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Introduction to AAIL-AADI

The African Association of International Law (AAIL), one of the first academic societies on the continent of Africa in the field of international law, was established in 1986 by the leading international lawyers on the continent. Its objectives, as stated in its Statute, are:

- a) To foster the development and dissemination of African perspectives and practices of international law, in particular through the publication of an African Yearbook of International Law [...];
- b) To assist in the development of international law, recognizing the special needs of Africa; and
- c) To promote the teaching of international law in Africa, and to encourage and coordinate research on international law mainly through the establishment of research and study groups on specific themes of relevance to Africa.

While the first volume of the African Yearbook of International Law was published in 1993 and has continued to be published under the auspices of the African Foundation of International Law (AFIL) established in 2003, the AAIL had been dormant for a period of time. On October 6 2012, at the Maputo Conference of the AFIL, the General Conference of the AAIL reactivated the Association, adopted a number of modifications to its Statute and elected a new Executive Committee to coordinate the activities of the AAIL.

The Executive Committee has commenced its activities, and welcomes applications for membership of the AAIL. Individuals and African law or international law societies are eligible for membership upon payment of applicable membership dues as will be determined by the Executive Committee of the Association.

Bienvenue



Mesdames,
Messieurs,
Chers Collègues,

Je voudrais avant tout remercier Son Excellence Monsieur Ali BONGO ONDIMBA pour sa généreuse sollicitude à l'endroit de l'Association Africaine de Droit International qui ouvre, ce jour, sa Conférence de l'année 2015 à Libreville. Mes remerciements vont également au Gouvernement de la République gabonaise et à tous les collaborateurs du Président de la République. Je remercie le Peuple du Gabon pour son chaleureux accueil. Je tiens enfin à saluer tous ceux qui ont fait le déplacement à Libreville, ainsi que tous les communicateurs. Notre Conférence

se tient au titre d'une session du Grand Forum annuel intitulé « The New York Forum Africa ». Ce cadre n'est pas fortuit et le lieu choisi pour la réunion ne l'est pas non plus. Pour le lieu, il s'agit, sans nul doute, de l'un des Pays qui s'annoncent comme émergents.

Et pour le cadre, consacré au développement de l'Afrique, il suffit de citer l'éditorialiste de la revue « Géo », Monsieur Eric MEYER, qui affirmait dans le numéro 403 de Septembre 2012: « l'histoire de l'Afrique d'Aujourd'hui est celle de lions qui se réveillent ... d'un continent en plein changement ». Dans ce changement, les juristes africains ont une importante partition à jouer. Le droit, en effet, constitue un des leviers majeurs de l'intégration du continent au service de la démocratie, de la justice et de la paix, comme il est appelé à jouer, à l'instar des réalisations de l'OHADA, un rôle déterminant pour la sécurisation des investissements et la circulation des biens et des personnes, à l'aune d'une bonne gouvernance partagée et assumée.

Voilà pourquoi notre Association a décidé de faire porter sa réflexion sur « le Droit économique international et le Développement en Afrique: défis et opportunités ». Nos réflexions, recherches et conseils épauleront à coup sûr en Afrique tant les politiques publiques de développement que les initiatives privées, de même que les partenariats publics-privés, ce au sein des partenariats stratégiques que l'Afrique ne cesse de nouer avec l'ensemble de la communauté internationale.

Je souhaite plein succès à la session de 2015 de la Conférence de notre association et plein succès au « New York Forum Africa ».

Robert S. M. Dossou
Président de l'Association Africaine de Droit International.

Welcome

Distinguished Participants,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you, on behalf the Executive Committee of the Association, to the 2015 General Conference of the African Association of International Law (AAIL). The Association is most grateful to the Gabonese government for generously hosting us and making this conference possible. We are also grateful to our partners in the New York Forum Africa who have helped organize this conference in parallel with their 2015 Forum here in Libreville.

