

Official Newsletter of The Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa

What value does any system of commercial arbitration offer to the country in which it operates?

The quick answer is that the value lies in serving business through the efficient and confidential settlement of business disputes. Perhaps a more perceptive answer is that a mature arbitration system strengthens the verv ethos in which business operates both locally and internationally. The spinoff to the country is in the improvement of general business performance, the increase in FDI, and the reduction in the perceived risks of investing in the country concerned.

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COMING OF AGE AFSA IN 2018



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those benefits? To answer that we need to look at history, seeing that there is a significant difference between arbitrations as such and a system of arbitration. For a very long period, commercial arbitration in South Africa offered a rudimentary service. Parties wishing to operate were left to themselves to work out a process to follow and for lack of any better option they routinely replicated Court proceedings and processes – litigation without the need to wear gowns but also without the true advantages of arbitration.

Only in 1996, with the establishment of AFSA, was there a step-up to a system of arbitration – one which looked beyond an individual dispute, and instead was designed to bring direction, order and good process into local arbitrations. This meant a system allowing arbitrations to be fully administered by a neutral expert institution which imposed tested rules and introduced best practices, monitored the performance its arbitrators of and, through training, expanded the local skills which were required for the new system.

Business reacted positively. The AFSA Mediation and Arbitration Clauses were readily adopted and are now to be found in countless commercial and financial agreements in South Africa. All this was an immense step forward in providing a system of value for the benefit of the country.

But it was by no means enough – the AFSA system operated locally, but it was not having any impact

internationally. The cost to South African business was appreciable. Local business involved in cross-border disputes found themselves arbitrating in Europe at huge cost and often without satisfactory results. People

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doing business with China believed there was no point in seeking to enforce contracts and they tended to walk away from unsatisfactory deals.

No local arbitration system could help South African business operating cross-border. South Africa, although a signatory to the New York Convention, had no legislative framework to accommodate international arbitrations. The great European arbitration centres tended to scoff at the idea that South Africa could serve its own business community by hosting international arbitrations.

The picture began to change as recently as 2015 when China, following its Belt and Road initiative, invited AFSA to partner its own leading arbitration authorities in creating an international arbitration mechanism for disputes between Africa and China. That partnership, which is expanding rapidly, brought South Africa into the international arbitration world and it was followed by active participation in

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At the same time South Africa put its international arbitration house in order by legislating the International Arbitration Act – a piece of legislation carried through by the efforts of John Jeffery, the Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development. That legislation bears the imprint of South Africa's leading academic in the field,

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Professor David Butler and AFSA was given a full opportunity to consider and discuss the relevant aspects of that legislation. In short, the International Arbitration Act is the key contribution which Government can make to a commercial arbitration process which serves South African business both locally and internationally.

AFSA had anticipated the passage of legislation and had noted a sharp uptick in cross-border matters which it was being asked to administer. Toward the end of last year, it formally announced the creation of an For the first time in its history, South Africa has become an active player in international arbitration; able to offer South African business a first-rate service both locally and internationally.

International Arbitration Division with its own Panel and its own specialised set of Rules under the Chairmanship of Pat Lane SC, one of South Africa's leading international arbitrators.

Again, the response from business, both locally and overseas, has been positive and significant. Within a very short period, AFSA has built an international commercial caseload of some 24 matters involving businesses operating out of the USA, Australia, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

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One can now, I believe, for the first time speak of South Africa's commercial arbitration system as a mature, or at least maturing, system. The benefits to business should become apparent, as we all adjust to the new dispensation.

We are coming of age.

