



## Africa Practice

What do we  
stand for



Tested solutions

**The Liedekerke Africa Practice** advises clients on transactions and disputes in a number of African countries, mainly in the region of the Great Lakes. Our experience extends to all sectors including mining, energy, joint ventures, privatizations, and mergers and acquisitions. Additionally, Liedekerke's Africa Practice offers advisory services in international dispute resolution.

**Our international dispute resolution lawyers** have significant experience in Africa, representing both private corporations and governments before several international bodies.

**As first country to have concluded a Double Tax Convention** with the Democratic Republic of Congo, recently ratified, Belgium is a natural stepping stone for investment in that country.

**Our understanding of local legal systems and cultures**, as well as our being the Belgian member of Lex Mundi, enable us to cultivate relationships with skilled law firms in jurisdictions across Africa and select the right local counsel for every assignment.

**Our knowledge of the African business terrain** and of how projects work in Africa is key to the success of a business or transaction. At Liedekerke, we have designed our practice to simplify matters for you.

For many years, Liedekerke has been involved in several **major projects in Africa**. Our office has developed a practice that represents African companies in a wide variety of legal matters, as well as Belgian and foreign clients with interests in the continent. We have also developed **strong expertise in several areas of Congolese (DRC) law**.

Our emphasis lies in **clear, practical, sound solutions**, regardless of the complexity of the matter. **Cost-effectiveness** is essential to us. We make sure that we understand our clients' objectives and their internal decision-making processes, we anticipate the issues and tailor our services accordingly so as to achieve the best possible results.

**Key assignments** include:

- Advising and assisting Gécamines, the largest state-owned mining corporation in DRC, in various aspects of its activities including joint-ventures, **Congolese company law, mining law and employment law** as well as litigation and arbitration.
- Assisting a Rwandan company in setting up a joint-venture to **acquire a majority holding in tea plantations in Africa**, including drafting shareholders' agreements with the Rwandan government. We are currently assisting the company in connection with contracting and financing a **hydro-electric plant in Rwanda**.
- Advising various Rwandan companies in disputes related to **joint-ventures in Rwanda** and international sale of goods transactions.
- Acting as counsel for the DRC and the Republic of Burundi in **ICSID and UNCITRAL arbitration proceedings**.
- Assisting a subsidiary of a large French construction group in the **enforcement of arbitration awards against Sudan** and its central bank.
- Assisting several commercial funds in **enforcement proceedings against a major Ivory Coast financial institution**.
- Assisting a Luxembourg investment company in **enforcing Belgian judgments in Congo, Ivory Coast, Tanzania and other African jurisdictions**.
- **Training** and giving various seminars to lawyers, judges and civil servants in several African countries (DRC, Burkina Faso, Burundi and Benin) as well as employees of a major mining company in the DRC.
- Nicolas Angelet was **appointed by Burundi** to the **ICSID panel of arbitrators**.

## GLOBAL PARTNERS

Liedekerke is the exclusive member firm for Belgium of a number of international networks. One of these networks is Lex Mundi, world's leading network of independent law firms with in-depth experience in 100+ countries worldwide, including Africa.

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