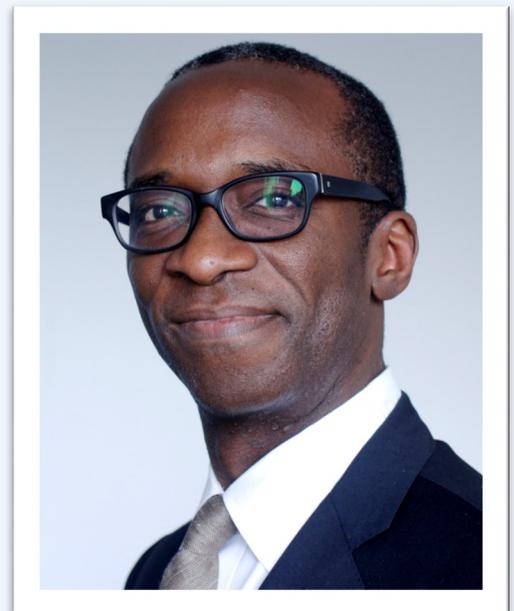
Our 2015 conference, with its theme - International Law and Economic Development in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities – is quite timely. In 2014 Africa maintained a phenomenal average GDP growth of 5 percent, with a number of countries gaining middle income status. Two economic leaders in Africa, Nigeria and South Africa, hosted the World Economic Forum, and recent years have seen increased interest in traditional and non-traditional investment partnerships in Africa.

Yet inclusive growth and unequal wealth distributions remain a continental challenge, while terrorism, political fragility and conflict threaten to crumble even the most stable economies in the region. As the world begins to craft the post-2015 development agenda, Africans are providing innovative contributions to the discourse.

This conference offers a great opportunity for legal scholars and practitioners to examine the role of international law in addressing the economic challenges facing the continent. Beyond this conference, the Executive Committee is devoted to ensuring that the AAIL will continue to serve as a leading forum and intellectual resource for discussing the legal aspects arising in setting the agenda for the renaissance of the continent.

I wish us all a successful conference.

Olufemi Elias
Secretary General





Laying the Basis for the 2015 AAIL Conference:

The Importance of new legal frameworks to promote investment in Africa

Investment and International trade are integral to the development of any country, region or continent. Owing to the heavy capital intensity of development projects, qualitative infrastructural development and export-capacity building has been at the mercy of investment policies. Since the mid-1980s, governments around the world have pursued policies to encourage private sector participation in the financing and delivery of infrastructure services.

In recent years, however, that has been increased criticism of the quality, nature and obligations arising from investments in Africa. Such criticisms have ranged from capital flight, outright exploitation, fragility of African economies due to investor-trust issues, investment caveats such as requirements to use foreign workers and firms, and concerns about the quality of work done with such caveated investments, amongst others. It has been argued that the recent verve of investments have not helped build the African industrial capacity but rather undermined African industry while profiting from the African population boom.

Law, as the system of ordering society, has to rise to the occasion of addressing the attendant problems of investment promotion within the African continent while promoting increased investment drives that can cater to services and infrastructural deficit within the continent. There is a dire need to formulate new legal frameworks that utilise the instrumentality of international law, particularly investment law and international economic law, to increase Africa's phenomenal average growth rate of 5%, deliver development objectives for African countries, while accentuating the current attractions of investing within the African industry space.

These new legal frameworks must take due cognisance of the peculiarity and comparative advantages of the African continent, unlike past frameworks which have simply burdened African states with frameworks adopted from radically different continental regimes. This, unlike any other task, is a call to revisit the traditional norms of international economic law and couch out a system that works for the African state.

