

Damilola S. Olawuyi Elected As Vice Chair Of The International Law Association

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London, November 17, 2018 – At its recently concluded Executive Council meeting in London, United Kingdom, Vice President of the Nigerian Branch of the International Law Association, Professor Damilola S. Olawuyi has been elected as a Vice Chair of the International Law Association.

The ILA was founded in Brussels in 1873. The ILA now has some 3,500 members in 45 national and regional branches around the world. It is headquartered in London under the Chairmanship of the Right Honourable The Lord Jonathan Mance, former deputy president of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. ILA's objective, under its constitution, is to promote the 'study, clarification and development of international law'. ILA has consultative status with a number of the United Nations specialized agencies. The Executive Council of the ILA defines ILA's mission and working program at the international level.

Speaking in London after the election, the President of the Nigerian Branch of the ILA, Professor Fidelis Oditah QC, SAN noted "On behalf of the Nigerian Branch, I heartily congratulate Professor Olawuyi for his well-deserved election as ILA Vice Chair. His deep expertise in international law, as well as his national involvement and recognition in this area, undoubtedly allow him to offer invaluable perspectives to the work of the ILA. The Executive Council of the ILA, as well as the Nigerian Branch, will benefit immensely from the passion, dedication and skill that Professor Olawuyi will bring to the role of Vice Chair."

Professor Olawuyi has been serving as Vice President of the Nigerian Branch since its establishment. He has served as a member of various committees at the national level, and as member of the global ILA Committee on Sustainable Natural Resources Management representing Nigeria. A distinguished expert in energy and environmental law, Professor Olawuyi has authored several influential articles, books and reports on the role of international law in extractive resource governance. He has practiced and taught law in Europe, North America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Earlier this year, he received the Herbert Smith Freehills Visiting Professorship at the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Speaking on his election, Professor Olawuyi said "It is an absolute privilege and honour to have been elected as Vice-Chair of the International Law Association. For several decades, the ILA has played pivotal roles in the development and understanding of public and private international law. I thank members of the Executive Council for their confidence in me and I very much look forward to working with them to advance ILA's important work of deepening international rule of law across the world"

Membership of the ILA is open to anyone, including lawyers and non-lawyers, interested in international law. The Nigerian Branch of the ILA regularly hosts innovative lectures, seminars, conferences, and other capacity development programs to advance the study and understanding of international law in Nigeria. To learn more about the ILA, its activities, and events visit <http://www.ila-hq.org>