

Dr. Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo
Attorney
Paris and Cameroon Bars



Paris : 45 Avenue de Friedland 75008 Paris - France
Yaoundé : Bd. Saint Jean-Paul II, Congress Palace main entrance
Yaounde-Bastos, B.P 33369 Yaoundé-Epargne - Cameroon
Email: s.bebohi@hbe-avocats.com
sbebohi@gmail.com
Phone number: + 33 6.23.49.35.26
+ 237 657 544 603

EDUCATION

2020 Online	Certificate in Investment Arbitration, Advanced Investment Program Georgetown University Law/International Law Institute/International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes
Paris, France	Certificate in ADR , International School of ADR – The Vocational Training School of the Paris Court of Appeal
2019 Vienna, Austria	Certificate Negotiation, Mediation, Dispute management The Negotiation Academy (NA)
2016 – 2017 Paris, France	The Vocational Training School of the Paris Court of Appeal Certificate of Aptitude for the Legal Profession (professional Bar certificate)
2008 – 2014 Amiens, France	University of Picardie Jules Verne Ph. D in Private Law <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thesis subject: The enforcement of arbitral awards: Comparative study of the of the ICSID and CCJA enforcement mechanisms/awarded the best thesis in Business and community law of the OHADA High School ERSUMA 2015
2006 Turin, Italy	International Labour Organisation (ILO) International Trade Law Proficiency Course
2005 – 2006 Rome, Italy	International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) Research fellowship in arbitration and international trade
2003 Yaoundé, Cameroon	University of Yaoundé Master's degree in Private Law

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law firms 2018 - ongoing Paris, France	Co-founder and Partner HBE Avocats, AARPI, Paris 45 avenue de Friedland 75008 Paris Managing Partner, HBE AVOCATS CAMEROON https://www.hbe-avocats.com/en/ International arbitration (investment and commercial), international investment law, commercial law, Contract law, OHADA law, Construction & infrastructures, debt recovery and enforcement procedures
---	---

- Sole arbitrator in an CCJA Case between two Cameroonians companies relating to a distribution agreement – OHADA law – French language (on going)
- Sole arbitrator in an ICC Case between an Italian company and a Gabonese company relating to return of equipment after the termination of the contract – Italian law-French language (on going)
- Co-arbitrator on an ICC arbitration case between French companies and a state relating to a public procurement for the construction of a bridge – Cameroonian law – French language.
- Co-counsel in a CCJA arbitration between a bailiff and State-Owned Company regarding recovering of unpaid professional fees – Cameroonian law-French language
- External collaboration with law firms (consulting, due diligence), collaboration on arbitration files, support to arbitrators or Counsels (Secretary to the arbitral tribunal, research) appointed in ICC arbitration or in *ad hoc* arbitrations
- Review of legal books and articles (most recently : *Le nouveau droit de l'arbitrage et de la mediation en Afrique (Ohada)*, LGDJ 07/2018)
- Drafting of pleadings, oral advocacy
- Member of the Panels of Arbitrators with ICSID (appointed by Cameroon), the Common Court of Justice and Arbitration (CCJA) OHADA, the Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), the Arbitration Mediation and Conciliation Center of Ouagadougou (CAMC-O) Burkina Faso, Shanghai Arbitration Commission (SHAC), Cour arbitrage de Côte d'Ivoire (CACI)

2017
Paris, France

Cabinet Castellane Avocats, Paris
Beatrice Castellane 12 rue Herran (101 rue de Longchamp)75116 Paris

- International arbitration on telecommunications, textile disputes involving ICC, CCJA-OHADA arbitration
- Post awards procedure (setting aside of awards), recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards
- Drafting of procedural documents (findings and consultations) – legal research

2016
Paris, France

Kuckenburg - Bureth – Boineau Avocats, Paris
Joachim Kuckenburg, 242 Bis Boulevard St Germain 75007 Paris

- International arbitration on commercial distribution, hotel industry disputes involving OHADA-CCJA, ICC arbitration
- Post awards procedure (setting aside of awards), recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards
- Involvement in various disputes litigation (commercial agency contract, franchise agreement, buyer, and seller agreement)
- Drafting pleadings - due diligence - Various research

2013
Paris, France

Jeantet Associés, AARPI Paris
Thierry Lauriol, Department of Energy, Mines, Infrastructures, 87 Avenue Kléber 75116 Paris

- Support to the team on arbitration, OHADA-CCJA, ICC, mines, energy, natural resources
- Compliance with the OHADA statutes on corporate law
- Legal research

