

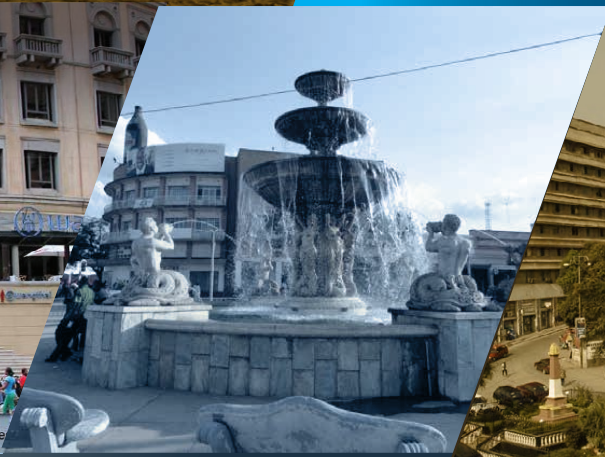


Emery Mukendi
Wafwana & Associates
International Law Firm

*Let us take you to Africa safely, the continent
with potential for rapid growth*



Natural Resources
Banking and Insurance
Infrastructures
Litigation & Arbitration
Investment, Trade & Industries





> International Footprint

When it comes to investing or doing business in Africa, Emery Mukendi Wafwana & Associates is the international law firm upon which many investors and businesses rely for the implementation of their projects.

For the past 20 years, we have been offering our clients expert legal services that meet international standards in the following areas: natural resources; energy and infrastructure; investments, trade and industry; banking and insurance; family; as well as litigation and arbitration.

With our multicultural teams of diverse backgrounds and multidisciplinary training, and with our dynamic structures and substantial legal expertise, we efficiently advise and assist our clients (SMEs, big companies, investors, international financial institutions, public and private companies, international law firms and government agencies) in various projects in Africa. Our strategic presence in the world, and particularly in Africa, warrants proximity,

efficiency, and proactivity of our services, as well as our attention in the management of our clients' interests. This strategic presence is the result of a development plan implemented as part of our constant effort to always meet the growing needs of our clients who require legal assistance from major business centers to the places where their projects are implemented in Africa. Our permanent offices in New York (USA), Johannesburg (RSA), Kinshasa, Lubumbashi, Matadi (DRC), and Brazzaville (Republic of Congo), respond to these needs.

We further meet our clients' needs through a network of our partner law firms, which under our professional responsibility, team up with us in order to efficiently assist our clients in the member countries of the Organization for the Harmonization in Africa of Business Law (OHADA), the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU/UEMOA), the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC), and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).



> Areas of expertise

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NATURAL RESOURCES

The exploration and exploitation of Africa's natural resources attract more and more international investments, leading African countries to establish, revise and reform their legal and regulatory frameworks in mining, oil, forestry, agriculture and hydraulic sectors. Our lawyers and consultants have a perfect knowledge and demonstrate definite proficiency in their respective areas of practice as to legal issues and challenges related to:

- Mining Law
- Hydrocarbons Law
- Forestry Law
- Agricultural Law
- Environmental Law
- Water Ressources Law

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BANKING AND INSURANCE

It is established today that the African financial sector experiences an exponential development of regional, pan-African and foreign financial groups. Thus, Africa is a large market for the financial sector, especially for banking and insurance businesses, which are constantly regulated by a country or groups of countries (CEMAC, WEAMU/UEMOA and SADC). Our lawyers and consultants, in their respective areas of expertise, are constantly up-to-date in their practices and watchful as to changes in the legal and regulatory frameworks in these sectors in order to provide better legal advice to investors and businesses in these industries, with respect to:

- Banking Law
- Insurance Law
- Exchange Regulation



3 INFRASTRUCTURES

The prospect of a significant increase in foreign investments in Africa leads African countries to, individually or collectively, make more progress in the energy, civil engineering, transportation, telecommunications, infrastructures and other sectors. The objective pursued by these countries is to reduce the costs of production and improve their competitiveness to attract the flow of foreign direct investments toward the African continent.

New policies and strategies as well as scaled up infrastructure development programs are being regularly implemented through laws and regulatory reforms as well as the formation of public-private partnership agreements. The implementation of these legal instruments raises major legal challenges that lead our lawyers and consultants, in their areas of expertise and jurisdiction of

skills, to follow up daily major developments in legislative and regulatory environments as well as contractual practices.

This is why, they are able, as a result of meticulous research, to address the needs of our national and international clients with regard to their investments or financing of projects in Africa. In their respective fields, our lawyers and consultants actively intervene in legal matters related to:

- Electric Energy Law
- Telecommunications and ICT Law
- Transportation Law
- Land and Property Law



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LITIGATION & ARBITRATION

Since arbitration has now become the standard for the settlement of international disputes, beyond their role as attorneys, most of our lawyers and consultants practice litigation and arbitration in their respective jurisdictions. We have a good reputation in representing our clients in amicable or judicial settlement of disputes arising from contracts or the implementation of laws and regulations. Our lawyers and consultants assist and represent our clients in all matters before courts and tribunals, including the courts of last resort.

Our lawyers and consultants advise and assist our clients in the drafting of arbitration conventions

and our representation before the local and international courts. Our lawyers and consultants have had the privilege to represent some of our clients before the arbitration tribunals of the International Court of Arbitration in Paris, the arbitral tribunal and the ad hoc committee of the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), as well as the arbitrations governed by the arbitration rules of the Common Court of Justice and Arbitration (CCJA).



5 INVESTMENT, TRADE & INDUSTRIES

Most African countries aim to become emerging countries in the next two decades. Many of them are diversifying their economies by turning into the manufacturing industry and tourism. African countries regularly organize and revise their legal, fiscal and customs frameworks to make them favorable to investments in certain industries and specific businesses.

Abundant investment opportunities in the African continent where the economic, financial and monetary institutions have an impact on the legal environment of businesses, require an effective legal assistance concerning projects and commercial transactions that are done in Africa. This is a permanent preoccupation of our lawyers and consultants who constantly follow up, in their

areas of practice, developments in legislations, regulations and jurisprudence related to:

- General Business Law
- Company Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Labor and Social Security Law
- Security Law
- Tax and Customs Law
- Business Contracts
- Legal Evaluation of Projects
- Public Procurement Law



> Our Partners

Our partner Law Firms and lawyers are located in the **UEMOA/ECOWAS**, **CEMAC/ECAC** and **SADC** regions: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Comoros, Ivory Coast, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo, and Zimbabwe.

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