

OHADAC Conference

Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in the Caribbean

24 October 2019

Palais des sports, Gosier

8 am – 12.30 am

8 am – 8.30 am : Registration

8.30 am – 9 am : Welcome address :

- **Patrick Vial-Collet, President of the Guadeloupe Chamber of Commerce ;**
- **Charles Nicolas, President of the Bar association of Guadeloupe, Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy**

9 am – 10 am :

Panel 1 : Why OHADAC : the choice of Caribbean institutions in favor of legal security in the Caribbean

- Legal Security : a Prerequisite for Economic, Legal and Institutional Integration in the Caribbean
Sir Dennis Byron, former President of the Caribbean Court of Justice (to be confirmed)
- OHADAC : Achievements of the first phase and Perspectives for the second phase
Judge Catherine Sargenti, President of the ACP Legal association
- The need for enhanced legal security in the context of the International expansion of companies in the Caribbean : perspective of the Chamber of Commerce of Guadeloupe, project leader
Patrick Vial-Collet, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Guadeloupe

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- The role of OHADAC in the context of the initiatives of CARICOM and OECS in favour of Institutional Integration in the Caribbean
Elma-Jean Isaac, Saint Lucia's Ambassador at OECS and CARICOM; Permanent Secretary in St Lucia's Ministry of External Affairs
- The Bar associations Actors of Regional Cooperation: Lawyers as Counsels; Mediators and Arbitrators
Charles Nicolas, President of the Bar association of Guadeloupe, Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy

Moderator:

Judge Catherine Sargenti, President of the ACP Legal association

10.00 am – 11.00 am:

Panel 2 : Mediation services offered to Caribbean players in the OHADAC zone

- What Mediation can offer to Caribbean companies
Shan Greer, Mediator, International arbitrator, admitted to practice as a Solicitor in England and Wales and registered at the Bars of St Lucia, Belize and Saint Vincent; President of the Caribbean branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (to be confirmed)
- How Mediation can support Caribbean institutions: the example of Court-Connected Mediation
Evelyne Démocrite, Avocat at the Bar association of Guadeloupe, Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy; former President of the Bar association of Guadeloupe, Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy
- Why a Mediation Centre ? The future OHADAC Centre for Mediation and its Role as Guarantor of the Integrity of the Mediation procedure
Romain Carayol, Mediator; Avocat registered at the Paris Bar; Secretary General of the French Federation of Mediation Centres
- When Arbitration meets Mediation: presentation of the « Med-Arb » and its advantages for Caribbean companies
Christelle Reyno, Avocat registered at the Bar association of Guadeloupe, Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy (to be confirmed)

Moderator: Marie-Camille Pitton, Avocat registered at the Bar of Versailles (France); Attorney at law (New York), Consultant pour ACP Legal

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11.00 am – 11.15 am : Coffee break

11.15 am – 12.15 am :

Panel 3: Arbitration services in the OHADAC zone: Towards the Secured Resolution of Business Disputes

- Why Arbitration in the Caribbean? Advantages of Arbitration for the Caribbean companies
Jean-Yves Belaye, Avocat registered at the Bar association of Guadeloupe, Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy; former President of the Bar association of Guadeloupe, Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy
- The Importance of a Regional OHADAC Arbitration Centre in the context of the Development of Arbitration in the Caribbean
Francisco Victoria-Andreu, International Arbitrator and Consultant (United States; France; Cuba; Mexico)
- The efficiency of the OHADAC Arbitration clause
Jérémy Jourdan Marques, Private law Professor, University of Antilles
- Presentation of the Role and Functions of the future OHADAC Arbitration Centre
Marie-Camille Pitton, Avocat registered at the Bar of Versailles (France), Attorney at law (New York), Consultant for the ACP Legal association
- Enforcing an Arbitral Award in the Caribbean: Overview of the jurisprudence of Caribbean courts
Calvin Hamilton, International Arbitrator; Attorney at law (New York) and Attorney registered at the Bar of Madrid (Spain); former Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of law, University of West Indies (Barbados)

Moderator: Marie-Camille Pitton

12h15 – 12h30 : Closing remarks

- **Sir Denis Byron (to be confirmed)**