

Dubai | 15-17 April 2013 | ICC's first annual conference on
**INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION
IN THE MIDDLE EAST
AND NORTH AFRICA (MENA)**

Under the auspices of the ICC International Court of Arbitration

Dates: 15-17 April 2013

Venue: Park Hyatt Dubai
(by Dubai Creek Golf and Yacht Club)
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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12.5 CLE Credits
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10.5 CPD Hours*
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Objective

Taking place in **English and Arabic**, this first annual conference is a “must attend” for arbitration professionals who want to keep up to date on the latest arbitration developments in the MENA region. The conference will offer a line-up of top-class speakers, topical discussions and relevant news, but also an excellent opportunity to network.

Who should attend?

Practising lawyers, corporate counsel, arbitrators, mediators, business professionals and academics coming from or doing business in the MENA region.

The ICC International Court of Arbitration

The ICC International Court of Arbitration is widely recognized as the world's leading institution for resolving international commercial disputes.

The Court provides parties with a flexible and neutral setting for dispute resolution. It offers confidentiality and extraordinary freedom for parties to choose the framework for how and where they want to resolve their dispute. While the dispute itself is resolved by independent arbitrators, the Court supervises the process from beginning to end, increasing the quality of the process and enforceability of the awards.

There are no restrictions as to who can use ICC Arbitration or who can act as arbitrators. This is reflected in the increasing number of nationalities represented. Since its inception, the Court has administered more than 19,000 cases involving parties and arbitrators from some 180 countries. In 2012 almost 760 cases were filed with the ICC Court. Approximately 10% of the parties involved in those cases came from the Middle East and North Africa.

Today, the Court is at the leading edge of change. It continuously seeks to improve efficiency, control time and costs, and aid enforcement and confidentiality by introducing innovative new arbitration tools and procedures. Established in 1923 as ICC's arbitration body, the International Court of Arbitration celebrates this year its 90th anniversary.

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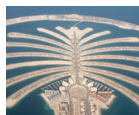


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PROGRAMME

Monday 15 April 2013

18.00 - 20.00 *Cocktail reception*

Tuesday 16 April 2013

08.00 - 09.00 *Registration*

Morning 09.00 - 13.00

Opening Key Note Speech

ICC arbitration in the MENA region: any influence of the Arab spring two years on?

The panel will relate ICC experience in cases involving MENA parties and assess current attitudes to international arbitration. The panel will also review state court decisions from the MENA region concerning ICC awards.

Discussion

UAE Court's case law on arbitration

Presentation of the ICC Book on UAE Court's case law on arbitration by the co-chairs of the Task force of ICC UAE.

The changing and challenging perceptions to having the MENA as a seat of arbitration

The speakers will consider the current status of different arbitral seats, focusing on the two leading regional sites, Cairo and Dubai. The session will also consider the trend of the offshore arbitration centers.

Discussion

13.00 - 14.30 *Lunch*

Afternoon 14.30 - 16.00

Arbitrating construction disputes in the MENA region

One of the leading sectors for ICC arbitration is the construction industry. This panel will consider whether there are any specificities related to construction arbitration in the MENA region. Furthermore, the panel will also examine whether other dispute resolution mechanisms, such as standing panels as provided for under the ICC Dispute Board Rules, can respond to the specific nature of large construction disputes.

Discussion

20.00 *Dinner*

Wednesday 17 April 2013

08.00-08.45 *Optional - Breakfast talk on ICC ADR and Expertise*

Morning 09.00 - 13.00

The interplay between different legal systems in international arbitration: clash or harmony?

The session will discuss the role of the legal systems – civil law, common law, sharia – at every stage of the arbitral proceedings in the MENA region. It will tackle the issue of the influence of the legal system at the preliminary stage of the procedure, during the proceedings before the Arbitral Tribunal and at the enforcement stage.

Discussion

State contracts and international arbitration in the MENA region

An increase in the number of cases involving state entities coming from the MENA region has been observed lately, and more specifically since the Arab Spring. This panel will focus on the notion of state contract, state immunity from execution and the attitude of the MENA courts towards arbitration involving state entities. It will also discuss the work of the ICC Task Force on Arbitration involving States and State Entities and the recent ICC publication.

Discussion

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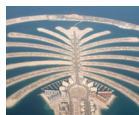
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Mock Court Session: Arbitrators' ethics from the ICC Court's standpoint

The ethical principles governing arbitrators' duties of disclosure, impartiality and independence are often put to test by the combination of cultural and legal traditions present in MENA cases. The ICC Court is often faced with these issues when deciding upon challenges filed against arbitrators. This panel will feature a mock Plenary Session of the ICC Court illustrating to the audience how these issues are analyzed and resolved.

Discussion

Conclusion



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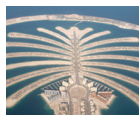
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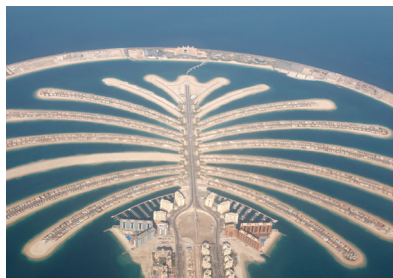
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