<p>Audit firms & Consulting</p> <p>2007 – 2010 Yaoundé, Cameroon</p>	<p>Bekoko & Partners <i>Legal advisor (“juriste”)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal and tax assistance, audit, and consulting, in particular <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ OHADA Institutional Audit - Audit of OHADA's financial resources – Reimbursement of OHADA staff – Drawing up OHADA’s Staff regulation, Audit of the African Cooperation and Guarantee Fund (FAGACE) – liquidation of Cameroon Airlines (CAMAIR) (Legal aspects) • Monitoring and legal advice
<p>2005 Yaoundé, Cameroon</p>	<p>Benin Consulting Group <i>Consultant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal reporting – selection of OHADA cases decided by Members States domestic courts
<p>Universities</p> <p>2014 Amiens, France</p>	<p>University of Picardie Jules Verne <i>Teaching assistant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family law
<p>2003 – 2005 Yaoundé, Cameroon</p>	<p>University of Yaoundé <i>Teaching assistant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract law – Family law

OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

<p>2012</p>	<p>Internship at the OHADA Common Court of Justice and Arbitration (CCJA), Abidjan (Ivory Coast)</p> <p>Support to the Secretary General of the arbitration Center in drafting documents relating to arbitral proceedings, capacity building on the CCJA’s arbitration practice</p>
<p>2008 – On-going Yaoundé, Cameroon</p>	<p>Research officer, Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In charge of promoting and organising APAA’s activities and events, and invited to speak at conferences on behalf of the Association (eg: Legal culture and Arbitration/ADR in Africa, 2020, The Settlement of investment disputes by Arbitration and Mediation within the OHADA area 2020, OHADA, PCA CRCICA Arbitration 2018, UNCITRAL at 50 and arbitration in Africa 2017, ICCA Mauritius 2016, African State in International Arbitration 2015, Commercial and investment arbitration 2013, ...) • Regularly invited to represent APAA in most events worldwide (eg. UNCITRAL workings group II and III on ISDS reform) • In charge of supervising the editing work of the journal and books published by the Association <p>Journal : Cameroonian Journal of Arbitration (Revue Camerounaise de l’arbitrage)</p> <p>Books:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. L’arbitrage OHADA, PUPPA 2014 2. L’arbitrage en matière commerciale et des investissements en Afrique, PUPPA 2017 3. L’État africain dans l’arbitrage international, PUPPA 2018

4. L'arbitrage CRCICA, l'arbitrage CPA, l'arbitrage et la médiation OHADA 2020
5. Le règlement des différends relatifs aux investissements par arbitrage et médiation dans l'espace OHADA (Forthcoming)

PARTICIPATION IN CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

- 2022**
- **SOAS/ALSF/CMAG** Training in international arbitration for African practitioners - **Faculty member**
Douala-Cameroon, (6-8 June 2022)
 - **ICC Training for States and States-owned enterprises for Gabonese State Judicial Agency** – Gabonese State Judicial Agency - **Faculty member**
Libreville – Gabon, (19-20th April 2022)
 - **AfAA – AILL Workshop Series/French language Workshop on introduction to investment arbitration** – Faculty Member
Online, (31st March 2022)
 - **PCA Mauritius Vis-Pre-Moot 2022** – Acting as Arbitrator
Online, (24th March 2022)
 - **ODR Training for SMEs and ADR practitioners** of Ivory Coast
Moderator and coordinator of the French session
Online, (16th March 2022)
 - **ADR Training for SMEs and ADR practitioners** of Ivory Coast, organized by Pennsbury Attorneys & Solicitors - Team member
Online, (22nd January 2022)
- 2021**
- **ICCA 2nd bilingual roadshow 2021 on New York Convention**
Team member for the training of Cameroonian Judges on “the enforcement of arbitral awards”, Yaoundé Cameroon, (6th May 2021)
 - **Foundation For international Arbitration Advocacy (FIIA)**
International arbitration advocacy Workshop on Questioning of fact witnesses in international Arbitration, Faculty Member, online, (3-5 June 2021)
African Arbitration Academy and African Legal Support Facility Survey on Costs and Disputes Funding in Africa 2021, Team member in association with the African Arbitration Academy (July-September 2021)
- 2019**
- **ICC YAF Conference**, Team member of the training offered to the participants on “Drafting the arbitration agreement” Douala Cameroun, (19th December 2019)