Advocate Michael Kuper SC Chairman of AFSA and CAJAC Johannesburg



John Jeffery – Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development



Professor David Butler



Adv. Patrick Lane SC – Chairman, International Arbitration Division



DELEGATION FROM AFSA/CAJAC ATTENDS 4th BRICS LEGAL FORUM IN MOSCOW

The 4th BRICS Legal Forum took place in an icy, snow covered Moscow from 30 November to 2 December 2017. The AFSA delegation was led by Adv Lindi Nkosi-Thomas SC, accompanied by Deline Beukes, CEO of CAJAC Johannesburg and Ghandi Badela, a member of the AFSA Management Committee and a member of the CAJAC Board. Ghandi, who is fluent in Russian, proved to be invaluable in facilitating communication. Significant progress was made with the establishment of an arbitral mechanism to resolve disputes between BRICS countries. A Concept Paper was tabled by the Indian Law Society and is to be fine tuned and adopted as a road map for the establishment of a BRICS arbitral mechanism. The Moscow Declaration which was signed by all BRICS countries envisages inter alia:

- The establishment of a Panel of Arbitrators and common institutional rules to coordinate the functioning of the BRICS Dispute Resolution Centres, two of which have already been established in Shanghai and New Delhi;
- The formation of a Rules Drafting Committee for harmonisation and development of common rules;
- Nomination by member organisations of three representatives each to the committee. The Rules Drafting Committee is empowered to co-opt experts to assist where necessary.

AFSA INTERNATIONAL GROWING FAST



The formation of the AFSA International Division was announced during the course of 2017 at which time the AFSA International Rules were published in anticipation of the International Arbitration Act coming into effect. The AFSA International Division is currently administering 24 international matters from all round the world including USA, Italy, the UK, Rwanda, Australia, the Bahamas, Mauritius, Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Switserland, Botswana, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania and Brazil. AFSA International is also finding an enthusiastic take-up from leading international arbitrators throughout the world.

SOUTHAFRICA TO HOST BRICS IN 2018

The BRICS SUMMIT as well as the BRICS Legal Forum is to be held in South Africa in 2018.

The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) has assumed responsibility for the arrangements for the BRICS Legal Forum which is scheduled to take place in Cape Town in August 2018. Delegates interested in attending the BRICS Legal Forum may contact Tony Pillay tony@lssa. org.za .

In addition to the Arbitration Committee, three other BRICS Committees have also been established, namely a Steering Committee, a Contracts Committee and a Tax Committee.

AFSA SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH SALGA TO TAKE ON MUNICIPAL DISPUTES



Adv Lindi Nkosi-Thomas SC, Chair of the AFSA Municipal Division, and Mr Xolile George, Chief Executive Officer of SALGA signing the MOU.

In March 2018 AFSA entered into an agreement with the South African Local Government Association (SALGA), the voice of local municipalities in this country, to provide dispute resolution services to the 257 municipalities in South Africa. Local government is at the coalface of service delivery in this country and arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution, unlike litigation, offers disputants a mechanism which is fast, cost-effective and flexible.

Local Government enters into a plethora of commercial agreements and disputes inevitably arise. AFSA is in the process of establishing an AFSA Municipal Division to meet the specific needs of municipalities in this country and will appoint a panel of independent arbitrators with the skills and qualifications to ensure fair and fast resolution of disputes ranging from labour and procurement disputes to service level disputes. Disputes will be administered by experienced AFSA case managers to ensure efficient and speedy resolution of disputes.

AFSA will also provide specialist training to appropriate individuals

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The AFSA Municipal Division is chaired by Lindi Nkosi-Thomas who will be assisted by a team of advocates, lawyers and others. A Project Plan for the development and roll-out of the project is being developed in cooperation with all the stakeholders. An Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (IMEC), constituted by the parties, will monitor and evaluate progress with respect to municipal arbitration proceedings and will cooperate in effecting changes and improvements where necessary.

NEW GROUP OPENS CHAMBERS

A new group of advocates with a special interest in arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution was recently formed and on the 1st of March their chambers, adjacent to the AFSA Arbitration and Mediation Centre, opened. The group will be known as the AFSA Jhb Chambers and consists of 11 members. All chambers are occupied and door members wishing to join, are waiting for permission from the Bar Council. The group is led by Lindi Nkosi-Thomas.

NEW INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION CENTRE OFFERS WORLD CLASS FACILITIES

ON THE 17TH OF MAY 2018, THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION CENTRE, HEADQUARTERS TO AFSA AND CAJAC, WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED.

