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Vinson & Elkins has an established reputation in Africa and in international dispute resolution in the energy sector as a whole.

- **“Energy disputes are another area of strength”**  
 – *Chambers UK 2010*
- **“The firm continues to reinforce its position in arbitration and is amongst the strongest players in the market for energy disputes”**  
 – *Chambers Global 2008*
- **“A considerable presence in Nigeria’s energy market”**  
 – *Chambers Global 2008*
- **“Provides a first-class service”**  
 – *Legal 500 2010*
- **“Awesome opponents”**  
 – *Law360 2010*
- **“World’s Leading Energy Law Firm”**  
 – *Euromoney 2005-2011*
- **“Alex Msimang is a first-class lawyer with a total understanding of Nigerian energy law”**  
 – *Chambers Global 2009*
- **“Prowess in domestic and international dispute resolution”**  
 – *Energy, Legal 500 2008*

## African International Dispute Resolution Overview

Given Vinson & Elkins’ deep experience advising investors throughout Africa, it is no surprise that our International Dispute Resolution team also has a strong pedigree in this area.

V&E lawyers have assisted both foreign investors and domestic entities in resolving disputes arising out of the African energy sector and in ensuring that effective dispute resolution tools are available to the parties during the initial stages of a deal.

The V&E team has strong experience both conducting such dispute resolution directly (by way of international arbitration, U.S. or English court proceedings) and also in coordinating teams of domestic advisors to conduct litigation, often in a cross-border basis. Accordingly, we have built a network of extensive contacts throughout the continent to ensure the right resources are available to our clients whatever the necessary forum is when a dispute arises.

In addition to our experience as advocates and trial lawyers, the V&E team combines local knowledge with broad energy sector experience, offering clients a package designed for effective resolution of any dispute — taking into account political, regional, or other sensitivities, not merely fighting a case. We focus on our client’s end goal, not simply the next step.

### Representative Experience:

- Coordinating multi-jurisdictional litigation for one of the world’s largest oil and gas companies in relation to a claim for the profit sharing interests in a hydrocarbons block in Nigeria by an agent
- Acting for the claimant E&P company in an LCIA arbitration against its local Nigerian partner; as part of this claim, an order for security of the sums in dispute (in excess of US\$100 million) was obtained on behalf of our client ►

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- Acting for a geological services company in an ICC arbitration concerning work done in establishing significant oil reserves offshore Namibia
- Acting in a UNCITRAL arbitration on behalf of a Nigerian company whose interests in a hydrocarbons block was being challenged by one of its co-venturers
- Advising a state entity on the restructuring of its investments to obtain international treaty protection of its hydrocarbon interests by the Africa state into which it had invested
- Defending U.S. oil companies in garnishment proceedings filed by a judgment creditor of a central African foreign state seeking garnishment of royalty and tax obligations owed to the foreign state under a concession agreement for the exploration and production of oil in the foreign state
- Representing energy companies in ICDR arbitration proceedings in claims asserted by a drilling contractor against an international exploration and production company and allegations of breach of contract and defenses of force majeure and contract frustration resulting from the alleged expropriation of interests in certain Nigerian oil producing properties by the Nigerian Oil Minister
- Representing a major oil company in an arbitration against the Libyan government involving a dispute over the operation of Libyan oil and gas concessions
- Advising a BVI claimant in LCIA arbitration proceedings concerning the breach of a settlement agreement related to an oil and gas production block offshore Nigeria
- Advising a European telecoms company on a range of disputes arising out of its establishment of mobile telecoms infrastructure across west Africa, secured against oil assets

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