



International Advisory
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IADRU Capacity Building for State Attorneys in Africa: 2025

3VB is delighted to launch the IADRU Capacity Building Programme for State Attorneys in Africa – a free, online programme running from March through December 2025, designed specifically for State Attorneys based in Africa. Enhance your expertise with a series of dynamic modules delivered by some of the world's leading experts from 3VB together with guest speakers. Over four modules, the programme will help State Attorneys to develop their legal skills in core competencies: sovereign debt, arbitration, infrastructure and investor-state disputes.

Module

1	Sovereign debt	March-May 2025
2	Arbitration: Introduction and key skills	June-July 2025
3	Infrastructure projects: Structuring, negotiating, financing and dispute resolution	September-October 2025
4	Investor state: Treaties and dispute resolution	November-December 2025

Module 1: Sovereign Debt

Course leaders:



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Sovereign Debt Expert
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Session		Date	UK	West Africa	Central Africa	East Africa
1	Introduction to sovereign debt: Sources of finance; key instruments; major participants Guest speaker: Nicole Kearse, Head of Sovereign Finance, African Legal Support Facility (ALSF)	20 March 2025	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm
2	Drafting and negotiating key contractual provisions	1 April 2025	2pm	2pm	3pm	4pm
3	Special features in bond issues	15 April 2025	2pm	2pm	3pm	4pm
4	Restructuring sovereign debt: Part 1: Circumstances leading to restructuring and institutional arrangements that support the restructuring process	22 April 2025	2pm	2pm	3pm	4pm
5	Restructuring sovereign debt: Part 2: Legal/contractual features of restructuring	6 May 2025	2pm	2pm	3pm	4pm
6	Open session: Q&As and discussion on topics proposed by participants	20 May 2025	2pm	2pm	3pm	4pm

Each session will last 60-90 minutes.

You are welcome to register for one or more sessions within a module, or to participate in multiple modules across the series. Participants who attend a full module will be provided with a certificate of attendance.

Register for Module 1: iadru@3vb.com

Sessions may be rescheduled to a different time/date from that advertised; prior notice will be provided when this occurs.

Sessions will be recorded and made available on the 3VB website shortly after each session. Questions will be included in the recording unless the participant requests otherwise.

Further guest speakers will be announced in due course.