

HMN SPEAK AT ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERWRITERS OF PARIS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

On 5 October 2021, HMN & Partners' managing partner Simon Ndiaye and partner Sarah Xerri-Hanote participated in a conference organised by the Association des souscripteurs internationaux de Paris (Association of International Underwriters of Paris) and the Association des professionnels de la réassurance en France (Association of reinsurance professionals in France). The theme of the conference was "Climate litigation: a new challenge for insurance liability".

Simon NDIAYE is co-founder of HMN & Partners. He assists companies at national and international level in complex litigation and arbitration proceedings. He is also recognized in aviation, industrial risks, and financial lines.

Sarah Xerri-Hanote has been a partner at the firm since 2011. Sarah's practice focuses on insurance and reinsurance law, and particularly on financial lines. She acts as monitoring counsel or defense counsel for insurance companies. Sarah is a co-author of a French law journal, in charge of the chapter related to Directors and Officers Liability Insurance and teaches financial lines insurance at university. She has also, since the beginning of her career, had an ongoing practice in construction insurance. Simon and Sarah introduced their lecture with an overview of climate change litigations to date in continental Europe and addressed the issue of increasing judicialization of climate change litigations. They talked about

the most recent cases involving private companies and exchanged views on the grounds raised by the plaintiffs in those cases.

Then, Sarah and Simon drew up the typology of risks and responsibilities incurred by policyholders and discussed about the risks incurred by insurers accordingly.

To conclude their remarks, Sarah and Simon spoke about the scenarios in which guarantee could be mobilized and gave their interpretation of the future of insurance policies with regards to climate change.