



INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION involving **PARTIES FROM THE ARAB WORLD**

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About the Conference

The Arab World will play a major role in international arbitration in the coming years. This conference, therefore, concerns everyone involved in, or interested in, international arbitration.

The Arab countries are experiencing a remarkable economic growth. This applies not only to the oil rich countries in the region, but also generally to the Arab World. Along with economic growth, however, there is a rapid increase in disputes. This Conference focuses on arbitration as the main dispute resolution mechanism.

The Conference will deal with critical issues in international arbitration involving parties from the Arab World. What are the options in the Arab countries and outside of them? How do courts in the Arab countries deal with arbitral agreements, arbitrability issues, and enforcement of awards? What are the arbitral procedures? How is investment arbitration dealt with? Which are the favoured venues outside the Arab countries and what factors determine the choice of the place of arbitration. These and several other questions will be addressed at the Conference.

Simultaneous interpretation Arabic-English/English-Arabic will be offered.

The Conference will be followed by a reception to which all participants are welcome.

Speakers (in alphabetic order):

Dr. M.I.M. Aboul-Enein (Egypt)
Dr. Abdel Hamid El Ahdab (Lebanon)
Dr. Mohamed A. Almulhim (Saudi Arabia)
Professor Adnan Amkhan (U.K.)
Dr. Hussain M. Al Baharna (Bahrain)
Mr. Abdelwahab Behi (Tunisia)
Professor Bernardo Cremades (Spain)
Mr. Ulf Franke (Sweden)
Mr. Johan Gernandt (Sweden)
Sheikh Saad Ben Abdallah El Ghanim (Saudi Arabia)
Sheikh Salah Al-Hejailan CBE (Saudi Arabia)
Professor Kaj Hobér (Sweden)
Mr. Serge Lazareff (France)

Mr. Mohamed El Mernissi (Morocco)
Dr. Ibrahim Hassan Al Mulla (Dubai)
Dr. Mohamed Abdel Raouf (Egypt)
Dr. Abdul Hamid Mansour Al Sarraf (Kuwait)
Mr. Giorgio Schiavoni (Italy)
Michael E. Schneider (Switzerland and Qatar)
Dr. Patricia Shaughnessy (Sweden)
Dr. Ahmed Sheta (Qatar)
Mr. Renaud Sorieul (UNCITRAL)
Professor Brigitte Stern (France)
Mr. Christer Söderlund (Sweden)
Dr. Nasser Al Zaid (Bahrain)
Mr. Nassib G. Ziadé (ICSID)



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Conference Programme

The programme may be subject to change.

08:00 ~ 09:00 **Registration**
Coffee and tea upon arrival

09:00 ~ 09:30 **Welcoming Remarks**

Mr. Johan Gernandt (Sweden)
Chairman, Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC)
Dr. M.I.M. Aboul-Enein (Egypt)
Secretary General, Arab Union for International Arbitration
Director, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration
Dr. Nasser Al Zaid (Bahrain)
Secretary General, G.C.C. Arbitration Center

Session I The International Arbitration Landscape in the Arab World

09:30 ~ 11:00 An overview, which will include, *inter alia*, the following issues:

- Arbitration Laws and Conventions
- Arbitral Institutions and Rules
- The Role of the Courts
- UNCITRAL's contribution to the development of arbitration in the Arab World

Chair:

Professor Brigitte Stern (France)
University of Paris I – Pantheon-Sorbonne
Member of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

Panel:

Dr. M.I.M. Aboul-Enein (Egypt)
Dr. Abdul Hamid Mansour Al Sarraf (Kuwait)
Al –Sarraf & Al-Ruwayeh Law Firm
Mr. Renaud Sorieul (Austria)
Principal Legal Officer, International Trade Law Division (ITLD) of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, UNCITRAL Secretariat
Dr. Nasser Al Zaid (Bahrain)

