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A prolific and highly regarded scholar, Professor Olawuyi has published over 150 influential peer-reviewed articles, books, and reports on energy finance, sustainable development law and extractive resource governance. His most recent book publications include: *Environmental Law in Arab States* (Oxford University Press, 2022), *Local Content and Sustainable Development in Global Energy Markets* (Cambridge University Press, 2021), *Extractives Industry Law in Africa* (Springer 2018), *The Human Rights Based Approach to Carbon Finance* (Cambridge University Press, 2016) and *Climate Change Law and Policy in the Middle East and North Africa Region* (Routledge, 2021). Professor Olawuyi was formerly an international energy lawyer at Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP, Calgary, where he served on the firm's global committee on extractive resource investments in Africa. He has lectured on energy and environmental law in over 40 countries in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and the Middle East.

Professor Olawuyi serves on the executive committees and boards of several organizations. He is Vice Chair of the International Law Association globally. In recognition of his "substantial contribution to legal scholarship and jurisprudence," Professor Olawuyi was awarded the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (Queen's Counsel equivalent) in the year 2020, aged thirty-seven, therefore becoming the youngest academic ever elevated to the rank. In 2021, he was appointed by President Muhammadu Buhari as a member of the Governing Board of the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI).

Professor Olawuyi is a regular media commentator on all aspects of natural resources, energy and environmental law.