



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| From | Period start date |       |      | To | Period end date |       |      |
|------|-------------------|-------|------|----|-----------------|-------|------|
|      | 05                | April | 2023 |    | 05              | April | 2024 |

### Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name ARBITRATION FUND FOR AFRICAN STUDENTS

Other names charity is known by AFAS

Registered charity number (if any) 1185823

Charity's principal address FLAT 403, MARBLE ARCH APARTMENTS

11 HARROWBY STREET

LONDON

Postcode

W1H 5PR

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

|    | Trustee name         | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Nneka Emilia Onyema  | Founder         |                                   | Board of Trustees                                             |
| 2  | Chrispas Nyombi      | Chairman        |                                   | Board of Trustees                                             |
| 3  | Eunice Shang-Simpson | Secretary       | Until 30 September 2024           | Board of Trustees                                             |
| 4  | Tabitha Joy Raore    | Member          | -                                 | Board of Trustees                                             |
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#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name                | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Nneka Emilia Onyema |                                   |

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|  | Chrispas Nyombi      |  |
|  | Eunice Shang-Simpson |  |
|  | Tabitha Joy Raore    |  |

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name                     | Address                                  |
|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Accountants     | Barnett Young & Partners | 15 The Broadway, Woodford Green, 1G8 0HL |
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

#### Description of the charity's trusts

|                                                                     |                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Type of governing document<br>(eg. trust deed, constitution)        | Constitution                         |
| How the charity is constituted<br>(eg. trust, association, company) | Charitable Incorporated Organisation |
| Trustee selection methods<br>(eg. appointed by, elected by)         | Appointed by the Board of Trustees   |

#### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Every Trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Board of Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the Charity Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. All three of our trustees over the reporting period are British nationals from an academic/ legal practice background with a longstanding record of service. According to our Constitution, no individual can be appointed as a Trustee if they are under the age of 16 years and no one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged his or her acceptance of the office of Charity Trustee.

The Charity's activities are organised and run by the Board of Trustees. It is the main management and decision-making body of the organisation. It consists of:

Founder: Professor Nneka Emilia Onyema (SOAS University of London)  
Chairman: Dr Chrispas Nyombi (University of Derby)  
Secretary: Eunice-Shang Simpson (Canterbury ChristChurch University)  
Member: Ms Tabitha Joy Raore

The Charity holds Trustees' meetings every first Saturday of the month. There must be at least two Charity trustees present to have a quorum. The Charity undertakes its activities with the support of the Trustees. This has enabled the Charity to expand its activities, as detailed under Section

D. The Charity also seeks to develop partnerships with organisations from the UK and around the world that share our common belief in equality, diversity and developing capacity in Arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution in Africa.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of AFAS as set out in the Constitution is:

To advance education in the knowledge, skills, techniques, use and methods of arbitration by the provision of:

- (a) funding for students in Africa to attend arbitration related conferences, workshops and moots.
- (b) a website that will enable information relating to arbitration to be made available and accessible to the general public.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The Charity documents and its current and future events are on the AFAS website [\[https://afas-global.org/\]](https://afas-global.org/). Over the course of this financial year, the Charity applied for and was awarded the sum of Euro 20,000 by Arbitral Women [\[https://www.arbitralwomen.org/\]](https://www.arbitralwomen.org/) to enable us to deliver our AFAS ADR Student Connect Network Project in four African countries (Uganda, Ghana, Tanzania and Rwanda). This was our primary project delivered over the reporting year. Our ADR Connect project is designed to introduce arbitration and alternative dispute resolution processes to finalist students at one secondary school and to undergraduate students at one university in each of the target countries, over a three-day period in-country. The funds we received from Arbitral Women contributed to the cost of flights, accommodation for our team, and lunch for the students. We delivered the project in Ghana (11-14 April 2024); Uganda (18-20 April 2024); Tanzania (14-16 November 2024) and Rwanda (20-22 November 2024). We sent a report and receipts for costs to Arbitral Women at the end of each project.

Over the summer of 2024, AFAS delivered its first virtual summer school over six Saturdays (6 July to 10 August 2024) to the student members of its ADR Connect clubs. This attracted a total of 150 students from GIMPA University (Ghana), Makerere University (Uganda), Young Arbiters club University of Nairobi (Kenya), Our Lady of Good Counsel Gayaza (Uganda), Legacy Girls College (Ghana).

The Charity continues to generate its income from contributions by some of its trustees. It expects to receive a surplus from the savings its trustees will make from co-sponsoring the ADR Connect project through eg paying for their hotel accommodations.

