

*Forging Economic Ties***THE COMPETITIVE EDGE OF NATIONAL JURISDICTIONS: DRAWING ON RUSSIAN AND AFRICAN EXPERIENCE**

Every government strives to create a legal system which will improve their national jurisdiction's competitiveness, not only for domestic businesses, but international ones too. What international practices need to be adopted to rapidly develop national jurisdiction? What measures can be taken to improve the legal system and alternative dispute regulation system? What can be done to make the administration of justice better? What legislative solutions are necessary to create the most favourable conditions for the development of Russian–African economic relations?

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