MAIN PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS/CONFERENCES

1) MAIN PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo, (Co-written with Achille Ngwanza) “Arbitrage et Sûretés complexes en droit OHADA”, LexisNexis, June 2021, pp 97-128
- Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo, “Les remèdes à l'inexécution du contrat”, Dossier la vente commerciale dans les pays de l'organisation pour l'harmonisation du droit des Affaires en Afrique”, AJ contrat 2020. 355, sp 368 19 septembre 2020

- Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo, “Enforcement of OHADA Investment Arbitration Awards”, wiki notes <https://jsumundi.com/en/document/wiki/en-enforcement-of-ohada-investment-arbitration-awards>, may 2020
- Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo (Co-written with Alain Feneon) “L’arbitrage OHADA dans les publications internationales”, in A. Ngwanza (ed) *Vingt ans d’arbitrage OHADA*, LexisNexis 2019, pp 157-176
- Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo (Co-written with Dramane Sanou) “L’arbitrage dans les différends individuels de travail dans les Etats membres de l’OHADA”, *Lexbase Afrique – OHADA*, 27/06/2019
- Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo, “Langue française et arbitrage dans les pays de l’espace OHADA”, *Journal of Arab Arbitration*, Vol. 28,29, 30 June, December 2017 & June 2018, p.83
- Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo, “ L’interprétation et l’application de la Convention de New York de 1958 pour la reconnaissance et l’exécution des sentences arbitrales étrangères”, *Lexbase édition Ohada*, 2017, novembre 2017, édition n°5 16/11/2017, *Arbitrage*
- Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo, “ L’appréciation des condamnations contre les États africains dans l’arbitrage international », *Penant* 898, janvier-mars 2017
- Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo “La pratique de l’arbitrage OHADA selon le règlement d’arbitrage CCJA”, *Revue Juridique de l’Océan Indien Numéro 24*, 2017-01
- Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo, “ La coopération du juge étatique à l’arbitrage : l’exemple du cameroun”, *Revue camerounaise de l’arbitrage*, n°74, July, august, september 2016, pp 3-10
- Sylvie Bebohi Ebongo, “ Les avantages comparatifs des règlements d’arbitrage CIRDI-CNUDCI-CCJA”, *European journal of Law Reform*, 2011, issue 3-4 pp, 514 -528

Cases notes

- ✓ CCJA Ass. Plen Judgment n° 103/2015 15 october 2015, société Benin control SA vs Etat du Benin
CCJA Ass plen Judgment n°104/2015, 15 october 2015, société commune de participation and Patrice Talon vs Etat du Benin, *Revue camerounaise de l’arbitrage*, *Revue camerounaise de l’arbitrage* n°71, october-november -december 2015
- ✓ Société Inter africaine de Distribution dite IAD contre Compagnie Malienne pour le Développement des Textiles dite CMDT et Groupement des Syndicats de Producteurs de Coton dit GSCVM, *Revue Camerounaise de l’arbitrage* n°62, july- august- september 2013
- ✓ GUEREZEBANGA Gabriel Gaétan C/Banque de développement des États de l’Afrique Centrale BDEAC », *Revue Camerounaise de l’Arbitrage* n°39, october -november – december 2007
- ✓ TGI Paris, 29 juin 2011, Société Planor Afrique contre Atlantique Telecom et Société Télécel Faso ; 2ème espèce, Société Planor Afrique contre Atlantique Telecom et Société Emirates Télécommunications Corporation (ETISALAT) », *Revue Camerounaise de l’arbitrage* n°55, october – november – december 2011

Conferences reports

- Report of the Colloquium «L’ethique dans l’arbitrage (ethic in arbitration)», *Revue camerounaise de l’arbitrage* n°57, april -may-june 2012
- Report of the colloquium « Arbitration in Africa: current questions», *Revue camerounaise de l’arbitrage special*, february 2010

2) SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS/CONFERENCES

2022

"L'arbitrage des contentieux relatifs aux marchés publics", 6th ICC Africa arbitration conference on international arbitration, Lagos, (31 may – 3rd june 2022)

" Development of arbitration in Cameroon", Arbitration Week in Cameroon, Nkafu Arbitration Services (NAS)/Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ciarb), Yaounde – Cameroon, (03 may 2022)

"Interviewing Gaston KENFACK DOUAJINI" in AFAS conversations series, online,(28 march 2022)

"The case for, and against, the use Dispute boards", Moderator, First Young AfAA Committee Webinar, online, (9 march 2022)

