

CASELAP was recently represented at the DAS (Dispute Appointment Service) Convention held in London, England by Dr. Kariuki Muigua. The Convention, between 14-15 November 2013, brought together members of the Judiciary, together with a distinguished group of ADR experts to engage in high level discussions of selected topics in the areas of international arbitration, mediation and construction adjudication.

Dr. Muigua, a chartered arbitrator, is currently undertaking research to determine the role that Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) can play in the management of environmental conflicts. His participation in the convention explained the envisaged link between ADR and Access to Justice. Article 159 of the Constitution of Kenya recognizes ADR and Traditional Justice Systems as mechanisms that can be used to ease Access to Justice.

This engagement is critical at this juncture because since 2010, ADR in Kenya thus has a Constitutional basis. ADR mechanisms will remain relevant and attractive if they continue to respond to the imperatives of justice and fairness.

CASELAP stands to benefit from linkages with organizations such as the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb). Students studying the MEL 608 (Environmental Justice and Dispute Resolution) course will stand to benefit from material that came out of this conference.

Below - a photo of the conference room where the Convention was held.