This ideally situated centre in Sandton, with safe undercover parking, offers unique facilities tailor-made for conducting arbitrations and mediations. The centre offers three self-contained suites, each with an ante-room with tea and coffee facilities, break-away rooms for the use of the parties and a spacious arbitration room, two with interpreter's booths. All suites offer shelves for legal files and documents as well as soundproofing panels for maximum audibility.



CHINA ROOM

The China Room is modelled on a state of the art Chinese arbitration facility, complete with round table, and decorated with gifts from China received from colleagues and friends while visiting China. The interpreter's booth is roomy and comfortable with a full view of the China Room, while breakaway rooms and a kitchen make it a most desirable suite.

The Africa Room or suite, is the largest facility which is designed to accommodate larger groups for arbitrations, training and seminars and can comfortably accommodate up to 40 people in an arbitration and even larger groups for training or seminars. Like the China Room it offers an ante- room with tea and coffee facilities, breakaway rooms and an interpreters' booth.

AFRICA ROOM

The Alabama Room, named after the war ship the CSS Alabama which was the subject of an international arbitration when Britain failed to remain neutral during the American Civil War, is the third arbitration facility. This room seats up to 20 people and also offers a spacious ante-room and

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two break-away rooms. It provides a very interesting history of the Alabama and the role it played in the history of arbitration. ALABAMA ROOM

In addition, the centre offers an arbitrators' room, a mediation room, a video conferencing room and a spacious central atrium for all to enjoy with comfortable seating, free Wi-Fi and computer work space as well as a library area.

AFSA and CAJAC offices are close by but situated in a separate wing, ensuring maximum privacy and an ideal environment for the resolution of disputes.

To find out more, please contact Selina Tshabala selina@arbitration. co.za who will gladly provide you with further information about the different facilities, prices and availability.



BREAK AWAY ROOM

THE RECEPTION AREA

THE CENTRAL AREA



The 1st CAJAC INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CONFERENCE

CAPE TOWN

FROM 24 TO 26 NOVEMBER 2017 THE FIRST CAJAC INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CONFERENCE, THEMED FROM VISION TO ACTION, WAS HOSTED BY CAJAC JOHANNESBURG AT THE CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE IN CAPE TOWN.



Foreign investors across the world prefer to resolve international disputes by way of arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution as it offers the parties neutrality, speed, confidentiality and flexibility. As trade between China and Africa increased and China became Africa's largest trading partner, the need for the establishment of a China-Africa dispute resolution mechanism, supported and used by Chinese and African investors became a pressing need. The China Law Society played a leading role in the establishment of the China-Africa Joint Arbitration Centre (CAJAC) and CAJAC Johannesburg, under the auspices of AFSA, and CAJAC Shanghai, under the auspices of the Shanghai International Arbitration Centre, were the two centres chosen to establish the first two CAJAC centres. During the course of 2017 CAJAC was extended to include CAJAC Beijing, CAJAC Shenzhen and CAJAC Nairobi.

Many institutions and stakeholders showed interest in the evolving partnership between China and African countries and the 1st CAJAC International Arbitration Conference was fully subscribed. The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China, the Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development of South Africa, the Vice Attorney General of Angola and the Attorney General of Kenya were all represented.

The South African judiciary was also well represented by Justices of the





Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court and the High Court. The Deputy Chief Justice, Mr Justice Zondo, was the keynote speaker at the opening. He reminded delegates of the importance of alternative dispute resolution as part of the matrix of South African law. South African law recognises international awards and are routinely made orders of South African courts, thereby rendering them enforceable.

The organised legal profession from all participating jurisdictions, including the China Law Society, Jiang Xi Law Society, Hubei Law Society, a number of eminent law firms from China, Kenya, South Africa, Botswana, Seychelles, Mauritius, Tanzania and sizeable delegations from the Johannesburg and the Cape Town Bars attended the conference.

