

## **Submission Guidelines Charter of the OhadArb Journal**

This charter sets out the objectives of the « OHADARBITRATION JOURNAL » (hereinafter, the « OhadArb journal ») (I), its organs (II), its contents (III), and modalities of publication of articles (IV).

### **I- OBJECTIVES OF THE OHADARB JOURNAL**

The purpose of the OhadArb journal is to provide a dynamic communication space for researchers and professionals wishing to publish their academic research and practical contributions on OHADA arbitration law. The OhadArb provides quarterly coverage for national and international developments in the world of Ohada arbitration. The journal strives to maintain a high quality of contribution to the field of arbitration by publishing cutting-edge topical material and analytic scholarship on arbitration. The journal aims to cater to arbitrators, counsels, judges, scholars and government officials.

### **II- ORGANS OF THE OHADARB JOURNAL**

The OhadArb journal consists of three organs (3):

- The Editorial advisory board
- The Editorial board
- The secretary

#### **1. Editorial advisory board**

The Editorial Advisory Board comprises high-ranking and renowned academics and practitioners who provide scientific guidance to the journal. In this capacity, it advises and ensures the scientific orientation of the journal.

It is specifically responsible for:

- **Ensuring the scientific expertise of the articles received by the secretariat;**
- **Validating quarterly the editorial line and the articles to be published;**
- **Supervising scientific programming of the journal;**
- **Participating in the updating of article evaluation procedures;**
- **Ensuring compliance with the policies and modalities for the evaluation of articles submitted;**
- **Validating the date of diffusion, valorization, and influence of the journal.**

It is composed of:

- **ABDEL WAHAB Mohamed**, Professor of Law and Founding- Founding Partner & Head of Arbitration at Zulficar & Partners Law Firm (**Egypt**).
- **DOUAJNI Gaston Kenfack**, Professor and Director of civil and commercial Legislation at the Ministry of justice, Yaoundé, Cameroon; Cameroonian Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration (**Cameroon**).
- **GRIMALDI Cyril**, Professor at the Sorbonne Paris Nord University- Secretary General of the association Henri CAPITANT (**France**).
- **HAFTEL Bernard**, Professor at the Sorbonne Paris Nord University- Co-director of the Research Institute for Attractive Law (**France**).
- **HANOTIAU Bernard**, Professor Emeritus of the Faculty of Law at the University of Leuven- Member of the ICCA Advisory Board & the ICC Institute Council (**Belgium**).
- **KODO Jimmy**, Doctor of Law- Dispute Resolution Attorney & Arbitrator (**Africa-France-United Kingdom**).



- **KONATE Mamadou Ismaïla**, Lawyer & Associate at JFC-LAWYERS-Mali- Former Minister of Justice of Mali (**Africa & Europe**).
- **LUKE Edward**, Barrister and International Arbitrator at Luke & Associates (**Botswana**).
- **MARELLA Fabrizio**, Professor of International Law and European Union Law at the University of Venice- Independent Arbitrator or Counsel (**Italy**)
- **SCHERER Maxi**, Professor in International Arbitration, Dispute Resolution and Energy Law, Queen Mary University of London (**United Kingdom**).

## 2. Editorial board

The Editorial Board is composed of researchers and practitioners in arbitration law from various legal backgrounds. The Editorial Board submits the articles proposed for publication to the Editorial Advisory Board for validation; it ensures that these articles respect the guidelines of the Editorial Board.

It is composed of :

- **ABDEL-MONIEM Nourhan**, Junior Associate at Al-Feshawy & El-Shazly Law Firm (**CAIRO, Egypt**).
- **ARGENTINI Marco**, Qualified lawyer- PhD Candidate in International Law. (**Italy**).
- **ATTEIB Mahamat**, Counsel at Geni & Kebe Lawyers (DLA Piper Africa)- Chartered Arbitrator at Dakar Arbitration and Mediation Center- Academic Associate and PhD Candidate at Gaston Berger University and Geneva University (**Senegal**).
- **BEN RABAH Randa**, PhD student and Teaching & Research Assistant at Sorbonne Paris Nord University (**France**).



