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Order of Proceedings

5:00 ^{PM} - 5:30 ^{PM}	Arrival, Registration & Seating - Guest Ushers & Protocol Team
5:30 ^{PM} - 5:40 ^{PM}	Opening Prayer & National Anthem - Designated Representative
5:40 ^{PM} - 5:50 ^{PM}	Welcome Remarks - Francesco Campagna, FCIMArb, <i>President, CIMA</i> - Amb. Dr. William Brandful, <i>Chair, Graduation Committee CIMA</i>
5:50 ^{PM} - 6:10 ^{PM}	Keynote Address - His Lordship Justice Eric Kyei-Baffour, Justice of the Court of Appeal, Republic of Ghana
6:10 ^{PM} - 6:20 ^{PM}	Remarks by Dr. Osei Bonsu Dickson FCIMArb, CIMA Vice President
6:20 ^{PM} - 6:30 ^{PM}	Participant Representative Address - HRH. Amb. Abdul-Salam Yussif II ACIMArb, Rep. of Graduating Class
6:30 ^{PM} - 6:50 ^{PM}	Presentation of Ceriticates - Coordinated by CIMA Faculty
6:50 ^{PM} - 7:10 ^{PM}	Special Recognitions & Group Photograph
7:10 ^{PM} - 7:20 ^{PM}	Musical Interlude
7:20 ^{PM} - 7:30 ^{PM}	Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks - Mr Kwasi Prempeh-Eck, Former Director of Legal Education & Director, Ghana School of Law - Amb. Dr. William Brandful
7:30 ^{PM}	Departure



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THE CURRENT ADR LANDSCAPE IN AFRICA:

PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRACTITIONERS



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The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), one of the most ambitious economic integration initiatives in modern history, underscores the urgency for robust ADR frameworks. Arbitration, mediation, and conciliation are no longer peripheral options; they are becoming central pillars of legal and commercial certainty across African jurisdictions. Regional economic communities and arbitral institutions are rising to the task, offering rules and forums that reflect both international best practices and African legal traditions.

This dynamic landscape offers immense prospects for ADR practitioners. Opportunities abound in construction, extractives, infrastructure, financial services, and telecommunications. Emerging fields such as climate finance, technology disputes, and digital trade are also giving rise to novel ADR engagements, requiring agile, well-trained professionals who understand both global standards and local realities. Yet, challenges persist: limited institutional capacity in some jurisdictions, enforcement Whurdles, and gaps in awareness. It is here that the next generation of Fellows and Graduates of CIMA must find purpose—not only to resolve disputes but to build systems, mentor peers, and advocate for reform.

- "和为贵" (hé wéi guì) Harmony is precious.
- Ancient Chinese Proverb

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