"Vingt ans de jurisprudence CCJA", Panel discussion on the CCJA Case-Law and the Development of ADR within OHADA, online, (25 march 2022)

"Investment arbitration in Francophone Africa" Coordinator and Moderator, webinar series on Arbitration and ADR in Francophone Africa, organized by the ERA Pledge Africa Subcommittee (ERA ASC), online, (18th february 2022)

2021

"Arbitration and ADR within OHADA", Coordinator and Moderator, webinar series on Arbitration and ADR in Francophone Africa, organized by the ERA Pledge Africa Subcommittee (ERA ASC), online, (28 october 2021)

"Resolving ENR and Infrastructure disputes in Francophone Africa", Coordinator and Moderator, webinar series on Arbitration and ADR in Francophone Africa, organized by the ERA Pledge Africa Subcommittee (ERA ASC), online, (8 december 2021)

"Rising arbitrator's challenges- dealing with non experienced Parties", Rai welcome The new Members event, online(17 november 2021)

"The new Africa Agreement Afcta -opportunities for advocacy", Conference organised by GIZ online (9-11 november 2021)

"Trends concerning diversity in arbitration globally and/or in the countries the speakers practice", Conference organised by the Nigerian Institute of Chartered Institue of Arbitrators, NiCARB on Equal representation in arbitration, online (16th July 2021)

" Investment arbitration within OHADA:Where do we stand?" 2nd AfAA annual conference in international arbitration: Reform and Innovation: African Perspectives, online (14th-15th april 2021)

2020

"Pratical tools for emerging arbitrators", ERA Pledge YPSC Push for Parity Series, online(17 november 2020)

"Features of ICC Arbitration in Africa", ICC Arbitration in Africa series 2/6, online (10 november 2020)

"Legal culture and Arbitration/ADR in Africa", 6th SOAS Arbitration in Africa Conference, Douala-Cameroon (10-12 march 2020)

"Enforcement of investment award within OHADA", conference on the settlement of investment disputes by arbitration and mediation within the OHADA area, Douala-Cameroon, (16-17 january 2020)

"L'arbitrage OHADA dans les publications internationales" Conference celebrating the 20th anniversary of OHADA arbitration, "Vingt ans d'arbitrage OHADA: bilan et perspectives", Abidjan – Ivory Coast (17-18 october 2019)

2019

"L'arbitrage: réalités et défis", Conference organised by the ADR Institute of Kairoun, Kairoun-Tunisia (12, 13, 14 april 2019)

2018

"The role of national courts and the Common Court of Justice and Arbitration (CCJA)", OHADA day, Paris Bar Association, Paris – France (12 december 2018)

"Enforcement of CCJA's arbitral awards", conference on "CRCICA arbitration, CPA arbitration, OHADA arbitration and mediation" Yaoundé – Cameroun (24 – 25 may 2018)

"Race and Gender in the appointment of arbitrators in international arbitration", 4th SOAS in Arbitration Conference ((2-4 May 2018), Kigali- Rwanda

"Langue française et arbitrage dans les pays de l'espace OHADA", Conference on "L'usage du français comme langue de l'arbitrage, Cairo Center for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), Cairo-Egypt (9 january 2018)

2017

"Enforcement of arbitral award within OHADA ", UNCITRAL at 50 and arbitration in Africa", (24-25 may 2017), Yaoundé – Cameroun

2016

"The development of arbitration in Africa: issues and prospects", Speech delivered during the APAA'S Breakfast symposium organized during the ICCA Mauritius Conference, Mauritius, 8-16th may 2016

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- ✓ Listed among the "*50 Africas's most promising young Arbitration practitioners*" for 2020 <https://africaarbitration.org/2020/06/02/africas-50-most-promising-young-arbitration-practitioners-award-2020/>
- ✓ Awarded the best thesis in Business and community law of the OHADA High School ERSUMA 2015 - <http://www.ohada.com/actualite/2847/communique-du-directeur-general-de-l-ersuma-portant-attribution-du-prix-de-la-meilleure-these-au-titre-de-l-annee-2015.html>
- ✓ Prize awarded in 2004 by the "Fonds scientifique Jean Bastin" located in Belgium for the Master Dissertation - <https://www.fsjb.be/>

ASSOCIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

- ICC Africa Commission
- Board of Directors of AfAA
- Rising Arbitrators Initiative (RAI)
- Equal Representation in Arbitration Africa Subcommitte (ERA ASC)
- AfricArb
- International Bar Association (IBA) Africa Arbitration Network