- **EZZELDIN Mazin**, Master of Laws- European and International Law, Europa-Institute, Saarland University (**Egypt-Germany**).
- **GODOFA Ibrahim**, Trainee Lawyer at Bowmans Law Firm- Ambassador at Arbitrator Intelligence (**Africa**).
- **INTOLE Reagan**, PhD student at Paris 2 Panthéon Assas University- Teaching & Research Assistant at Sorbonne Paris Nord University. (**Africa & France**).
- **KEITA Boubou**, Doctor of Law- Lawyer at Satis Partners- Professor of Law at the University of Bamako (**Africa & France**).
- **MAKROUM Nadia**, PhD candidate in Arbitration Law- Assistant Lecturer- Aix-Marseille & Hassan II Universities (**France-Morocco**).
- **MENDES Pedro Augusto**, Qualified Lawyer (**Brazil & France**).
- **MOHANTY Gautam**, Arbitration Consultant- Advocate enrolled in India & Assistant Professor at Jindal Global Law School (JGLS), India- Co-Editor at the Arbitration Workshop -PhD Candidate at Kozminksi University- (**Europe-India**).
- **NJAGI Joy**, Counsel & Ambassador at Arbitrator Intelligence (**Africa-United Kingdom**).
- **PAESE Catarina de Farias**, Intern at BMA-Barbosa Müssnich Aragao (**Europe- Brazil**).
- **SCHUBERT Felix**, Qualified Lawyer in Germany-PhD Candidate at Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas University- (**France-Germany**).
- **TANGARA Hamidou**, Teaching & Research Assistant and PhD Candidate at Sorbonne Paris Nord University (**Africa & France**).
- **TESHOME Michael**, Lecturer Attorney and Consultant at Law- Director of “Ethiopian Mediation and Arbitration Center” (**Ethiopia**).

- **TRECK Nina**, LL. M. Candidate & Research Assistant (PILAC) at Harvard Law School (**Slovenia- United States**).

### **3. Secretariat**

The Secretariat ensures the administrative follow-up of the publications. The Secretariat is the interlocutor of the authors and serves as an intermediary between them and the Editorial Board.

The secretariat of the OhadArb journal is provided by **Hamidou TANGARA**.

## **III- CONTENT OF THE JOURNAL**

### **1. Disciplinary field of the journal:**

- OHADA arbitration law, i.e., arbitration governed by the Uniform Act on arbitration, the arbitration rules, and the case-law of the CCJA.

### **2. The sections of the journal:**

- **Legal News**: The “Legal News” section is devoted to hot topics in OHADA Arbitration Law. The publication must not exceed one page.
- **Doctrine**: The « Doctrine » section is devoted to theoretical and/or practical issues relevant to the field of the journal. This section has the particularity of containing articles of up to 8000-12000 words maximum.
- **Case Law**: The « Case Law » is devoted to comments and analyses of court decisions. The publication must not exceed 6000-8000 words maximum.

- **Legislation:** The « Legislation » section is dedicated to brief comments on OHADA Laws on arbitration.

### **3. Periodicity :**

The journal will be published online quarterly. The deadlines for the call for papers and the selection of articles must consider this periodicity.

## **IV. PUBLICATION METHODS**

### **1. Format and standards for writing articles**

- Articles must meet the following default margin values:  
Left: 2.5 cm, Right: 2.5 cm, Top: 2.5 cm, Bottom: 2.5 cm, Binding: 0.7 cm.
- Number of pages in the Journal: the author must respect the maximum number of pages indicated for the sections of the Journal, namely:
  - a. For the « Legal News » section, a maximum of one page (2250 characters), including footnotes, summary, keywords, bibliographic notes, and possible annexes.
  - b. For the « Doctrine » section, a maximum of 12000 words, including footnotes, summary, keywords, bibliographic notes, and possible annexes.
  - c. For the « Case Law » section, 2500 words, including footnotes, summary, keywords, bibliographic notes, and possible annexes.
- The font style is Times New Roman with size 12, single-spaced and justified.
- All submissions must consist of the complete and final manuscript and must be submitted by the authors themselves.
- No advance decision can be given based on topic proposals or outlines.

