



2023 African & Middle Eastern Regional Seminar

NOVEMBER 8-10 | ANANTARA DOWNTOWN DUBAI | DUBAI, UAE

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2023

19.00 – 23.30

WELCOME RECEPTION AND DINNER

Kochhar Residence

19.00 Depart the Anantara

19.30-20.15 Cocktail Reception

20.15-23.00 Buffet Dinner

23.30 Return to the Anantara

Transportation from the hotel to be provided.

The first event of the seminar will be a welcome reception and buffet dinner hosted by Chairman & Managing Partner, Mr. Rohit Kochhar.

Attire: Business attire, jacket or blazer is recommended.

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2023

7.00 – 8.45

BREAKFAST

Nine7One

Breakfast at your leisure is included in your hotel room rate.

9.00 – 13.00

CLIENT PROGRAM SESSIONS

Executive Boardroom

Attire: Business attire, jacket or blazer is recommended.

9.00 – 9.45

REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

Please pick up your name badge and enjoy a cup of coffee before the program sessions begin.

9.45 – 10.00

WELCOME

Boma Alabi

Africa & Middle East Regional Group Chair

PRIMERA AFRICA LEGAL

Lagos, Nigeria

Host Firm Representative

KOCHHAR & CO.

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Jessica Zaroski Bauer

Chief Executive Officer

ALFA INTERNATIONAL

Chicago, IL, USA

10.00 – 10.15

ALFAI FIRM INTRODUCTIONS

During three sessions throughout the program, each ALFA International (ALFAI) member firm will have the opportunity to speak about their firm, practice and jurisdiction.

10.15 – 11.15

CYBERSECURITY IN OUR VIRTUAL WORK SPACE

One permanent outcome of the pandemic is to radically change the way we work. Online banking, virtual meetings, virtual court hearings, artificial intelligence and so much more have become the new normal. How do we protect ourselves and our valuable data as we navigate this brave new world? These topics and more will be the focus of our discussions during this interactive session.

Boma Alabi
Moderator
PRIMERA AFRICA LEGAL
Lagos, Nigeria

Aleksandra Burr-Dixon
KNOWLES HUSAIN LINDSAY INC.
Johannesburg, South Africa

11.15 – 11.30

BREAK

11.30 – 11.45

ALFAI FIRM INTRODUCTIONS – ROUND 2

11.45 – 12.45

DOING BUSINESS IN A GLOBALLY EVOLVING TAX LANDSCAPE

With the various measures directed by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) measures, the business and tax landscape have undergone significant changes internationally. The panel will discuss how these international changes have been embraced and implemented as well as briefly explore any resulting opportunities.

Yuvraj Juwaheer
Moderator
YKJ Legal
Cybercity, Mauritius

Ombo Malumbe
ONG'ANYA OMBO ADVOCATES
LLP
Nairobi, Kenya

Wassim Benzarti
WESFTIELD MOROCCO
Rabat, Morocco

12.45 – 13.00

ALFAI FIRM INTRODUCTIONS – ROUND 3

13.00 – 14.00

LUNCH

Nine7One Restaurant

14.45 – 20.45

SAFARI ACTIVITY & BBQ DINNER

Jeeps will begin boarding at the Anantara Hotel at 14.30. Attendees will enjoy a desert drive to a campsite where you will experience camel rides, sand-boarding, henna painting and a show! Cocktails and an BBQ dinner will be served at 16:30 before returning to the hotel.

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2023

7.00 – 8.30

BREAKFAST

Nine7One Restaurant

Breakfast at your leisure is included in your hotel room rate.

8.45

GROUP DEPARTS FOR KOCHHAR OFFICE

For those wishing to walk as a group to the Kochhar offices, please meet in the Anantara Hotel Lobby at 8.30.

9.00 – 12.00

ALFAI ATTORNEY ONLY MEETING

Kochhar & Co. Offices

Suite 1406 to 1410

Citadel Tower

Business Bay

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

ATTENDEES DEPART

SPEAKERS

BOMA AYOMIDE is a founding Partner of ALFA International member firm Primera Africa Legal. Her experience in corporate commercial practice spans approximately thirty years. In addition to being an experienced Arbitrator and accredited Civil and Commercial Mediator, Boma specializes in International Tax Law, Maritime Law, Mergers & Acquisitions and Capital Market Transactions. She has advised on some of Nigeria's leading commercial deals in a number of sectors including real estate and infrastructure, manufacturing, banking, hospitality, telecommunications, maritime, energy, project funding and development.

WASSIM BENZARTI is Managing Partner with ALFA International firm Westfield Morocco in Rabat, Morocco. Wassim works with companies to enable them to take a step forward: either by restructuring to be more efficient, or by internationalizing by setting up abroad, or by opening their capital to new investors or in external growth operations via acquisitions or mergers.

ALEKSANDRA BURR DIXON is a Director at ALFA International member firm Knowles Husain Lindsay Inc. in Johannesburg. Aleksandra specializes in corporate and commercial law. She regularly advises clients on both the practicalities and intricacies of company law and on clients' corporate structures and constitutional documents. She also assists clients with their commercial transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, financing and security transactions and a wide spectrum of commercial arrangements.

YUVRAJ JUWAHEER is Managing Partner at ALFA International member firm YKJ Legal in the Republic of Mauritius. He was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in London and is a member of Society of Trusts and Estate Practitioners, an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and a member of the International Fiscal Association. Yuvraj has more than 20 years of experience in the global business sector in Mauritius. He has extensive experience in investment funds, corporate and commercial law, regulatory matters and banking and finance.

OMBO MALUMBE is a co-founder at ALFA International member firm Ong'anya Ombo Advocates LLP in Nairobi, Kenya. Ombo heads the corporate, commercial, and cross-border legal department. He provides curated and dedicated legal solutions to a client and ensures that the Client better understands its interests, available options, and possible outcomes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

MEETING LOCATION:

Anantara Downtown Dubai
Anantara Tower
Business Bay
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Tel: +971 4 444 1444
Website: [Anantara Downtown Dubai Hotel](#)

REGISTRATION:

ATTENDANCE IS OPEN ONLY TO REGISTERED MEMBERS OF ALFA INTERNATIONAL AND THEIR INVITED GUESTS AND IS LIMITED TO AGES 21+.

ATTIRE:

Attire for Wednesday's dinner and the meetings on Thursday and Friday is business attire, jacket or blazer is recommended. Thursday's desert safari takes place outside, a coat or wrap is recommended as it will get cold after sunset.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION

If you need any special accommodation, including a nursing room, special dietary meals, ADA access or other needs, please reach out to ALFA International staff in advance of the meeting. We will ensure that necessary accommodations are provided.

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