11:00 ~ 11:30 **Coffee/Tea Break**



Session II

11:30 ~ 13:15

Arbitration Roundtable:

Part I - Arbitration Practices in the Arab World

Arbitration practitioners from the Arab World and Europe exchange views on arbitrating disputes in the Arab World, looking, *inter alia*, at the following issues:

- Drafting effective arbitration clauses
- Choosing arbitrators and counsel
- Arbitrability
- Provisional remedies
- Arbitration practice and procedures
- Finality of arbitral awards
- Enforcement of arbitral awards

Chairs:

Dr. Mohamed A. Almulhim (Saudi Arabia)

Dr. Almulhim Law Firm

Former Minister of State and Member of the Council of Ministers

Michael E. Schneider (Switzerland and Qatar)

Lalive, Geneva, Lalive in Qatar LLP, Doha

Member of the Executive Committee, Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)

Panel:

Mr. Abdelwahab Behi (Tunisia)

President, Tunis Center for Conciliation and Arbitration

Sheikh Saad Ben Abdallah El Ghanim (Saudi Arabia)

Lawyer

Mr. Serge Lazareff (France)

Chairman, ICC Institute of World Business Law

Dr. Ibrahim Hassan Al Mulla (Dubai)

General Manager of the Emirates Law Centre; Lawyer

Mr. Giorgio Schiavoni (Italy)

Vice President, Chamber of National and International Arbitration of Milan (CAM)

Dr. Ahmed Sheta (Qatar)

Secretary General, Qatar International Center of Arbitration

13:15 ~ 14:30

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Session III

14.30 ~ 15:45

Arbitration Roundtable:

Part II - Arbitrating Arab Disputes outside the Arab World

Arbitration practitioners from the Arab World and Europe exchange views on choosing the place for arbitrating Arab disputes outside the Arab World, looking, *inter alia*, at the following issues:

- The arbitration law
- Arbitration conventions
- The role of the courts
- Availability of a reliable arbitral institution
- Availability of international arbitrators and counsel
- Convenience

Chairs:

Dr. Abdel Hamid El Ahdab (Lebanon)

Chairman, Arab Association for International Arbitration; Lawyer

Dr. Patricia Shaughnessy (Sweden)

Senior lecturer, Stockholm University, Member of the SCC Board

Panel:

Professor Adnan Amkhan (U.K.)

Former General Counsel of the Energy Charter Secretariat

Dr. Hussain M. Al Baharna (Bahrain)

Former Minister of Legal Affairs; Lawyer

Sheikh Salah Al-Hejailan CBE (Saudi Arabia)

The Law Firm of Salah Al-Hejailan

Mr. Christer Söderlund (Sweden)

Vinge, Member of the SCC Board

15.45 ~ 16.15

Coffee/Tea Break



Session IV

16:15 ~ 17:45

Investment Arbitration involving Arab States or Arab Investors

This panel will, *inter alia*, discuss the following issues:

- Bilateral and multilateral investment protection treaties entered into by Arab States, and the dispute resolution means included in such instruments
- The practice of investment treaty arbitration involving parties from the Arab World
- Differences and similarities between investment treaty arbitration and commercial arbitration
- ICSID's contribution to the development of investment treaty arbitration in the Arab World

Chair:

Professor Bernardo Cremades (Spain)

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Panel:

Professor Kaj Hobér (Sweden)

Mannheimer Swartling, Vice Chairman of the SCC Board

Mr. Mohamed El Mernissi (Morocco)

Lawyer

Dr. Mohamed Abdel Raouf (Egypt)

Partner, Abdel Raouf Law Firm, Cairo-Egypt

Secretary-General, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration

Nassib G. Ziadé (ICSID)

Acting Secretary-General, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

17:45 ~ 18:00

Closing Remarks

Dr. Abdel Hamid El-Ahdab (Lebanon)

Mr. Ulf Franke (Sweden)

Secretary General, the SCC



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