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The independence of the legal profession, including the judiciary, in southern Africa and beyond

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A webinar presented by the IBA Bar Issues Commission

This webinar will delve into why it is important for the rule of law and society to maintain the legal profession's independence, including the judiciary, and its professional legal privilege. It will also look at the threats to the legal profession's independence generally, and more specifically, the judiciary's independence.

Also, a discussion on the unique challenges faced by SADC lawyers regarding the independence of the legal profession, as well as possible solutions for safeguarding such independence, will ensue.

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Welcome and opening remarks:

- **Kimitoshi Yabuki** *Yabuki Law Offices, Tokyo; Chair, IBA Bar Issues Commission*

Moderator:

- **Seehaam Samaai** *Director, Women's Legal Centre, Cape Town*

Speakers:

- **Babatunde Ajibade** *SPA Ajibade & Co, Lagos; Chair, IBA African Regional Forum*
- **Max Boqwana** *President, SADC Lawyers Association, Johannesburg*
- **Donald Deya** *CEO, Pan African Lawyers Union, Arusha*
- **Honourable Madam Justice Nobulawo Martha Mbhele** *Deputy Judge President Free State High Court, Bloemfontein*

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Kind regards,

Kimitoshi Yabuki

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