Adetola Onayemi

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SCHEDULE

Day 1: Saturday, 29 August 2015

- 7:30 – 8:45 REGISTRATION OF ATTENDEES
- 9:00 – 10:00 OPENING SESSION
WELCOMING REMARKS
Olufemi Elias, Secretary-General, AAIL-AADI
- Inaugural Georges Abi-Saab Lecture
Edward Kwakwa
The Legal Counsel, World Intellectual Property Organization; Patron, AAIL-AADI; Vice-President, African Foundation for International Law
- 10:00 – 11:30 PANEL 1: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW & DEVELOPMENT
Moderator: Dr. Jumoke Oduwole
- Thierry Ngosso**, *Défis intergénérationnels pour l'Afrique Sub-saharienne: Est-il possible de concilier l'urgence du développement et l'urgence de la protection de la planète?*
- Rostand Banzeau**, *L'impact des organisations régionaux d'intégration dans le développement économique de L'Afrique: Regard croisés sur l'expérience de la CEMAC et de la CEDEAO.*
- Sikhulile Ngcobo**, *Regulating an Alternative Source of Energy: The Case of South Africa.*
- Tafadzwa Pasipanodya**, *The Law of the Sea's Role in Steering Africa's Blue Economy.*
- 11:30 – 11:45 BREAK
- 11:45 – 13:00 PANEL 2: FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN AFRICA
Moderator: Professor Peter Fogam
- Kehinde Folake Olaoye**, *Bilateral Investment Treaties and Sustainable Development in Africa: Reform of the BIT Regime.*
- Mohamed Oudebji**, *Les ABI signés par le Maroc avec d'autres pays Africains et leurs incidences sur le développement économique.*
- Oliver Ruppel**, *Foreign Direct Investment Protection in Africa—Contemporary Legal Aspects between BITs and BRICS.*
- Dandi Gnamou**, *Les apports du droit international a la sécurisation des contrats d'Etat.*
- Dominic Dagbanja**, *The Implications Of Investment Treaties For Environmental Protection In Ghana: Reconciling Standards Of Investment Protection With Environmental Protection Duty.*

SCHEDULE

Day 1: Saturday, 29 August 2015 (Continued)

- 13:00 – 14:15 NETWORKING LUNCHEON
- 14:15 – 15:30 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
THE JUDICIARY, HUMAN RIGHTS, CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS &
DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA
Moderator: Professor Mathias Sakinkuye
- H.E. Judge Jean-Eric Rakotoarisoa**
Yaovi M. Fiawonou
Malgosia Fitzmaurice
Agnes Ebo’o
- 15:30 – 15:45 BREAK
- 15:45 – 16:45 DISCUSSION
SOVEREIGN DEBT ISSUES IN AFRICA
Moderator: Adejoké Babington-Ashaye
- Guest Speakers:
- Stephen Karangizi**
Dotse Tsikata
- 16:45 – 18:00 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
AFRICA & THE JUDICIAL AND ARBITRAL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES
Moderator: Uche Ewelukwa
- Brooks Daly**
André Nollkaemper
Armel Lally
Guled Yusuf
- 18:00 – 19:00 BREAK
- 19:00 – 21:00 NYFA NETWORKING RECEPTION

SCHEDULE

Day 2: Sunday, 30 August 2015

8:30 – 9:30

AADI ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE
AAIL GENERAL MEETING

9:30 – 11:00

PANEL 3: HUMAN RIGHTS, JUSTICE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Moderator: Dandi Gnamou

Didier Prince-Agbodjan, *Le droit international économique et les droits humains indivisibles: quel humanisme juridique dans les Accords de Partenariat Economique UE-Afrique?*

Akinola Akintayo, *Political action and constitutional frameworks for socio-economic rights protection.*

Gérard Aïvo, *L'impact des conflits armés et du terrorisme sur le développement socio-économique de l'Afrique.*

Romy Klimke, *How to unleash the economic potential of women in Africa—Challenges & Opportunities in the context of the Post-2015 Agenda.*

11:00 – 11:15

COFFEE BREAK

11:20 – 12:05

NYFA SESSIONS
CREATING A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR A NEW AFRICA
Powered by the AAIL

A clear, effective and transparent legal framework is essential for the ongoing development of Africa's finance sector, as well as the empowerment of its financial regulators.

