

BLC Chambers hosts ALN's Annual Conference in Mauritius

BLC Chambers hosted the annual conference of ALN on 22nd November 2013 at the Maritim Hotel. This Conference brought together distinguished delegates and speakers from several African countries. Guest speakers included the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Dr. Arvind Boolell as well as Dr. Cheick Modibo Diarra, astrophysicist, businessman and former Acting Prime Minister of Mali.

It was an honour for BLC Chambers to welcome ALN delegates to Mauritius this year. The theme of the 2013 conference was "Connecting Africa, Connecting Expertise" and the caliber of the speakers gave rise to fruitful and animated debates on Africa as an economic destination focusing on an overview of the legal and regulatory landscape in several jurisdictions.

Dr Cheick Modibo Diarra spoke at the conference as the newly appointed Chairman of ALN and stated that Africa is well positioned to become a major economic centre but that this attraction to Africa as an economic destination must be supported by legal certainty. He added "It is for us Africans to determine our future. Research has shown that the 21st century may be the century of Africa. We must ensure that this is the case".

Minister Boolell, said that Mauritius is determined to play an active role to support the development of the African continent and the 2014 Budget makes full allowance for the Expanded Africa Strategy. "Mauritius can benefit from faster growth in Africa by creating the necessary conditions to allow its private sector to take advantage of business opportunities and positioning the country as a 'gateway' for business on the continent," added Minister Boolell.