



ICC BEIRUT CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

CONDUCTING INTERNATIONAL ARBITRAL
PROCEEDINGS IN THE ARAB REGION

21 SEPTEMBER 2018 | BEIRUT, LEBANON

This conference jointly organized by the ICC International Court of Arbitration and ICC Lebanon will be a great opportunity to keep up with the latest developments and emerging trends of international arbitration in the Arab region. An array of eminent regional and international speakers will be addressing the procedural issues emerging in today's international arbitral proceedings either seated in the Arab region or with the involvement of Arab parties, from the arbitrator's, the counsel's and the expert's perspectives. During the conference, ICC representatives will share with participants the latest developments in the Court practices and procedural rules. Finally, the latest developments in national arbitration laws will be discussed in an interactive session, together with an insightful presentation of the key case law decisions affecting the enforcement of international arbitral awards in the Arab region.

This conference is "a must" attend for local and international arbitration practitioners as well as for users of arbitration services (corporate counsels, experts, managers) of various industries.

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CONDUCTING INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS IN THE ARAB WORLD

PROGRAMME | 20 SEPTEMBER 2018

19:00-22:00

WELCOME RECEPTION

Venue: La Maison Jaune - Achrafieh, Beirut - Hosted by Alem & Associates

PROGRAMME | 21 SEPTEMBER 2018

9:00-9:30

WELCOME AND KEYNOTE SPEECHES, Alexis Mourre

9:30-11:00

SESSION I

Civil law tradition, Sharia Principles and Recent Common Law Influences- Arab Arbitrations as a Melting Pot for a Multiplicity of Legal and Cultural backgrounds: The Arbitrators' Perspective

How do arbitrators approach the multiplicity of legal and cultural backgrounds involved in the Arab region arbitrations when conducting the proceedings? To what extent does this diversity of legal backgrounds affect the procedures and approaches chosen in the arbitration?

Do foreign arbitrators experience particular challenges when called to apply the substantive laws of Arab countries? Do cultural specificities play a role in this respect?

How is the involvement by the state courts of the Arab region perceived by arbitrators?

11:00-11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:00

SESSION II

Retaining Counsel in an International Legal Market: Challenges for Arab Legal Counsel in Arbitration Proceedings

Complex international arbitral proceedings are a frequent phenomenon.

Evidentiary procedure rules become more and more sophisticated. What are the set of expertise skills and tools that need to be mastered by local Arab counsels in order to keep up with the ever rising challenges in international arbitration so as the maintain a level playing field when representing Arab parties?

13:00-14:30

LUNCH BREAK

14:30-15:30

SESSION III

**Understanding the Role of an Expert in Arbitration: Arab Specificities?
Tales from the Expert's Perspective**

This session will address the following topics with exclusive emphasis on the Arab region arbitrations:

- > Expert duties (professional conduct and ethics) and role (towards the parties, the counsel and the arbitrators) in resolving the dispute efficiently and effectively.
- > The expert: a team player?
- > Beyond the expertise in the subject matter and the demonstrated professionalism, an expert should be a team player. To what extent is the cooperation between multiple appointed experts required to help resolving the disputes in a timely and cost effective manner?

15:30-16:00

SESSION IV

**Administrating Arbitrations with Arab Parties from the Perspective of an
Arbitral institution: ICC Court Experience**

- > Speakers will tackle the procedural issues/incidents and other specificities that have emerged from arbitration proceedings in the Arab region in cases conducted under the ICC Rules
- > The ICC Note to Parties and Arbitral Tribunals on the Conduct of the Arbitration: Institutional guidelines for conducting efficient, transparent and cost effective arbitration proceedings.

16:00-16:30

COFFEE BREAK

16:30-17:30

SESSION V

**Recent Developments in Arbitration in the Arab World—Quo Vadis
Arab Arbitration?**

This Session will address topics with exclusive emphasis on Arab related arbitrations: Challenges arising out of changing political developments, promulgation of new laws, update on recent judicial approaches as well as new developments in enforcement of arbitral awards.

17:30

CLOSING SPEECH, Prof. Ibrahim Fadlallah

19:00-22:00

CLOSING CEREMONY

Venue: Le Yacht Club - Zeituna BAY, Beirut - Hosted by ICC Lebanon

SPEAKERS

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 - . Founding Partner & Head of the International Arbitration, Construction and Oil & Gas, Zulficar and Partners, Cairo
 - . Vice President, ICC International Court of Arbitration
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 - . Member, the International Arbitration Court of the ICC
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The Court's Secretariat, headed by its Secretary General, comprises a permanent staff of more than 80 lawyers and administrative staff of 37 different nationalities who speak as many languages.

The Secretariat is divided into case-management teams, seven based in Paris, one in Hong Kong, one in New York, one in São Paulo and another one in Singapore.

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