



3rd Africa-Europe Meetings of Judicial Officers
26 - 27 September 2013
Lome (Togo)

"The Judicial Officer, Actor of Legal Governance"
**20 years of Ohada: a Model for African and European
Judicial Officers**

PROGRAMME

Thursday 26th September 2013

09.30

Opening

- **André Sama Botcho**, *President of the National Chamber of Judicial Officers of Togo*
- **Leo Netten**, *President of the UIHJ*
- **Koffi Essaw**, *Ministry of Justice of Togo*

General presentation

- **Akuete Santos**, *Professor at the University of Lome (Togo)*

10.30 - 11.30

I. A Multi-Faced Professional

Regardless of his practice, private or state employed, acting alone or together, and whatever his status the judicial officer reaches worldwide harmony through common elements that grounds his existence and activities.

1. An Apparent Disparity

Chair: **Mathieu Chardon**, judicial officer (France), 1st Secretary of the UIHJ

- **France** : **Rose-Marie Bruno**, *judicial officer (France)*
- **Germany**: **Marc Schmitz**, *judicial officer (Belgium), member of the board of the UIHJ*
- **Togo**: **André Sama Botcho**, *President of the National chamber of judicial officers of Togo*
- **South Africa**: **Johan Fourie**, *Sheriff (South Africa)*

11.30 – 12.30

2. A Deep Unity (Training and Communication)

Chair: **Mathieu Chardon**, judicial officer (France), 1st Secretary of the UIHJ

a. Ersuma – The Ohada Training Unit

Félix Onana Etoundi, *General Director of the Regional Superior School of Magistrates (Ersuma)*



b. Training, pillar of the common legal culture

- **A European concern: Guillaume Payan**, lecturer at the University of Sud Toulon Var (France), UIHJ consultant
- **An African concern: Jérôme Okemba Ngabondo**, judicial officer (Congo)
- **An academic vector: the Association Henri Capitant: Alain Ghozi**, professor at the University of Pantheon Assas (France)

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 16.00 **b. Communication through activities**

The common points of enforcement of courts decisions of different countries give highly trusted guarantee in accomplishment of obligations and development of economics relationships.

Chair: **Bernard Menut**, judicial officer (France), 1st Vice-President of the UIHJ

The service of documents in all its forms in Europe and Africa

- **Europe: Françoise Andrieux**, judicial officer (France), Secretary General of the UIHJ
- **Africa: Luc Sowah Ako**, judicial officer (Togo)

Cross-border instruments: Europe, the Hague Conference on Private International Law, the African CADAT project on the African Enforcement Order

- **Mathieu Chardon**, Judicial Officer (France), 1st Secretary of the UIHJ
- **Christophe Bernasconi**, Secretary General of *The Hague Conference on Private International Law*

Enforcement: Hungary, the Netherlands, Burkina Faso

- **Hungary**
- **The Netherlands: Jos Uitdehaag**, judicial officer (the Netherlands), 1st Secretary of the UIHJ
- **Burkina Faso: Rosine Bogore Zongo**, President of the National chamber of judicial officers of Burkina Faso

16.20 **II. A Professional at the Heart of Economic Issues**

Chair: **Leo Netten**, President of the UIHJ

All the institutions will show how they handle the need of legal guarantee, basis of the state of law.

1. The Need for Legal Certainty

a. Africa: The example of Ohada

- **Alexis Ndzuenkey**, Chief of the Justice Service and Communication at the Permanent Secretariat of *Ohada*

Celebration ceremony of the 20th Anniversary of the Application of the Ohada treaty, in the presence of:

- **Evelyne Hohoueto**, Judge, President of the *Ohada* National Commission in Togo
- **Jacqueline Lohouès-Oble**, professor at the University of Abidjan (Ivory Coast), Member of the Scientific council of the UIHJ



Friday 27th September 2013

09.30 – 10.10 Chair: **Leo Netten**, President of the UIHJ

b. World: the example of the Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development of the World Bank

- **Giuliana H. Dunham Irving**, Senior Counsel and Special Assistant to the Senior Vice president and Group General Counsel, **the World Bank Group**

10.10 - 10.45 **2. The Need for an Independent Enforcement**

Chair: **Françoise Andrieux**, judicial officer (**France**), Secretary General of the UIHJ

Legal guarantee, trust and confidence, development of economics relationships and transparency: a contribution to good legal governance.

a. A uniform status for an independent professional reinforced by professional ethics

- **Honoré Aggrey**, Judicial Officer (**Ivory Coast**), Vice-president of the UIHJ
- **Judicial Officer from Rwanda**
- **Jacqueline Lohouès-Oble**, professor at the University of Abidjan (**Ivory Coast**), member of the Scientific council of the UIHJ

10.45 – 11.45 **b. The role of the judicial officer facing the crisis and the harmonization factors**

- **Marja Lanssen**, Senior Project Manager at the Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC)
- **Jos Uitdehaag**, judicial officer (the **Netherlands**), 1st Secretary of the UIHJ
- **Mathieu Chardon**, Member of the CEPEJ-GT-EXE Working Group on Enforcement of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice of the Council of Europe (**CEPEJ**)
- **Timothy Lemay**, Principal Legal Officer, Head, Legislative Branch, Secretary of **Uncitral**

11.45 – 12.30 **c. Jurisprudence: CJEU, CCJA**

- **Natalie Fricero**, Professor at the University of Nice (**France**), member of the Scientific council of the UIHJ
- **Jacqueline Lohouès-Oble**, professor at the University of Abidjan (**Ivory Coast**), member of the Scientific council of the UIHJ

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.30 **III. A Professional at the Heart of Social Issues**

In this section, the part of the social balance as a goal of good governance will be considered through the activities of judicial officers often acting as a social mediator.



1. A Mediator

Chair: **Jérôme Okemba Ngabondo**, judicial officer (**Congo**)

a. The European Directive and its transposition: France, Scotland, Spain

- **Jean Michel Rouzaud**, *President of the National School of Procedure (France)*
- **David Walker**, *Messenger at Arms (Scotland)*, member of the board of the UIHJ
- **Carlos Esplugues Mota**, *Professor at the University of Valencia (Spain)*

b. African Experiences

- **Alphonse Kibakala**, *judicial officer (Congo)*
- **Abdelaziz Fouganni**, *Vice-President of the National chamber of judicial officers of Morocco*

c. Mediation in international trade: UNCITRAL experience

- **Timothy Lemay**, *Principal Legal Officer, Head, Legislative Branch, Secretary of Uncitral*

15.30 – 16.00

2. Interventions in Family Matters - The Recovery of Maintenance: Harmonization Instruments, Hague Convention, European Regulation 4/2009

- **Christophe Bernasconi**, *Secretary General of the Hague Conference on private International Law*
- **Bernard Menut**, *judicial officer (France)*, 1st Vice-president of the UIHJ
- **Issaka Moussa Dan Koma**, *President of the National chamber of judicial officers of Niger*

16.00

Conclusive Roundtable: Presentation of the World Code of Enforcement

- *Representatives of the following institutions: Ohada, World Bank, CEPEJ, Hague Conference on Private International Law, Uncitral*
- **Natalie Fricero**, *Professor at the University of Nice (France)*, member of the Scientific council of the UIHJ

Summary Report and Recommendations

- **Françoise Andrieux**, *judicial officer (France)*, Secretary General of the UIHJ
- **Jérôme Okemba Ngabondo**, *judicial officer (Congo)*