CAJAC centres in Johannesburg, Nairobi, Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen actively participated in the proceedings while Dr Ismail Selim, the Director of the Cairo Centre for Commercial Arbitration conveyed greetings to the conference from his centre (CRCICA) and from Egypt.

Of significance was the interest from many business leaders actively engaged in China-Africa trade and investment, including Mr Jabu Mabuza of Business Unity South Africa and CEO of Telkom, Mr Tonell Lui of the Star Times Media Group from China, Mr James Mureau of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr Koos Bekker of NASPERS, and Mr Lubin Wang, CEO of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China.

Business representatives spoke with one voice: investment requires certainty - not only in the policies of the relevant countries, but also in readily available, efficient and effective dispute resolution mechanisms. Business representatives made it clear that an arbitration system in a business friendly environment which is fair, transparent and efficient, was what they wanted. To resolve trade disputes between China and Africa a common set of rules is also a requirement.

CAJAC Johannesburg was tasked with the responsibility of taking the lead in the development of a uniform set of rules which is to be considered and agreed by all CAJAC partners. Prof David Butler, Adv Michael Kuper SC, Adv Patrick Lane SC and Justice Louis Harms are working on the first draft. Until the new rules are adopted, CAJAC centres will conduct international arbitrations in accordance with each centre's international rules.

Retired Justice Louis Harms reminded the conference that arbitration must offer a different approach to courts, and that in the international arbitration arena it would not be acceptable to adopt the approach followed in court processes. He challenged CAJAC to adopt rules that would allow for speed, cost efficiency and effectiveness in dispute resolution. There is little doubt that this is what the business community requires.

Mr Koos Bekker of Naspers encouraged African legal representatives to acquire an understanding of Chinese cultural norms affecting dispute resolution; and vice versa. The manner in which arbitrations are conducted is crucial in building trust in the dispute resolution system. This observation was one recognised by legal practitioners, particularly in the construction and infrastructure development industry and CAJAC Johannesburg is currently in the process of developing suitable systems to accommodate business needs.

The Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, Mr John Jeffery, assured delegates that the South African government was committed to the resolution of international disputes through arbitration, particularly in relation to trade with China, and that the promulgation of the International Arbitration Act was in recognition of South Africa's obligations as a signatory to the New York Convention.

Delegates reported that they found the CAJAC conference to be stimulating, the topics challenging and an excellent opportunity to meet and to share ideas with colleagues from the African continent and from China.





THE MOOT COMPETITION

One of the highlights of the conference was undoubtedly the moot competition managed by Adv Jenny Cane SC. Teams from the South West University of Political Science and Law in China, the Strathmore University and Law School in Kenya, the University of Pretoria and the Johannesburg Society of Advocates participated in the moot. The arbitral tribunal was chaired by Justice Edward Cameron, with Mr Jimmy

Muyanja, Executive Director of CADER from Uganda, and Mr Zhou Bo , Senior Partner of Wintell & Co, a leading maritime law firm in China, as the two panellists. The moot problem was an international trade dispute, with two interlocutory applications pertaining to issues that often bedevil international arbitrations: security for costs and discovery. Professor David Butler, Emeritus Professor in Law, Stellenbosch University (South Africa) settled the problem, which was an adaptation of an international arbitral moot problem prepared by the Association for the Organisation and Promotion of the Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

Arbitration Moot.

The competition was an extraordinary close one, but the Kenyan team from Strathmore University, Law School walked away with the trophy. Our sincerest congratulations go to the Kenyan team.

> We would like to express our sincerest thanks and appreciation to Jenny Cane and her team for organising the moot.

THANK YOU

JENNY CANE SC

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THE ARBITRATION

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AFSA CAPE TOWN HOSTS STUDENT DELEGATION FROM NEW YORK

On 13 March 2018 AFSA Cape Town, received a student delegation from New York University (NYU) School of Law and the Mitchell Jacobson Leadership Program in Law and Business, led by Adrian St Francis.

The Jacobson Leadership Program in Law and Business is a scholarship programme which supports students who aspire to non-traditional career paths requiring intensive training grounded in legal and business curricula. The Jacobson Leadership Program believes that training of this nature requires an understanding of how corporations, capital markets and courts across the globe function.

