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## THE CONFERENCE

Co-hosted by three partners, this truly international event will bring together leading speakers from around the globe (including practitioners and business users of arbitration and ADR). Delegates will learn about and discuss how effective dispute resolution contributes to business confidence, growth and investment in the region.

## THE DELEGATES

The Conference will attract international attendees and will be of particular importance to businesses with existing or potential commercial interests in the region and their professional advisors; dispute resolution practitioners; academics and policy makers.

## THE PARTNERS

### **Chartered Institute of Arbitrators –** “Experts in dispute resolution world-wide”

Founded in 1915, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) is the professional home for nearly 11,000 dispute resolvers in more than 90 countries. With an active network of 30 international Branches, the Institute promotes and facilitates the determination of disputes by arbitration, mediation and other alternative means of dispute resolution (ADR).

Membership offers individuals an internationally recognised standard of excellence. Global qualifications and demanding professional codes give reassurance to users that the very best practitioners are helping to resolve their disputes.

The Institute offers arbitration and ADR training to professionals in different jurisdictions and for a variety of business and commercial sectors.

In addition to its educational activities, the Institute provides Dispute Resolution Services for public sector, consumer and commercial markets in the UK, mainland Europe and the Middle East, providing cost-effective and timely resolution of disputes.

Contact Richard Rodger (email: rrodger@arbitrators.org, tel: +44 (0)20 7421 7444, fax: +44 (0)20 7404 4023 or visit [www.arbitrators.org](http://www.arbitrators.org)).

### **Dubai International Arbitration Centre -** “Efficient, flexible and impartial dispute resolution”

Situated in one of the world’s leading business centres, the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) offers high calibre dispute resolution services and facilities to the region and abroad.

Since opening, DIAC has established itself as a world-class arbitration centre providing high quality at affordable rates. DIAC offers a variety of services; assisting parties by overseeing arbitral proceedings, possibly in their own ultra-modern establishment, appointing arbitrators and fixing the fees of arbitrators and conciliators.

DIAC has continuously updated its services to meet the needs of practitioners. Developments include the formation of new relationships, the launch of a website, the establishment of different categories of membership and publication of an international journal “DIAC Journal-Arbitration in the Middle East”.

As a driving force behind the promotion of arbitration in the Middle East, DIAC has been organising numerous roundtable discussions, conferences, seminars and workshops on different aspects of arbitration. In addition to this, DIAC is playing an active role in developing UAE law in relation to arbitration and further bridging the gap between arbitration and the judicial system.

Contact Dr Hussam Al-Talhuni (email: [h.talhuni@dcci.gov.ae](mailto:h.talhuni@dcci.gov.ae), tel: +971 4 228 0000, fax: +971 4 227 3247 or visit [www.diac.ae](http://www.diac.ae)).

### **ICC International Court of Arbitration -** “The World’s leading institution for resolving cross-border business disputes”

The function of the ICC International Court of Arbitration is to ensure the application of their Rules of Arbitration. To this end, it oversees and administers arbitral proceedings and scrutinises the awards before they are issued.

Since its creation in 1923, the Court has grown considerably. Today it is comprised of distinguished members from over 80 countries and diverse backgrounds and legal cultures, making it the most widely representative body of its kind. The Court meets weekly and is assisted by a permanent Secretariat located at ICC headquarters in Paris. With a staff of over fifty, including some thirty lawyers of more than twenty nationalities, the Secretariat manages the many hundreds of ongoing cases conducted by ICC arbitral tribunals throughout the world. Altogether, the Court has handled over 13,000 cases during its history.

The ICC offers a range of dispute resolution services including ADR. Each service is governed by its own set of rules and administered separately from arbitration.

Contact ICC International Court of Arbitration (email: [arb@iccwbo.org](mailto:arb@iccwbo.org), tel: +33 1 4953 2905, fax: +33 1 4953 2933 or visit [www.iccarbitration.org](http://www.iccarbitration.org)).

# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Working sessions are panel discussions with eminent speakers taking questions from the floor. These will take place at the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

## Tuesday 23 November

- 0800 – 0930 Registration
- 0930 – 0945 **Opening remarks**  
Abdul Rahman G. Al Mutaiwee,  
Director General, Dubai Chamber  
of Commerce and Industry
- 0945 – 1000 **Keynote address**  
Prince Bandar Bin Salman Al Saoud,  
Deputy Chairman, Union of Arab  
International Arbitration, Saudi Arabia
- 1000 – 1100 **Dispute resolution techniques involving  
international trade in the Middle East**  
• litigation  
• arbitration  
• amicable dispute resolution  
• adjudication  
  
Chair: Professor Ahmed S El-Kosheri,  
Vice-Chairman of the ICC International  
Court of Arbitration
- 1100 – 1130 Refreshments
- 1130 – 1300 **Dispute resolution techniques involving  
international trade in the Middle East  
(continued)**  
• expert determination  
• dispute boards  
• early neutral evaluation
- 1300 – 1430 Lunch at the Intercontinental Hotel
- 1430 – 1545 **Ethics and risk**  
  
Chair: Jan Paulsson, Freshfields  
Bruckhaus Deringer, Paris
- 1545 – 1615 Refreshments
- 1615 – 1655 **New procedures in dispute  
management**  
  
Chair: Arthur Marriott QC,  
Debevoise & Plimpton, London
- 1655 – 1715 **Closing remarks**  
Dr Robert Briner, Chairman, ICC  
International Court of Arbitration, Paris
- 2000 – 2300 Conference dinner in the gardens  
of the Grand Hyatt. Delegate ticket price: £20

## Wednesday 24 November

- 0900 – 0915 **Opening remarks**  
Brian Eggleston, President,  
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London
- 0915 – 0945 **Keynote address**  
A corporate CEO
- 0945 – 1045 **Dispute resolution in the oil and gas  
industry – current issues**  
  
Chair: Dr Fathi Kemicha,  
Member of the Bars of Paris and Tunis;  
Member of the International Law  
Commission (United Nations)
- 1045 – 1115 Refreshments
- 1115 – 1215 **Dispute resolution in the construction  
industry – current issues**  
  
Chair: Dr Nael Bunni,  
Bunni & Associates, Dublin
- 1215 – 1345 Lunch at the Intercontinental Hotel
- 1345 – 1445 **Dispute resolution in the financial  
services industry (including Islamic  
banking codes) – current issues**  
  
Chair: Dr Habib Al Mulla,  
Managing Partner, Habib Al Mulla  
Advocates, Dubai
- 1445 – 1515 Refreshments
- 1515 – 1615 **Dispute resolution in the media  
industry – current issues**  
  
Chair: Jonathan Caplan QC,  
5 Paper Buildings, London
- 1615 – 1630 **Closing remarks**  
A government minister
- 1900 – 2200 Dinner in the desert – an exceptional  
dining experience.  
Coaches leave from 1830.  
Ticket price: £60

# REGISTRATION

## How to register

Complete the registration form enclosed and return it, with your cheque or payment details, to:  
JLC Conference Office, PO Box 5098, Broadstone BH18 9WG, UK, tel: +44 (0)1202 699 488,  
fax: +44 (0)870 429 2125, email: [jlcoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:jlcoffice@btinternet.com)

Please complete a separate form for each delegate. Additional forms may be downloaded from [www.arbitrators.org](http://www.arbitrators.org)  
Your registration will be acknowledged by e-mail or fax.

## Registration fees

Form and fee received:	Up to and including 1 October	After 1 October
Cost per delegate	£600	£675

### Registration fees include

- Attendance at all working sessions
- An indexed and searchable CD-ROM containing Conference documentation
- Advance access to speakers' papers online
- Lunch on 23/24 November
- Refreshments during breaks

### Payment of registration fees

- cheque or bank draft, drawn on a Sterling account, payable to CIArb Dubai Conference
- credit/debit card – Visa, MasterCard or Switch
- bank transfer to: HSBC Bank, 31 Holborn, London EC1N 2HR, account name: CIArb Dubai Conference, account number: 51 38 35 15, sort code: 40-05-03.

**Please attach a copy of the bank transfer details to the registration form.** Delegates are responsible for paying any applicable bank charges.

### Cancellation/substitution

Providing written notice of cancellation is received by JLC on or before 1 November, fees paid will be refunded less a 20% administration charge. Thereafter, no refunds can be made. Substitutions may be made at any time.

### Important dates

- 1 October** – last date of receipt for early registration fee.
- 20 October** – last date to book your accommodation at the special Conference rate.
- 1 November** – last date for notice of cancellation.
- 12 November** – last date for inclusion in the list of participants.
- 19 November** – last date for receipt of registration forms at the JLC Conference Office. Thereafter, subject to space, registration will only be possible upon arrival at the Conference.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## WHY DUBAI?

Connecting the East and West with its prime location, Dubai is a leading business centre in the Middle Eastern region as well as an ideal venue for commercial dispute resolution. It has the facilities and services of the world's major international business centres, superbly served in communication, transport and accommodation, coupled with all the attractions of a top tourist destination.