Jean-Luc Konan
Vincent Nmehielle
Stephen Karangizi
Pierre-Oliver Sur

12:05 – 13:00

NYFA SESSIONS: IN CONVERSATION

NYFA - INVESTMENT BEYOND THE BOOM

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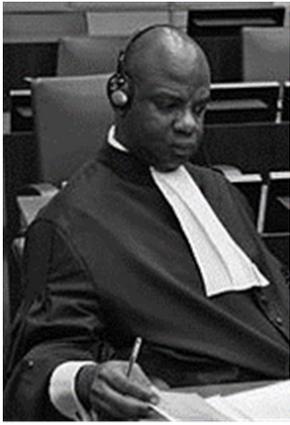
Day 2: Sunday, 30 August 2015 (Continued)

- 13:00 – 14:15 LUNCH
- 14:15 – 15:45
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS & DEVELOPMENT
Moderator: Charles Adeogun-Phillips
- Vincent Nmehielle**
Judge Koffi Afande
Narcisse Mouelle Kombi
Amady Ba
- 15:45 – 16:00 BREAK
- 16:00 – 17:15
PANEL 4: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW & TRADE
Moderator: Djacoba Tehindrazanarivelo
- Adetola Onayemi**, *Developing Countries & The Implementation of IP Cross Retaliation Award.*
Joyce Williams, *The WTO's Agreement on Trade Facilitation in the African Region.*
J. Michael King, *The Role of the East African Rift Countries in the Development and Reform of International Investment Agreements and Investor-State Dispute Settlement.*
Sakina Badamasuiy and **Obinna Edeh**, *The Legality of Soft Power and Its Effect on Manpower in Africa: Case Study of Mozambique and Nigeria.*
- 17:15 – 18:00
CLOSING PLENARY
Professor Mpazi Sinjela, Executive Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Zambia
- 18:00 – 19:00 NYFA – CLOSING SESSIONS

Participant



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Charles Adeogun-Phillips is an accomplished international litigation lawyer and former international prosecutor. For over 25 years, he has litigated cases before courts in Nigeria, the United Kingdom and at various international courts and tribunals. His areas of practice are international criminal and humanitarian law, international human rights law, and international dispute resolution. He founded Charles Anthony LLP, following a distinguished legal career as a pioneer lead international prosecutor before the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia. He is currently admitted to represent the interests of victims, claimants and/or defendants charged with genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and other serious violations of international humanitarian law, before several international and regional courts, including the International Criminal Court, the Special Tribunal for Lebanon and the African Court on Human and People's Rights.



Judge Koffi Afande est juge à la Chambre d'appel des Tribunaux pénaux internationaux pour l'ex-Yougoslavie et pour le Rwanda, depuis novembre 2013. Il est titulaire d'un Doctorat en Droit Pénal et d'un Master 2 en Droit International, tous les deux en France. Il a exercé les fonctions de Ministre Conseiller, Conseiller juridique hors classe, et Coordonnateur Politique Adjoint à la Mission Permanente du Togo auprès des Nations Unies au sein du Conseil de sécurité et des 3^e et 6^e commissions de l'Assemblée générale de l'ONU à New York/États Unis. Avant de rejoindre le TPIR en qualité de juriste en Tanzanie, puis aux Pays-Bas il a été Chercheur puis Chef du Département de droit africain à l'Institut Max-Planck de droit pénal international et étranger en Allemagne. Ses principales recherches et publications traitent de nombreuses questions, par exemple l'état de droit pour le développement durable. Sa thèse de doctorat lui a valu le «Prix Denis Carroll» de la «Société Internationale de Criminologie» et la mention d'Honneur de la «Médaille Fernand Boulan» de l'«Association des Criminologues de Langue Française».

Biographies

Gérard Aïvo est Docteur en droit de l'université Jean-Moulin Lyon 3 (France) et de l'Université de Genève (Suisse). Actuellement Enseignant-Chercheur à l'Université d'Abomey-Calavi (Bénin), il est chercheur associé au Centre de droit international de l'Université Lyon 3 et auteur de nombreuses publications en droit international public.