In recent years, the group visited Madrid, Hong Kong and Buenos Aires. This year the students chose Cape Town. Since several of the students have a particular interest in international arbitration, Bowman Gilfillan made available their boardroom and provided a scrumptious breakfast for the group. Werner van der Westhuizen from Bowman Gilfillan, Johannesburg, provided the students with an insight into South Africa's new International Arbitration Act.



Adrian Hoeben, director of ENS Cape Town gave an overview of arbitrations on the continent of Africa, while Rosalind Barbour, a director at KPMG, provided interesting statistics about the economic and political impact on foreign investment in the region. Jacqui Naumann from AFSA Cape Town gave a presentation about AFSA's growth and expansion programme and the various new AFSA divisions recently created. She also gave a broad overview of the China-Africa Joint Arbitration Centre (CAJAC) and its various activities.

The students gained a far greater understanding of the complexities of the African continent and also shared information about the USA.

A warm word of thanks to Sven Olivier, Chairman of AFSA Cape Town and to AFSA Founding members, Bowman Gilfillan, ENS Africa and KPMG for their participation and great support.

A WARM WELCOME TO



Julia le Roux, originally from mainland China, joined the AFSA and CAJAC team at the beginning of March.

Julia, previously Head of the China Desk at Thompson Wilks, has for the past six months liaised with the Chinese business community on behalf of CAJAC. As a senior member of the team, Julia will assume responsibility for liaison with China and with Chinese business locally. With an MBA in International Finance and Business (China and USA) and experience as a practicing attorney in South Africa, she will also assume the role of Registrar: AFSA International, which has recently seen remarkable growth and development.

Julia met and married her South African husband in China and settled in South Africa after their return some years later – hence the name Julia le Roux. As a sworn translator, Julia is translating the book Justice: A Personal Account, written by Constitutional Court Judge, Justice Edwin Cameron, into Chinese.

AWARDS CEREMONY CLASS OF 2017

The awards ceremony for AFSA's premier ADR course took place on 2 May 2018.

The class of 2017 achieved outstanding success and 16 of the 29 students graduated *cum laude*.



TOP ACHIEVERS 2017



From left to right: Gareth Davey, Elroy Haasbroek and Advocate Barry Gilbert.



PROGRAMME IN ADVANCED DISPUTE RESOLUTION

AFSA Training offers an outstanding opportunity to acquire or improve skills in South Africa's ever expanding fields of arbitration, mediation and negotiation. The programme reflects all current advances in the field and represents the authoritative and up-to-date dispute resolution training programme offered in South Africa. This unique study course is a joint venture between the University of Pretoria and AFSA and is presented by South Africa's leading practitioners.

This course will benefit legal practitioners, accountants, trade union delegates, human resource practitioners, psychologists, engineers, labour practitioners, architects, contract negotiators in all fields and business people. After completion of the course, delegates will be gualified to negotiate, mediate and arbitrate and will be familiar with the principles and processes in conflict management and dispute resolution.

The course consists of 4 compulsory modules:-

- An introduction to conflict management and dispute resolution 22-24 May 2018;
- Consensus building processes and skills 28-30 May 2018;
- Arbitration 18-22 June 2018;

The fourth module can be elected from one of the following:

- Divorce Mediation 13-17 August
- Arbitration in the Construction Industry Date to be confirmed
- International Commercial Arbitration 27-28 September 2018
- Labour Arbitration 4-6 July.

Under the chairmanship of Adv Aslam Bava SC, the AFSA Training Division now also offers some of the modules listed above, as stand-alone courses for those wanting to keep pace with the latest developments in dispute resolution.

For further details about the course material, presenters and registration, please contact Selina Tshabalala: Tel: (011) 320 0600 E-mail: Selina@arbitration.co.za.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO

AFSA recently paid tribute to Pat Molose for the 20 years of exceptional service she has given to AFSA. She was warmly thanked by the AFSA Management Committee and received a special gift to mark the occasion.



