Oil & Gas Dispute between an African Government and an international oil corporation over a marginal field worth in excess of USD\$1Billion
- Oil & Gas Oil Spillage Dispute. Appointed Arbitrator upon the failure of compensation negotiations to determine claims valued at in excess of USD\$500Million
- Engineering Dispute in relation to a Design and Build Contract between a Canadian engineering Company and the sub contractor worth USD\$400Million
- Dispute arising out of a Cross Border Merger in relation to the valuation and determination of fees

Publications

Kenny is the author of ‘Dispute Resolution’ and ‘Commercial Mediation: Enhancing Economic Growth and the Courts in Africa’ being published in 2013.

Recent Conferences

Kenny is in demand as a public speaker and regularly makes presentations at Conferences which include:

'Community Relations, Compensation and Conflict Management in Oil Producing States of Nigeria' - International Seminar on the Petroleum Industry and The Nigerian Environment

'Resolving Corporate Disputes in the 21st Century'- Institute of Directors

'The Role of Rightholders in Protecting Their Rights and Resolving Intellectual Property

Disputes' - Conference on the Commercialisation and Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Nigeria

'Conflict Management and Resolution' - Public Awareness Forum and Friedrich Ebert Foundation

'Alternative Dispute Resolution and the Law' Law Society Annual Lecture

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