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Justice Amady Ba, Senegalese “Hors Hierarchie Judge”, has worked at the International Criminal Court (ICC) since March 2008, on secondment from the Judiciary High Council for Judges. As Head of the International Cooperation at the Office of the Prosecutor, he is responsible for developing the ICC network and judicial cooperation with States, the UN, international and regional organizations, judiciaries institutions, civil society and the academic community. Justice Ba graduated from the Law University of Dakar in 1983 and qualified as a Judge in 1985. He completed his training at the French National School for Judges. Serving as education chair at the Judicial Training Centre of Dakar (National Judge School of Senegal), he became Director in 1997. He provided extensive judicial training at both national and international levels, and promoted technical and financial partnerships between African and Western countries. In 2002, Justice Ba was appointed to the International Development and Law Organization (IDLO) in Rome. While implementing projects to reinforce justice, the *Rule of Law* and good governance in developing countries, he became the Head of the French department and promoted the actions of the IDLO.



Participant



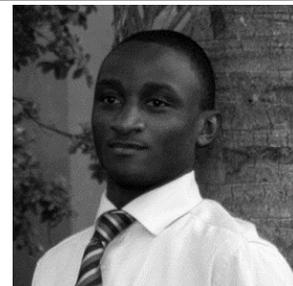
Adejoké Babington-Ashaye is Counsel at the World Bank Administrative Tribunal. Prior to joining the World Bank she was an Associate Legal Officer at the International Court of Justice and an Associate Investigator in the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. Her international legal background includes human rights policy research at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, campaigning for the Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa and investigating human rights violations in Nigeria's Niger Delta region. Adejoké holds a LLM in Public International Law from the London School of Economics and is a qualified Attorney in the State of New York. She is a member of the 2016 Program Committee of the American Society of International Law, and holds leadership positions within the Section of International Law of the American Bar Association. With a speciality in international criminal law and investigations, Adejoké provides training through the Wayamo Foundation to national prosecutors and investigators on international criminal law. Her publications include “The International Criminal Court and its Potential Impact on Development in Africa” in *Africa and International Law: Reflections on the International Organization* (Kamga and Mbengue eds. Pedone Publishing 2013).



Sakina Badamasuiy is a consultant with a combined interest in International Development and a strong passion for social enterprise. She has an MSc in International Political Economy from the LSE and attended The Hague Academy of International Law in 2014. While completing her BSc in Government and Economics also at the LSE, Sakina spent her time working at the World Bank, The Economist, and Goldman Sachs. She has also written for numerous publications such as the Global Policy Journal, The Analyst magazine and is a regular panelist on The Guardian’s development professional’s debates. She currently works at McKinsey & Company.

Biographies

Rostand Banzeu is an independent researcher on international law and human rights. He is a holder of a Master's Degree in International Relations with a specialization on international disputes from the International Relations Institute of Cameroon. Former Fellow of the United Nations Regional Course in international law, he attended the residential School on Governance for Development organized by the prestigious Mo Ibrahim Foundation and participated in the training workshop on the rules of procedure of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights organized by the Coalition for an effective African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights. He is author and co-author of several publications including one of the pioneer work on the African Court of Justice and Human Rights in Africa entitled *La Cour Africaine de Justice et des Droits de l'Homme* and is associated with the latest publication of the Department of International law of the International Relations Institute of Cameroon under the working title: *Le Cameroun et le Prétoire International*.



