#### Dear Member

I am happy to invite you to circulate this invitation from the China Law Society to nominate suitable candidates to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Course of China-Africa Legal Professionals which takes place from 24 August to 4 September 2020 via video conference (Please refer to the attached documentation). The aim of this Exchange programme is to promote understanding and legal cooperation between China and Africa.

Kindly note that there will be no cost to attend the course but a commitment of attendance is required. There is no limit in the number of participants this year. Please kindly provide us the name, position, telephone number and email address of the participants by not later than 20 August 2020 to <a href="mailto:bright@sadcla.org">bright@sadcla.org</a>

As per previous years, the participants are expected to submit a **thesis on legal risks and countermeasures of international trade and investment**, however, there is no compulsory requirement on the number of words and the deadline for submission. The China Law Society would appreciate if the thesis can be submitted before the opening date, i.e. 24 August 2020.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me for any clarification or further details. I will be happy to guide interested candidates towards meeting the requirements. A certificate will be issued to each of them and they will be preserved in a database for further referrals in work between China and Africa. I also note that this course has been conducted in China in previous years and there is potential once safety against corona virus is guaranteed, for candidates to travel to China.

We look forward to participation from your members as we seek to promote international expertise in arbitration.

Kind regards,

SADC Lawyers Association



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### Invitation

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are writing to invite your organization to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> Course of China-Africa Legal Professionals Exchange Program ("the Course"), which will be held by China Law Society from August 24 to September 4, 2020 via video conference.

In the first half of 2020 and in the face of COVID-19, China and African countries have offered mutual support and fought shoulder to shoulder with each other. In the meantime, legal organizations of both sides have voiced support and exchanged warm-hearted messages to each other. Given the new opportunities and challenges we face together, closer cooperation between Chinese and African legal organizations is needed, more than ever. Against this backdrop, in order to promote legal exchange and cooperation between China and African countries, despite the struck of the coronavirus, China Law Society is going to hold the 7th Course of China-Africa Legal Professionals Exchange Program. Considering the inconvenience of international travel during the pandemic, the 7th Course will be held **online through video conferences.** 

This Course will last 12 days, including opening ceremony, daily lectures (1-2 hours per day), a half-day panel discussion on legal risk and countermeasure of international investment and trade, and certificate awarding ceremony. The language used during

the Course will be English and Chinese with interpretation service. We will invite famous experts in China to provide video lectures on the following topics:

- Characteristics and Innovation of the Civil Code of China
- Chinese Public Health Emergency Management System
- Legal Guarantee of the Belt and Road Initiative
- Foreign Investment Protection Law and Its Practice in China
- International Commercial Arbitration Court of China
- The Smart Court in China
- The International Arbitration System of China
- The Chinese Market of Legal Service
- Legal Culture of China

In order to further promote legal research and information exchanges between our two sides, we expect each participant to write and submit a thesis to China Law Society. And we would like to invite some participants to share their opinions during the panel discussion at the end of the Course. We will hand out certificates to participants for attending this Course after the panel discussion.

As a continuation of our friendship and cooperation, we sincerely invite your organization to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> Course, and carry out the following work:

- Organize participants to attend online activities of the Course everyday, including opening ceremony, video lectures, panel discussion and certificate awarding ceremony. The time of everyday events is around GMT 08:00 a.m. (to be further confirmed)
- Send us a name list of the participants of the Course, including name, position, phone number and email address
- Send us theses of your participants before the panel discussion

We firmly believe that with our joint efforts, despite the struck of the pandemic, the

7th Course would definitely be of great success and continue to be a significant

platform to promote exchange and cooperation between Chinese and African legal

communities.

Your kind support and positive cooperation would be highly appreciated!

We would be most grateful if you could kindly acknowledge receipt of this email as

soon as possible.

Attachments: Preliminary Schedule

Best regards!

