



## Theme & Agenda

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"The Evolution of Arbitration in the Middle East and North Africa  
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### First Day October 14, 2019

8:00 am

9:00 am

#### ■ Registration

9:00 am

9:30 am

#### ■ Reciting of Holy Quran ■ Opening and Welcome Remarks

9:30 am

11:00 am

#### Session 1 – Arbitration – Vital part of KSA's Vision 2030

High-end discussion session with a panel of senior Saudi governmental officials as well as international experts. The session will discuss the recent developments in the field of arbitration in KSA institutional arbitration. The session will also discuss how arbitration would help in creating investment friendly environment, thus supporting the realization of KSA 2030 Vision. Officials shall be named by the organization committee,

11:00 am

12:00 pm

#### Session 2 – Keynote Addresses and Discussion

Keynote Speech accompanied by comments and discussion addressing areas of interest in international arbitration for practitioners and users in the region and beyond.

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12:30 pm

#### ■ Prayer and Coffee Break

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### Session 3 – Diversity in International Arbitration – Towards a More Inclusive Approach

Pale, male, and stale are still too prevalent characteristics of the practice of international arbitration, thus perceived as blocking changes and preventing new entrants. Diversity will enhance the perceived legitimacy of the dispute resolution system and also the quality of the process and outcomes as it will encourage greater efficiency, as well as facilitating new perspectives on the dynamics of a dispute.

Moreover, an international arbitration system that embraces differences between legal cultures and bridges the gaps of Islamic, civil and common law is likely to be in a better position to serve users' needs and to handle cross border disputes.

Some areas that would be discussed in this session are:

- Cultural and Gender Diversity in International Arbitration;
- The Emerging Market of Young Arbitrators;
- The Potential of International Arbitration to Reconcile the Different Approaches in Islamic, Common and Civil Law;
- The Role of Regional Arbitration Institutions in Adopting a more Diverse Approach;
- The Impact of Cultural Diversity in the Efficiency of Mediation.

2:00 pm

3:00 pm

### Network Lunch

3:00 pm

4:30 pm

### Session 4 – The Impact of New Technology on the Arbitration Industry

The emerging use of technology has its impact on most of human activities and businesses over the past twenty years. The Arbitration and ADR industry at large have also witnessed greater use of technology in various aspect of the process from the nature of substantive claims to the modalities of submitting evidences and document production to the adoption of a cost-efficient comprehensive ODR systems, which may serve both mediation and arbitration.

The objective of this session is to explore the most recently adopted techniques and developments and discuss how to maximize its positive impact on the process while minimizing risks associated with the use of these technologies and avoiding disruptive innovations.

Some areas for discussion are:

- Towards a comprehensive approach of ODR technology;
- Blockchain and arbitration; compliance; risks and challenges;
- The E-discovery in international arbitration;
- The role of new technology in promoting better institutional services, stenographic reporting, interpretation and automated case management;
- Best practices to protect the proceedings from hacking and electronic espionage.

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### Session 5 – Arbitration and the Islamic Finance Industry

The last two decades witnessed significant growth of Islamic financial institutions even beyond the Muslim world. In the past few years, the Islamic financial industry moved towards more trust in arbitration as a mean to resolve disputes. The wide array of innovative financial products requires a better understanding of the arbitration process to respond to their needs.

Some areas for discussion in this session would be:

- Is there a Need for Sharia-compliant Institutional Rules?
- The use of experts in Islamic financial disputes;
- The use of Mediation in Islamic financial disputes;
- The application of the substantive law without prejudice to Sharia;
- The role of regional Arbitration institutions in Islamic financial disputes.

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### Session 6 – Damages in International Arbitration

Damages in international arbitration have crucial importance and significant impact on the process. However, they are often the most difficult aspect of the process and can be difficult to understand or to explain. In making their legal findings and deriving their awards of compensation, arbitral tribunals in international arbitration cases very often rely on expert witness to understand the highly technical and complex theories and calculations that precede the figure at the conclusion of a damages report.

Some areas for discussion in this session could be:

- Best practices in relation to quantum evidence expert;
- The impact of quantum on the process; bifurcation and trifurcation;
- Quantum related practice concerning document production;
- Cross examination of expert witnesses and hot-tubbing;
- The multifaced dimensions of quantum in construction disputes.

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### Session 7 - Increasing Access to International Arbitration

Arbitration is often perceived as being inaccessible for some users because of its costs. Some recent judicial decisions considered arbitration clauses in certain type of contracts inoperational if parties cannot afford arbitration costs. Various initiatives and techniques have been used to assist small and medium sized businesses access to arbitration in a cost-effective manner such as the adoption of expedited procedures. On the other hand, a new trend of adopting specialized rules tailored for specific industries would increase access to arbitration.

Some topics that may be discussed in this session are:

- Inoperationality of arbitration clauses in adhesion contracts and access to justice
- Collective or Class Arbitration: pros and Cons;
- New techniques for a cost-efficient arbitration process;
- The role of specialized arbitration rules in increasing access to arbitration;
- Soft law in international arbitration;
- The role of third-party funding in increasing access to international arbitration.

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### Session 8 – Debate Due Process in International Arbitration; Sword or Shield?

Efficiency and enforceability of awards, flexibility and fairness, are these notions at odd? The debate would address one of the topics of major concerns for arbitrators and advocates. How to reduce the impact of due process paranoia towards a more efficient, consistent and fair international arbitration system.

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