Pat joined AFSA in 1997, shortly after its establishment. She started her career with AFSA as a messenger and part of her duties included providing refreshments for visitors. Her potential was soon spotted and 'I was then promoted to reception'. Pat has witnessed the growth of AFSA over more than twenty years and says that she loves the 'great atmosphere'. Management she says, 'are good listeners and they are very accommodating when one experiences problems'. She comments that at AFSA one is wholeheartedly accepted as a member of the team, irrespective of culture. Chairman Michael Kuper she says 'has a heart of gold when it comes to the staff'.

Pat has seen an increasing number of matters being resolved outside of court and says that she is proud to be part of an organisation which provides this service. The move to the new premises is yet another milestone for Pat and she is delighted when visitors to the Arbitration and Mediation Centre is pleased with 'the excellent new set-up'.

BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE IN BEIJING

Michael Kuper was recently invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and the China Law Society, to participate as a speaker at a Belt and Road Legal Cooperation Forum to be held in Beijing in early July 2018. The purpose of the Forum is to provide a platform for the 100 countries which participate in the BELT and Road Initiative (BRI). The Forum is to consider the feasibility and options of establishing a mechanism for dispute resolution under the BRI. Michael Kuper's vision and experience in the design and establishment of CAJAC and his knowledge of and insight into the requirements for the establishment of a BRICS arbitral mechanism will prove to be invaluable at this Legal Cooperation Forum.



NEW AFSA WEBSITE UNDER DEVELOPMENT

To keep pace with recent developments at AFSA, a brand new AFSA website is being developed to provide easy access to a significant amount of information.

The website will contain information about all the specialist areas recently established, including AFSA Domestic, AFSA International, AFSA Construction, AFSA Mediation, AFSA Training and AFSA Municipal Division. An easy link to access information on the CAJAC website will be provided. Information about AFSA, its branches and arbitration facilities at AFSA offices, as well as a resource library and a section dealing with news and events is provided for.

AFSA Founding members will be listed on the website and will have the option of paid for extension of information about the firm and/or their arbitration practice. AFSA Preforia CELEBRATES OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW PREMISES IN GROENKLOOF, PRETORIA

On the 25th of April 2018, AFSA Pretoria celebrated the official opening of their new premises at Groenkloof Chambers in the east of Pretoria.





The opening ceremony was held at the restaurant on the

premises adjoining the modern new arbitration centre.

Groenkloof Chambers is conveniently situated at 205 Florence Ribiero Avenue (previously Queen Wilhelmina) between the Pretoria CBD and Brooklyn and is easily accessible from highways and Gautrain stations. It accommodates about 70 members of the Pretoria Bar and is now also home to AFSA Pretoria. The modern arbitration centre is situated on the ground floor of the building and offers four arbitration rooms, a consultation room and library facilities. A video facility, poly-conferencing and uncapped Wi-Fi is also available.

The guests attending the opening ceremony were welcomed by Myrna

Gericke who heads up AFSA Pretoria, while Advocate Ig Bredenkamp SC, Chairman of AFSA Pretoria, introduced the speakers. Advocate Bastiaan Boot, Director of Groenkloof Chambers warmly welcomed AFSA Pretoria to Groenkloof Chambers. Advocate Michael Kuper SC, Chairman of AFSA and CAJAC Johannesburg, read out a message from the Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, the honourable John Jeffery, congratulating AFSA on its achievements since its establishment. Michael Kuper outlined the growth and development of AFSA from a small organisation to an international arbitral organisation and invited members of

the legal profession to take note of this fast growing field of practice.

Training modules, under the auspices of the AFSA Training Division, will also be presented in Pretoria. During the second half of 2018 two of the modules of the flagship AFSA Advanced Training course will be offered in Pretoria.

AFSA Pretoria will deal with arbitrations and mediations from Gauteng North, Limpopo, North West Province and Mpumalanga and Myrna and Juanita will gladly offer information about filing requirements. AFSA Pretoria can be reached on TEL (021) 942 2100, E-MAIL afsapta@law.co.za



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