- Average daytime temperature: 25°C
- Currency: Dirhams  
(£1 = 6.5 AED approximately)
- Weekend: Thursday/Friday (holy day)
- Electricity: 220hz

For more information on Dubai visit [www.dubaitourism.ae](http://www.dubaitourism.ae)

**In addition to being one of the most popular times of the year to visit Dubai, in November, the largest building and construction exhibition in the Middle East (BIG 5) will take place in the city. We therefore strongly recommend that you book early for the Conference, your flights and accommodation.**

## CONFERENCE DETAILS

### Venue

Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
14th Floor  
Beniyas Road  
Tel: +97 1 4228 0000

### Access for the disabled

The Dubai Chamber of Commerce, the Intercontinental and Grand Hyatt Hotels are wheelchair-accessible. Please notify the JLC Conference Office if special assistance is required.

### Language

Simultaneous translation English/Arabic/English (sponsored by Key & Dixon - TaylorWessing) will be available for the Conference working sessions.

### Papers

Available speakers' papers may be downloaded from the CI Arb website ([www.arbitrators.org](http://www.arbitrators.org)) from 1 November. A CD-ROM will be distributed to delegates at the Conference. (Papers will be published in the language submitted.)

### Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

A certificate of attendance for CPD purposes will be provided to all delegates for presentation to national bar associations or law societies if applicable.

### Conference dinner – 23 November

Join your colleagues for dinner in the enchanting gardens of the Grand Hyatt Hotel with entertainment provided by local musicians. Delegate ticket price: £20. Additional tickets: £75

### Dinner in the desert – 24 November

No trip to Dubai would be complete without a trip into the desert. A 30-minute journey by coach will take you into the desert where a "caravan" of 4-wheel drive vehicles will transfer you to a Bedouin village. Arabic music will welcome you whilst a sumptuous barbecue dinner is prepared. Ticket price: £60.

### Media attendance

Members of the media may be present throughout the Conference. For further information on press registration, please contact the JLC Conference Office.

## TRAVEL/ACCOMMODATION

### Getting to Dubai

Most of the world's leading airlines operate scheduled services to Dubai. The airport is located 5km south east of the city, a ten minute taxi journey costing approximately AED 30.

A passport with a minimum of six months validity is required for entry into the UAE. Please check with your local UAE Embassy or travel agent for visa entry requirements. Information can be found on the official website of the Ministry of Culture ([www.uaeinteract.com](http://www.uaeinteract.com)).

### Accommodation

A limited number of bedrooms have been reserved at the Grand Hyatt Hotel ([www.dubai.grand.hyatt.com](http://www.dubai.grand.hyatt.com)). Located on the edge of Dubai Creek, close to the city centre, this 5\* hotel features a spa, fitness centre, indoor/outdoor swimming pools and 14 restaurant outlets and bars. Rates are per room per night and include a 10% municipality fee and a 10% service charge:

Grand room: single/double: AED 960  
triple: AED 1035

Creek view room: single/double: AED 1,020  
triple: AED 1095

Club room rates are available (via the JLC Conference Office) upon request.

Buffet breakfast is charged at AED 75 per person per day. Check-in time is from 1400 hrs and check-out is 12 noon.

**To make a reservation**, please complete the 'Accommodation Section' of the Registration Form. A credit card number must accompany all bookings.

**Early booking is strongly advised** as these special room rates cannot be guaranteed after **20 October**.

**To cancel a reservation**, please contact the JLC Conference Office in writing, by email or fax. For reservations cancelled within 24 hours of the arrival date or 'no-shows', a fee of one night's room rate will be charged to the credit card.

### Visas

Visas can be arranged by the Grand Hyatt, for those staying at the hotel, for a fee of AED 270 per person. A minimum of fourteen days' notice is required. If you require this service, please tick the relevant box on the registration form.

### Airport services

The hotel can offer Marhaba Meet and Assist, a VIP pick up service, with assistance from the plane through immigration and customs, charged at AED 75 per person and an airport transfer service (AED 75 per car per journey) with a maximum of 3 passengers allowed per car.

### Data protection

At the discretion of the Organisers, the delegate list may be released to third parties. Delegates who do not wish their details to be used in this way should tick the box on the registration form.

### Disclaimer

The Organisers reserve the right to amend, cancel or postpone the Conference where deemed necessary. In such circumstances, a full refund of any registration fees paid will be made but the Organisers accept no further liability.

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