

SA's arbitration framework gains international recognition



Arbitration takes precedence in High Court: A review of recent cases

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Further, the recent AFSA-Southern African Development Community (SADC) alliance, which aims to encourage member states to align their arbitration laws with international conventions and standards, celebrated a recent triumph with the adoption of the International Arbitration Bill, 2023 (Bill) by the Malawian Parliament. The Bill is the culmination of proposals put forward by the collaboration between AFSA and the Malawi Law Society, and its adoption opens the way for Malawi to become a part of the esteemed AFSA alliance.

Young AFSA

AFSA also recently launched Young AFSA, a new arbitration association with a focus on promoting knowledge-sharing, skills-building and networking among legal professionals and students between the ages of 18 and 40. Membership is free, making it a highly accessible forum for young professionals interested in arbitration. Young AFSA aims to organise skills-focused programmes, seminars and social events for knowledge exchange, as well as to encourage and foster relationships between young professionals across Southern Africa. Young AFSA hosted its first event in November 2023.

These significant developments attest to South Africa's reputation and commitment to advancing arbitration across Southern Africa.

The new edition of the Baker McKenzie International Arbitration Yearbook can be accessed [here](#). In its 17th year, the Yearbook provides important legal and case law developments in international arbitration across 40-plus jurisdictions worldwide, including in South Africa.

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