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OUTER SPACE LAW RELATING TO SATELLITES AND DEBRIS

Join the **Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) NPC** for this webinar, presented by **Prof Christopher Newman**, Northumbria Law School, **Northumbria University (Newcastle)**, and hear from one of the UK's leading authorities as he examines the future of outer space law, regulations and policies, as part of the Association's ongoing mission to provide regular upskilling opportunities for everyone interested in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

ABOUT THIS WEBINAR:

Law has long been anchored to territory, but the decades ahead will be far harder to contain. States around the world already license satellites and assert jurisdiction over hardware hundreds of kilometres above their own soil. Space will only get busier as humans return to the Moon and commercial stations begin carrying occupants. Borrowing **Carl Sagan's pale blue dot**, Prof Christopher Newman asks how terrestrial legal systems govern conduct they can neither see nor police: orbital debris, satellites maneuvering uncomfortably close to one another, and the coming argument over lunar resources and constructing bases on the Moon. Explore how arbitration and ADR mechanisms can assist in addressing the complex legal and commercial disputes that are expected to arise from increasing activities in outer space, including satellite operations, space debris incidents, commercial ventures and future lunar resource projects.

ABOUT OUR PRESENTER:

Prof Christopher J Newman BA(Hons) PhD, **Space Law and Policy, Northumbria University (Newcastle):**



Prof Newman is an internationally recognised academic, researcher and commentator specialising in space law, space governance, international space law, satellite regulation, commercial space activities and emerging space policy. He has published extensively on the legal, ethia, and regulatory frameworks that underpin the sustainable use and governance of outer space.

Prof Newman lectures widely at universities, professional forums and specialist conferences across the United Kingdom and internationally. He is a member of the International Institute of Space Law and the British Interplanetary Society and has contributed to significant discussions on the future of space governance, outer space resources, satellite constellations, space sustainability, planetary protection and space debris regulation. In addition to his acedemic work, Prof Newman has acted as a consultant on space law matters and has collaborated with experts from the military, ethics, astrophysics and space technology sectors. He is a sought-after media commentator and has appeared on Sky News, BBC Radio 4 Today, BBC Radio 5 Live and the BBC World Service, providing expert analysis on developments in space law and pollicy. Prof Newman is widely recognised for his contribution to advancing understanding of the legal and policy challenges arising from humanity's expanding activitied in outer space.

DATE: **Thursday, 29 October 2026** **TIME:** **18:00 to 19:30 (SAST), 16:00 to 17:30 (GMT)**

LINK: The Zoom link will be emailed to you upon receipt of your completed **Registration Form**.

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