



Federal Ministry of Justice

FG REAFFIRMS IMPORTANCE OF ARBITRATION AS TOOL TO RESOLVE INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES

The Federal Government has reiterated the importance of arbitration as a tool most suitable to resolve international disputes when the parties to the disputes are not domiciled in the same country.



Left-Right: Director, Law Reporting, Mrs. Christie Ekweonu, Deputy Director Representing the Director Public Prosecution Department, Mr Mohammed Umar Etsu, Director, Solicitor Department, Mrs. O.O. Moore Who Represented the Solicitor General of the Federation and Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Justice, Mr. Taiwo Abidogun, Mr. David Hesse, Mr. Peter Stewart, and Mr. Timi Balogun from Curtis, Mallet-Provost Colt & Mosis Llp, United Kingdom at a Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration and Advocacy Skills on 29th November 2016, at the Ministry's Auditorium.

The Solicitor General of the Federation and Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Justice, Mr Taiwo Abiogun stated this in his welcome address at the Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration and Advocacy, Skills for Government Lawyers Organised by the Federal Ministry of Justice in collaboration with Curtis, Mallet Prevost Colt & Mosis LLP on Tuesday in Abuja.

Comrade Salihu Othman Isah, Special Adviser on Media and Publicity to the Honourable Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami, SAN revealed in a statement made available to the media in Abuja on Wednesday, that the FG emphasized the importance of the seminar for lawyers in government in this era when arbitration is fast becoming inevitable.

Isah disclosed that the Solicitor General of the Federation represented by the Director, Solicitor Department, Mrs. Olushola Moore stated that, “As a result of their inter-dependency, disputes are inevitable and parties elect amicable settlement, obtainable in a private and confidential nature with binding effects.

According to Abidogun, the elements are made up of alternative dispute resolution mechanism in the form of mediation, conciliation and arbitration”.

He explained that commerce and business are the ancient activities which are the only avenue through which nations are interconnected with one another.

He equally highlighted that parties in commerce and business opt for arbitration because of its merits; such that, it is simple and flexible in that it guides itself on the will of the parties.

The Permanent Secretary also explained that arbitration gives quick remedy and provides confidential procedure which helps to establish calm atmosphere between the claimant, defendants and arbitrators encouraging amicable settlement.

He expressed hope that at the end of the seminar, participants would be better equipped not only in arbitration, but also in advocacy skill.