



PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW IN AFRICA

Prof. Dr. Véronique Ngono

University of Douala and International Institute of Foreign Relations

*“The Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign
Judgments under OHADA Law.”*

Monday, 18 November 2024, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (CET)

The virtual workshop will be held as a video conference via Zoom.
Please register no later than Friday, 15 November 2024 for the workshop
using this [LINK](#).

You will receive the login details on Friday afternoon.

Ralf Michaels

(Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg)

in cooperation with

Justin Monsenepwo Mwakwaye

(University of Goma)



About the speaker:

Véronique Carole Ngono obtained her PhD from the University of Ngaoundere in Cameroon in 2015. She has been a lecturer since passing the CAMES (Conseil Africain et Malgache de l'Enseignement Supérieur) agregation exam in 2021. She lectures in contract law and private international law at the University of Douala and at the International Institute of Foreign Relations (IRIC).

About the topic:

The issue of recognition and enforcement of judgments under OHADA law is of particular interest for several reasons. First, OHADA represents an integrated legal framework that standardizes the substantive law of its member states, especially in business law. The same rules govern both domestic and international relations among OHADA member countries, and to some extent, between member states and third countries. Second, OHADA has established a supranational court, functioning similarly to a supreme court in the member states, tasked with ensuring the uniform application of OHADA law. In theory, the recognition and enforcement of judgments rendered under OHADA law should be relatively straightforward. However, this is not always the case. OHADA has not yet fully organized the circulation of judgments issued under its law. While there are provisions for the circulation of judgments by supranational courts and international collective proceedings, the recognition and enforcement of other judgments largely depend on national laws or international conventions between OHADA member countries. This can result in inconsistent treatment of judgments, as each legal system may approach enforcement differently. Hence, there is a pressing need to harmonize the rules governing the recognition and enforcement of judgments within the OHADA legal framework.

About the virtual workshop series:

There is a growing interest in the study of private international law in Africa. In an environment of growing international transactions in both civil and commercial matters, private international law can play a significant role in Africa in addressing issues such as globalization, regional economic integration, immigration, etc. The series intends to discuss new scholarly work on private international law in Africa and advance solutions on how the current framework of that field can be improved on the continent.