- The languages of publication are English and French. To submit an article, the author must choose between English and French. The same article cannot be published in both English and French.
  - By submitting their articles, the authors confirm that necessary permission has been obtained from the copyright owners of third-party material included in the article.
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- Authors are also requested to state that their work is original and has not been published elsewhere.
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## **2. Rules of the presentation of articles:**

First, the title of the article plus a summary and seven (07) keywords in the language of the article. The article begins with its title, then, below, the name and the author's first name. The name is written in full in capital letters and the first letter of the first name in capital letters. The first name must precede the last name. Then follows the author's status (professional title and if academic, possibly his laboratory or research unit). Further, heading levels should be clearly indicated.

## **3. Specific rules for the presentation of notes and citations:**

Notes are footnoted with a cross-reference (numbers). References and numbers are presented in Time New Roman font, size ten (10) and must appear in the sentence before its final period. Citations are inserted in the text in quotation marks. The text inserted between quotation marks must be in italics and the punctuation that is part of the quotation must be included within the quotation marks. Authors are encouraged to follow the style of [\*OSCOLA\*](#) (Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities).

All quotations in an original language other than English or French are systematically followed by their translation. This translation must appear in

the body of the text with, at the end of this translation, a footnote mentioning the translator and the citation in the original language.

References to CCJA judgments must be made within the text and not in footnotes.

#### **4. Specific rules for bibliographic and digital presentation:**

##### **a- Quantum of the bibliography :**

The bibliography must be proportional and reasonable. In case of abuse, the Editorial Advisory Board reserves the right to request a reduction in the number of references. The bibliographic citation must respect the alphabetical order.

##### **b- Referencing of books and articles in the bibliography:**

The book is presented as follows: First name, Title of the book, Publisher, Place of publication, Edition, Year of publication, Page of the extract.

The journal article is presented as follows: Last name, First name, Title of the article in quotation marks, Title of the journal in italics, Number and Volume, Date of publication, Pagination. For a digital article, the hypertext link of the article and its date and time of consultation should be provided at the end.

#### **5. Forms of submission and selection of articles:**

Articles for the Journal must be sent to **Hamidou TANGARA**, Secretary of the Journal, at: [journal@ohadarbitration.com](mailto:journal@ohadarbitration.com)

As soon as the article is received, an acknowledgement of receipt is sent to the author electronically, within six (06) days after the e-mail is sent to the secretariat. The secretariat anonymously sends the submitted articles to the



members of the Editorial Board. Each article is examined within the Editorial Board by the experts of the theme addressed in the article.

OhadArb is a peer-reviewed journal. All decisions remain within the complete discretion of the Editorial Board. Manuscripts may be returned to authors with suggestions related to substance and/or style.

The Editorial Board will use the evaluation grid to assess the quality of the formatting, readability, and compatibility with the field of the Journal. Not to forget its scientific contribution.

It will submit all the articles to the Editorial Advisory Board for validation, having completed the evaluation grid.

**The Editorial Advisory Board has the final say on the publication of articles and other scholarships.**

The Editorial Board may refer to the Editorial Advisory Board at any time. At the end of this pre-examination, one of the three possible answers can be given by the Editorial Advisory Board (see form in Annex):

- Publication as is,
- Publication possible subject to minor or major modifications
- Proposal of rejection with reasons by the concerned member of the Editorial Advisory Board.

In case of a request for modification, even if it is minor, the text is returned to its author with the indications of the experts and the members of the Editorial Advisory Board for correction.

The Editorial Advisory Board prejudices the publication of an article. Consequently, the same text may be returned repeatedly to its author for correction until a favorable opinion is received from the Editorial Advisory Board.

**No grievance can be attributed to the Editorial Advisory Board in case of rejection of an article. Any submission of an article implies consent to this rule. Articles that are not published, for lack of a favorable opinion, will be returned to their authors.**

### **OPINION OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD**

**Title of the proposed publication:**

**The Editorial Board's proposal**

- Publication as is
- Publication possible subject to minor or major modifications,

Proposed amendments:

- Proposal of rejection with reasons by the concerned member of the Editorial Board.
  - Issue not clearly identified
  - Insufficient bibliography and references
  - Non-conformity with the field of the Journal.
  - Other