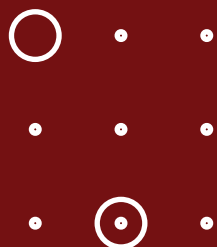


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(2025 - 2028)**



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ABOUT CIARB KENYA YMG

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Kenya Branch Young Members Group (YMG) is a dynamic network of young professionals aged 40 and under, committed to advancing excellence in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in Kenya and beyond. As a key part of the global CIArb YMG network, we provide a platform for young arbitrators, mediators, adjudicators, and dispute resolution practitioners to engage, grow, and lead in the field of ADR.



WHO WE ARE

We are emerging leaders, early-career professionals, and students with a shared interest in dispute resolution. Our members come from diverse professional backgrounds including law, engineering, construction, finance, and academia united by a passion for promoting fair, efficient, and innovative approaches to resolving disputes.





David Onsare, FCI Arb
YMG Chairman &
Representative
to the Board



**Samantha Masengeli,
MCI Arb**
Vice Chairperson,
YMG Kenya



Akoth Aluoch, MCI Arb
Organizing, Secretary,
YMG Kenya



Mark Aroko, MCI Arb
Member



Daniel Nzeki, MCI Arb
Member



Jotham Webo, MCI Arb
Member



Eric Ng'ang'a, ACI Arb
Member



David Onsare, FCI Arb

Position : YMG Chairman & Representative to the Board

Partner & Head of Dispute Resolution

Maina & Onsare Partners Advocates LLP

David Onsare FCI Arb leads the Dispute Resolution practice at Maina & Onsare Partners Advocates LLP. He is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, a PhD candidate in Law at the University of Nairobi and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. David excels in dispute resolution. CI Arb-Kenya named him Young ADR Practitioner of the Year and Highly Impactful Young ADR Practitioner in 2024. His credentials underpin his reputation for clear strategy and dependable results.

David Onsare FCI Arb is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution at Maina & Onsare Partners Advocates LLP. He chairs the CI Arb-Kenya Young Members Group and represents it on the Branch Board. CI Arb-Ke recognised him as Highly Impactful Young ADR Practitioner in 2024.

David appears as counsel and also sits as sole or panel arbitrator in domestic and cross-border disputes. He has managed high value claims securing practical outcomes for energy, mining and telecom clients.

His focused expertise covers ESG-linked arbitration, state-state disputes and third-party funding. David advises on drafting funding-friendly clauses, navigating disclosure duties and enforcing awards while maintaining a clear, solutions-driven style.

Scholarship guides his practice. David is a PhD candidate at the University of Nairobi researching the arbitrability of Kenyan employment disputes and holds

an LLM in Corporate and Finance Law. He writes for peer-reviewed journals and the local dailies.

He furthers thought leadership through service on the Branch Conference Programme Committee for the CI Arb at 40 Conference 2024, the Mediation Conference 2024 and Nairobi Arbitration Week 2025. Within his firm he mentors junior lawyers on advocacy, award writing and tribunal etiquette, fostering a learning culture that strengthens Kenya's arbitration bar.

As YMG Chair, he intends to listen to members, amplify young voices and forge partnerships that create concrete pathways. He leads with humility, serves with energy and aims to leave the Branch stronger, more inclusive and future-ready.



Samantha Masengeli, MCIArb

Position : Vice Chairperson, YMG Kenya

Founding & Administrative Partner,

Ngeresa, Masengeli, and Lungwe Advocates LLP

Samantha Mukoya Masengeli is a distinguished legal professional, arbitrator, and strategic leader, with extensive expertise in arbitration, alternative dispute resolution (ADR), Family law, Surrogacy, Adoptions, and Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ARTs). As a founding partner of NML Advocates LLP, she has successfully built a reputable legal practice that prioritizes client-focused solutions, ethical advocacy, and progressive legal strategies.

As an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and a Domestic Arbitrator and ADR practitioner, Samantha plays a pivotal role in shaping legal discourse in family law and reproductive rights, particularly in surrogacy, ARTs, and adoptions, where she provides specialized legal counsel, policy guidance, and regulatory compliance support. She is an active member of professional bodies, including the Law Society of Kenya, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London and Kenya), the African Arbitration Association, and the Women in Alternative Dispute Resolution Association.