Dominic Dagbanja is a Lecturer in Law at Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration in Accra, Ghana. He previously worked at Bentsil-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah, Ministry of Justice and Public Procurement Authority in Ghana. Dominic recently submitted his PhD in Law thesis titled, *The Investment Treaty Regime and Public Interest Regulation in Ghana: Perspectives in Constitutionalism and General International Law* at The University of Auckland in New Zealand. His research, teaching and practice interests are in International Investment Law, International Investment Arbitration, International Trade Law and Public Procurement Law. Dominic's publications include *The Law of Public Procurement in Ghana: Law, Policy and Practice* (Lap Lambert Academic Publishing, 2011) and articles in African Yearbook of International Law, African Journal of International and Comparative Law, African Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of African Law and Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law. His papers are pending publication in Manchester Journal of International Economic Law, Transnational Legal Theory and Yearbook on International Investment Law and Policy. Dominic holds the degrees of BA, University of Ghana; LLB, University of Ghana; LLM, University of the Pacific, USA; and LLM, The George Washington University, USA.



Participant



Brooks Daly is the Deputy Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), an intergovernmental organization with 117 member states founded in 1899 and devoted to the peaceful settlement of international disputes. The PCA's dispute resolution procedure include arbitration, conciliation, and fact-finding. Mr. Daly heads a team of lawyers and administrative staff at the Peace Palace in The Hague, who assist parties and arbitral tribunals in proceedings conducted under the auspices of the PCA. Prior to joining the PCA, Mr. Daly served as Counsel at the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris and practiced with law firms in London and Los Angeles.



Agnes Ebo'o is the founder of the Citizens Governance Initiatives in Cameroon, a nonprofit association that promotes accountability and citizens' participation in governance by using international law, constitutionalism and constitutional rights as the foundation of its work. A lawyer by training, Ebo'o is involved in several regional initiatives that promote open government and the rule of law in Africa. These include the Gulf of Guinea Citizens Network, a network of advocates who promote accountability and transparency in the management of the natural resources in the Gulf of Guinea region; the African Freedom of Information Centre and the Coalition for Citizenship; and Nationality in Africa. She holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Poitiers, France and an LLM from the University of Wales Cardiff, UK. Ms. Ebo'o is currently undertaking research on the legal aspects of maritime security off African coasts, with a focus on the Gulf of Guinea region. She is affiliated with the International Maritime Law Institute in Malta.



Obinna James Edeh obtained a Master of Laws degree in International Criminal Law and Security from the University of Northampton, England. He also has a certificate in Public International Law from The Hague Academy of International Law, The Hague, the Netherlands. In addition to being admitted to practice law in Nigeria, he is also a graduate of the University of Nigeria. In 2014 and 2015, he authored and co-authored some articles published in the Michigan Journal of International Law and the University of Nigeria Law Journal respectively. Obinna has worked for the University of Northampton Enterprises, the Council on African Security and Development, and currently he is working for the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) located in The Hague, the Netherlands.

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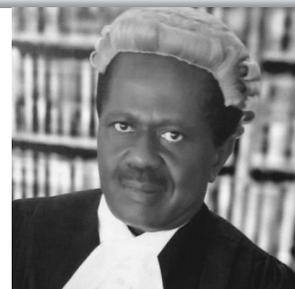
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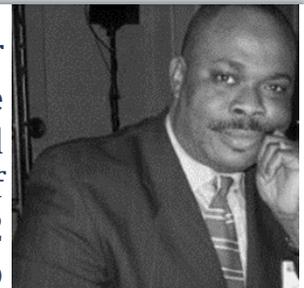
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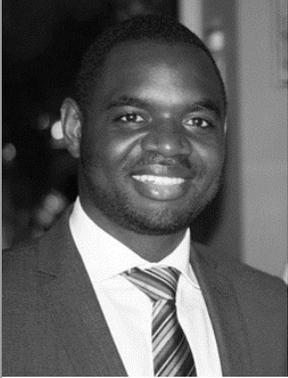


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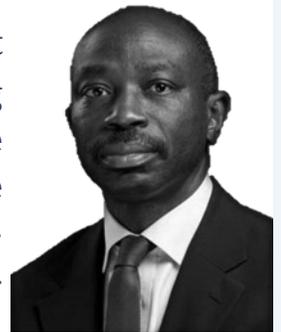
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