The Charity from 2024 committed to support students to attend the moots through Africa in the Moot annually with the sum of Euro1,500 and to discontinue individual funding of students or groups to moots and conferences. The Charity gave a three-year commitment to support Africa in the Moot in this sum.

To further enhance the reach of our activities and to leverage on additional support, the Board of Trustees agreed at its Board meeting on [29 June 2024] to set up an Advisory Board which will provide additional guidance and accountability to the trustees and support the delivery of their projects. The Advisory Board is composed of the following 12 members (11 lawyers and 2 non-lawyers): Ms Esine Okudzeto (chair), Dr Nuhu Yidana, Dr Amel Maklout, Mr Jeffry Kaddu, Mr Likanda Kalaluka SC, Mr Alpay Beler, Ms Kate Emuchay, Mr Isaiah Bozimo SAN, Dr Sylvie Bebohi, Dr Abayomi Okubote, Ms Alexandra, Ms Rose Rameau, Mr Thierry Ngoga. The Advisory Board will be inaugurated in January 2025.

All our Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

During this financial year, the Charity has largely depended on the goodwill of our Trustees and the support of the international arbitration community to carry out its core activities as exemplified by the summer school taught by the following colleagues: Prof Chrispas Nyombi, Mr Jeffrey Kaddu, Mrs Sola Adegbonmire, Mr Jonathan Ripley-Evans, Ms Fiorella Noriega del Valle, Dr Nagla Nasser, Ms Tabitha Raore, and Prof Emilia Onyema.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Charity has committed and successfully discharged a number of projects/activities over the course of this financial year.

1. AFAS ADR Connect project financially supported by Arbitral Women as set out above.
2. AFAS virtual Summer School delivered over the summer (6 July-10 August 2024) through our Zoom platform to 150 students from Kenya, Uganda, and Ghana.
3. Composition of our Advisory Board as set out above.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity's finances are administered by the Founder and Chair, with oversight from the Board of Trustees. During this financial year, the charity received a Euro 20,0000 donation from Arbitral Women to deliver our ADR Connect Project.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

The Charity does not currently have a financial deficit.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

N/A

## Section F

## Other optional information

None.

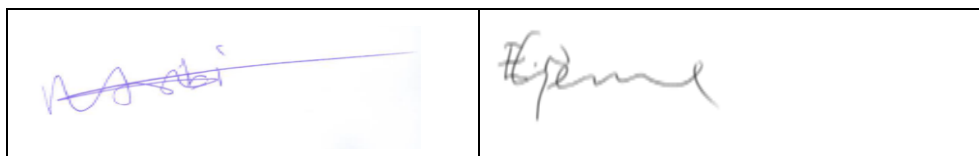
## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Chrispas Nyombi

Nneka Emilia Onyema

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Founder

Date

20 December 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
ARBITRATION FUND FOR AFRICAN STUDENTS

No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
4/6/2023

To

Period end date  
4/5/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

|                                                       | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds  | Total funds      | Last year        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                       | to the nearest £   | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Donations                                             | 5,825              | -                | -                | 5,825            | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)                | 5,825              | -                | -                | 5,825            | -                |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | 5,825              | -                | -                | 5,825            | -                |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Sponsorship                                           | 1,322              | -                | -                | 1,322            | -                |
| Management Consultancy Fees                           | 3,303              | -                | -                | 3,303            | -                |
| IT Expenses                                           | 156                | -                | -                | 156              | -                |
| Design Fee                                            | 1,366              | -                | -                | 1,366            | -                |
| Bank charges                                          | 77                 | -                | -                | 77               | -                |
| Other expenses                                        | 497                | -                | -                | 497              | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | 6,721              | -                | -                | 6,721            | -                |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | 6,721              | -                | -                | 6,721            | -                |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | - 896              | -                | -                | - 896            | -                |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | - 896              | -                | -                | - 896            | -                |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories                                                  | Details                                                | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds                                               | Bank balance as at 05/04/2024                          | 1,597                              | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | 1,597                              | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | Agreement Error                    | OK                               | OK                              |
| B2 Other monetary assets                                    | Details                                                | to nearest £                       | to nearest £                     | to nearest £                    |
|                                                             |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| B3 Investment assets                                        | Details                                                | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|                                                             |                                                        |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                        |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                        |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                        |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use                | Details                                                | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|                                                             |                                                        |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                        |                                    | -                                | -                               |
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| B5 Liabilities                                              | Details                                                | Fund to which liability relates    | Amount due (optional)            | When due (optional)             |
|                                                             |                                                        |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|                                                             |                                                        |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|                                                             |                                                        |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|                                                             |                                                        |                                    | -                                |                                 |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature                                              | Print Name                         | Date of approval                 |                                 |
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