



**Please join the EBA International Energy & Transactions Committee
for a brown bag/teleconference on
*Mitigating Investment Risks in Emerging Energy Markets: A Focus on Africa***

**May 29, 2013
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm (ET)**

**Location: Hunton & Williams LLP
2200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 9th Floor
978 Penn Quarter Conference Room, Washington, DC 20037**

In emerging markets, energy development has not kept pace with rising demand. Over the next 25 to 30 years, nearly all of the growth in energy demand is forecast to come from the developing world. The African energy markets present both challenges and fantastic opportunities to potential investors. Some countries lack a basic energy infrastructure while other countries are actively exporting energy resources to their neighbors and in the global marketplace. This brown bag panel will discuss the potential areas of growth in Africa's emerging energy markets and how to best mitigate investment risks.

Our speakers are:

John Beardsworth, Partner at Hunton & Williams –Mr. Beardsworth has extensive experience in energy sector restructuring and privatization and has worked in Africa for over 25 years. He has acted for the governments of Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, and Mozambique, among others, on a range of energy and infrastructure matters. He will discuss mitigating risks in African energy markets from a legal perspective.

Richard Rubin, Consultant and Managing Director at Project Finance Advisors – Mr. Rubin is a technical and finance consultant who works exclusively in emerging markets. PFA has provided financial expertise for energy and telecoms infrastructure projects in Georgia, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Bangladesh and the former Soviet Union. He will discuss the need for reliable regulatory regimes to finance large projects and provide power reliability and cost savings to countries as it relates to North Africa.

Alain Ebobissé, Global Head, IFC InfraVentures and Chief Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation –Mr. Ebobissé has led a number of complex infrastructure transactions in Africa, Europe, and Latin America. He will provide an overview of the IFC's power investments in emerging African markets and present an investment case in a West African country.

Our moderator is:

Linda Oramasionwu, Kupanda Capital – Ms. Oramasionwu was an Investment Officer in the African Development Bank's (AfDB) Private Sector Department where she led the origination, structuring, due diligence and execution of industries and services investments and project proposals including equity and senior debt investments. Prior to joining the AfDB, she was a corporate associate at a boutique law firm specializing in fund formation in emerging markets.