Yours Sin

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# **Preliminary Schedule**

Opening Ceremony (living broadcast) 24<sup>th</sup> August Lecture: Characteristics and Innovation of the Civil Code of China 25<sup>th</sup> August Lecture: Chinese Public Health Emergency Management System 26<sup>th</sup> August Lecture: Legal Guarantee of the Belt and Road Initiative 27<sup>th</sup> August Lecture: Foreign Investment Protection Law and Its Practice in China 28th August Lecture: International Commercial Arbitration Court of China 29th August Thesis writing 30<sup>th</sup> August Thesis writing 31<sup>th</sup> August Lecture: The Smart Court in China 1st September Lecture: The International Arbitration System of China 2<sup>nd</sup> September Lecture: The Chinese Market of Legal Service 3<sup>rd</sup> September Lecture: Legal Culture of China 4<sup>th</sup> September Online Conference on the Risk and Countermeasure of International Investment and Trade (living broadcast) Certificate Awarding Ceremony

## **China-Africa Legal Professionals Exchange Program**

In order to continue fulfilling the 2018 Beijing Summit of FOCAC- Beijing Action Plan (2019-2021), strengthen mutual understanding and friendship as well as deepen practical cooperation between China-Africa legal fields, China Law Society is going to hold the 7<sup>th</sup> Course of China-Africa Legal Professionals Exchange Program from August 24 to September 4, 2020.

China Law Society is the largest nationwide legal academic organization in China. It assembles elites in legal field from all over the country, and has close working relationships with judicial organs, prosecutorial organs, law firms, law schools and legal departments of enterprises. China Law Society is also the main channel of international legal exchange. It has established strong connection with approximately 800 legal organizations in about 100 countries and regions, and has now signed cooperation memorandums with 132 important legal institutions and organizations in 95 countries and regions.

The China-Africa Legal Professionals Exchange Program aims to promote legal information exchanges and personnel exchanges, enhance mutual trust and understanding between Chinese and African legal professionals, and it has been successfully held 6 times since 2014. Over 120 judges, prosecutors, lawyers, legal scholars and officials from over 30 African countries have participated in this program. The China-Africa Legal Professionals Exchange Program has made its contribution to improving China-Africa legal environment and building China-Africa Community with a shared future.

Considering the inconvenience of international travel during the pandemic, the 7<sup>th</sup> Course will be held **online.** This Course will include opening ceremony, daily lectures (1-2 hours per day), and a half-day panel discussion. The language used during the Course will be English. We will invite famous experts in China to provide video lectures on the following topics:

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Please be kindly advised that it is free to attend the program, and we will take in 50 participants this year. If you are interested in participating in this program, or taking some of the lectures, please send us your personal information, including your name, age, position, nationality, and contact information. Certificates will be issued to participants who complete the program and submit a thesis.

# **Preliminary Schedule**

Mon. 24 Aug. 2020

1. Opening Ceremony (living broadcast)

2. Lecture: Chinese Public Health Emergency Management System

Lecturer: Prof. Wang Chenguang, Executive Vice-President, China Health Law Society

Professor, School of Law, Tsinghua University

Tue. 25 Aug. 2020

Lecture: Characteristics and Innovation of the Civil Code of China

Lecturer: Prof. Xu Haiyan, Professor, School of Law, University of International Business and Economics

Wed. 26 Aug. 2020

Lecture: Legal Guarantee of the Belt and Road Initiative

Lecturer: Prof. Ding Ding, Executive Vice-President and Secretary-General, China International Economic and Trade Law Society, Professor, School of Law, University of International Business and Economics

Thu. 27 Aug. 2020

Lecture: Foreign Investment Protection Law and Its Practice in China

Lecturer: Mr. Guan Jian, Partner, Globe-Law Law Firm

Fri. 28 Aug. 2020

Lecture: International Commercial Arbitration Court of China

Lecturer: Ms. Shen Hongyu, Deputy Chief Judge, Civil Adjudication Tribunal No.4, The Supreme

People's Court

Mon. 31 Aug. 2020

Lecture: The Smart Court in China

Lecturer: Ms. Wang Yingfei, Senior Engineer, Information Bureau, The Supreme People's Court

Tue. 1 Sept. 2020

Lecture: The International Arbitration System of China

Lecturer: Mr. Chen Fuyong, Deputy Secretary-General, Beijing International Arbitration Center,
Beijing Arbitration Commission

### Wed. 2 Sept. 2020

Lecture: The Chinese Market of Legal Service

Lecturer: Mr. Peng Jun, Partner, Jincheng Tongda & Neal Law Firm

Thu. 3 Sept. 2020

Lecture: Legal Culture of China

Lecturer: Prof. Ding Xiangshun, Vice-President, China Comparative Law Society, Professor, School of Law, Renmin University of China

#### Fri. 4 Sept. 2020

- 1. Online Conference on the Risk and Countermeasure of International Investment and Trade (living broadcast)
- 2. Certificate Awarding Ceremony