



AFRICA ROUND TABLE 2023 Kigali, Rwanda

Insolvency in the time of Slow Growth and Inflation

Thursday, 30 March 2023

- 08.00 – 08.30 am Registration and welcome coffee and tea
- 08.30 – 08.40 am **Welcome and Introduction to the Africa Round Table initiative**
- 08.40 – 09.20 am **Welcome Address**
- 09.20 – 09.40 am **Keynote Address: Africa Outlook 2023**
- 09.40 – 10.40 am **Peer to Peer Discussion**
A peer-to-peer exchange of new insolvency developments in the region and challenges ahead.
- 10.40 – 11.10 am **Coffee Break**
- 11.10 – 12.25 pm **Macroeconomic Challenges for Corporate Distress**
What are the likely effects of the current challenges of the energy crisis, supply chain stresses, stagflation, and sovereign debt levels on corporate distress, the number and magnitude of insolvencies in Africa?
- 12.25 – 1.30 pm **Lunch**
- 1.30 – 2.45 pm **The Impact of Inflation on the Insolvency Process**
What are some of the practical challenges that insolvency practitioners will encounter during periods of high inflation and how can they best prepare for them? Issues such as asset valuation and company revenue assessments will be discussed.
- 2.45 – 3.15 pm **Coffee Break**

- 3.15 – 5.15 pm **Early Restructuring of Viable Firms: WORKSHOP**
This workshop will explore some of the innovative restructuring tools being used globally and making use of new technologies, such as Early Warning Tools and pre-insolvency regimes.
- 5.15 pm **Close of the first day**
- 6.00 – 10.00 pm **Dinner**

Friday, 31 March 2023

- 9.00 – 9.30 am **Registration and welcome tea and coffee**
- 9.30 – 9.40 am **Welcome remarks**
- 9.40 – 10.55 am **The Development of Judiciaries in the Time of Inflation**
What are some jurisdictions doing to strengthen their judiciaries and administration of insolvency cases? This panel will showcase tools and institutional developments.
- 10.55 – 11.25 am **Coffee Break**
- 11.25 – 12.40pm **The Horror of Zombies**
Are so-called zombie firms problematic in the region and why should we be concerned with them? How do they affect economic growth and how do we deal with them in the transition from the pandemic?
- 12.40 – 1.45 pm **Lunch**
- 1.45 – 2.00 pm **INSOL International Update**
In this session, delegates will receive updates on initiatives to improve and expand on the services and benefits INSOL International provides to its membership base in the Africa region.
- 2.00 – 2.15 pm **World Bank Group Update**
In this session, delegates will receive updates on the World Bank Group insolvency initiatives.
- 2.15 – 3.30 pm **Cross-Border Insolvency Developments: Some of the Effects of the Latest Case-law**
This panel will provide an update on developments in case law on cross-border insolvency in Africa and other parts of the world.
- 3.30 – 4.00 pm **Coffee Break**

4.00 – 5.15 pm Dealing with NPLs: **Lessons Learned from Other Crises**
This panel will highlight some of the lessons learned from other jurisdictions in addressing high or even systemic NPL levels.

5.15 – 5.30 pm **Closing Remarks**

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