# The Role of African Regional Courts in Commercial Disputes

Over the years, Africa has progressively sought to enhance access to justice through each state’s national courts, regional courts, and the African Union (AU). In furtherance of shared objectives, African states have united and formed regional blocs based on their geographical and strategic locations. Each of these regional blocs, through their respective founding treaties, established a judicial arm mandated with adjudication of disputes between member states or any dispute referred to the court by a resident of a member state.