A passionate advocate for technology-driven arbitration, Samantha has spoken at multiple panels, conferences, and seminars on the intersection of arbitration, AI, and virtual dispute resolution. She has shared insights at key forums, including the CIArb Nigeria Conference (2023) and the CIArb Kenya Conference (2024), among others, emphasizing the role of artificial intelligence in streamlining arbitration, enhancing

ing efficiency, and reducing the carbon footprint of dispute resolution. She is committed to leveraging AI and virtual arbitration to create a more sustainable, cost-effective, and accessible dispute resolution landscape.

Beyond her legal and arbitration expertise, Samantha is deeply committed to mentorship and professional development. She actively mentors young lawyers and ADR practitioners, guiding them in career growth, ethical practice, and strategic thinking in dispute resolution. Her mentorship extends beyond legal training, fostering a culture of collaboration, continuous learning, and leadership in the legal profession.

Through her work in arbitration, family law, and reproductive rights, as well as her advocacy for AI-driven dispute resolution and mentorship, Samantha continues to shape the future of legal practice, inspire the next generation of legal professionals, and drive impactful change in the industry.



Akoth Aluoch, MCIArb

Position : Organizing Secretary, YMG Kenya

Senior Associate, RONN LAW Advocates LLP

Team Lead, Akoth Aluoch Media

Ms. Akoth Aluoch is a dedicated legal practitioner and Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, currently serving as a Senior Associate in the Dispute Resolution Department at RONN Law Advocates LLP. She is an Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and engages extensively in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) across various capacities.

Her ADR practice spans domestic and international matters, where she serves as Party Representative, Arbitrator, and Mediator and Tribunal Secretary. She is also a Tutor and Trainer, passionate about capacity building and promoting the use of ADR in diverse sectors. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from The University of Nairobi and a Post Graduate Diploma from the Kenya School of Law.

With a solid foundation in civil and commercial litigation, Akoth has successfully handled complex disputes across a wide range of sectors, including construction, finance, insurance, real estate, employment, tax and intellectual property. Beyond dispute resolution, she is deeply invested in dispute avoidance and risk mitigation, advising clients on foresight strategies, pre-dispute mechanisms, and the drafting of effective dispute resolution clauses and strategies to prevent dispute escalation.

She serves in various capacities including being the Organising Secretary of the CIArb-Kenya Young Members Group (YMG), current ICC Young Arbitration and ADR Forum (ICC-YAAF) Regional Representative for Africa (Kenya) and also a Member of the Internal Dispute Resolution Committee, Nairobi Branch – Law Society of Kenya. Nairobi. Her professional memberships include the Law Society of Kenya (LSK), the Nairobi Branch of the LSK, Women in Alternative Dispute Resolution (WADR), Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration (Young ICCA), and the Young Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (Young AFSA).

She is a Tutor with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Kenya Branch, contributing to the Arbitration Pathway Programme and other capacity-building initiatives. Her training work spans both local and regional platforms, including collaborations with organisations such as Resolve 360 in Uganda. Akoth was previously part of the Legal Awareness and Training Committee at MG Law Advocates (formerly Associate Advocate), where she played a key role in client education and compliance sensitisation.

In recognition of her contributions to the advancement of ADR, Akoth was named the 2023 Young ADR Practitioner of the Year by CIArb Kenya and a 2024 Next Generation Awardee. She has served on the CIArb Kenya Conference Planning Committee for two consecutive years and regularly participates as a Speaker and Panel Moderator at high-profile ADR events such as Nairobi Arbitration Week, the CIArb International Conference, and the Young African Arbitration Association (Young AfAA) Conference 2024.

A strong advocate for youth mentorship and inclusion, Akoth works closely with university-based ADR groups such as the Young Arbiters Society, encouraging the next generation of practitioners to pursue dispute resolution with confidence and purpose. She is passionate about public legal education and has undertaken digital marketing training to strengthen the accessibility and dissemination of ADR knowledge across platforms.



Mark O. Oroko, MCI Arb

Position : Member, YMG Kenya

Project Management | Youth Mentorship

A dynamic professional with 5+ years of cross-disciplinary expertise in project management, youth mentorship, and policy advocacy, combining qualifications in Civil Engineering (B. Eng.), Law (LLB, PGDip-Law), and Arbitration (MCI Arb). A proven track record in leading youth-focused initiatives, including training 50+ stakeholders on clean energy solutions across Africa and mentoring emerging professionals.

Mark Aroko is a dynamic professional with over five years of cross-disciplinary experience in project management, youth mentorship, and policy advocacy. With academic and professional qualifications in Civil Engineering (B.Eng.), Law (LL.B, PGDip-Law), and Arbitration (MCI Arb), Mark brings a unique blend of technical insight, legal expertise, and strategic leadership to his work.

He has a proven track record of leading youth-driven initiatives, including the successful training of over 50 stakeholders across Africa on clean energy solutions, and mentoring numerous emerging professionals across sectors. Mark is particularly skilled at bridging technical, legal,

and community perspectives to develop and implement inclusive and impactful development programs.

Passionate about amplifying youth voices and driving equitable opportunities for young people in Kenya and beyond, Mark leverages his multi-sectoral experience to promote sustainable, community-centered solutions. His work reflects a strong commitment to innovation, empowerment, and social impact.



Daniel M. Nzeki, MCI Arb, CPM

Position : Member, YMG Kenya

Associate, Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department

Majanja Luseno & Co. Advocates

Daniel is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, a CI Arb member-arbitrator, certified mediator, and award-winning young dispute resolver. He holds an LLM in international law and dispute resolution and is a PhD candidate at Oxford University. Daniel has published widely and is affiliated with Young AfAA and Young ICCA. He has attended legal training programs across Africa and Europe. He currently works as an Associate at Majanja Luseno & Company Advocates, specializing in litigation, ADR,

Daniel is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, a member-arbitrator of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and a certified professional mediator. He is also a member of Young AfAA and Young ICCA. He is also a young author, having published several articles with reputable journals. He was awarded the Next Generation of Young Dispute Resolvers Award by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Kenya Branch in 2024.

He holds a Master of Laws Degree in international law and dispute resolution from the University of Nairobi, a Postgraduate Diploma in law from the Kenya School of Law and a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Nairobi. He is a PhD candidate at Oxford University.

Daniel has also had an opportunity to attend Summer School at the University of Dresden, Germany, training on comparative legal ethics from the African Centre on Law and Ethics, at the Gimpa Faculty of Law, Ghana, and the Education for Justice program organized by the University of Nairobi in conjunction with the Nelson Mandela University, South Africa.

He is currently an Associate in the Dispute Resolution Department at Majanja Luseno & Company Advocates. His areas of specialty include litigation, alternative dispute resolution, Legal advisory, legislative drafting, startup regulatory eco-systems, and employment and labour law.



Eric Ng'ang'a Wanjiru, ACI Arb

Position : Member, YMG Kenya

Eric Ng'ang'a Wanjiru is a highly skilled and dedicated legal professional with a strong foundation in law, arbitration, and legal research. His experience as a Member Arbitrator at CI Arb since January 2023 has provided me with practical insights into the arbitration process and this direct involvement aligns perfectly with the YMG's objective of promoting the participation of young practitioners in arbitration. His commitment to professional development is evident through his LL.M studies specializing in International Business and Investment Law, coupled with his Bachelor of Laws degree

(First Class Honours) and Diploma in Law from Mount Kenya University. Furthermore, his professional affiliations, including his role as a Lawyer at Dr. Mutubwa Law Advocates where he actively participates in arbitration, adjudication, and mediation matters, demonstrate his active engagement in the field of ADR. His experience extends to academia as an Adjunct Lecturer at Mount Kenya University. He is particularly drawn to the YMG's mission of fostering the professional development of young and emerging practitioners.



Jotham Webbo, MCI Arb

Position : Member, YMG Kenya

Jotham Webbo, MCI Arb, is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and a Masters of law (LLM) degree candidate at Nairobi University. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK, and a Certified Professional mediator, certified by both the Mediation Training Institute East Africa (MTI – EA) and the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA).

Jotham is passionate about dispute resolution and has over 5 years of experience in arbitration and mediation. He has participated in numerous arbitrations, both domestic and international. As a mediator, he has been engaged by the judiciary of Kenya on numerous occasions as a court-annexed mediator to assist in the mediation of cases.