



MENA Arbitration Forum

Thursday 30 November 2023

Venue: Sciences Po Law School, Salle du Conseil, Floor five, 13 rue de l'Université, 75007, Paris

Time: Registration from 14:00 (click [here](#) to register). Conference 14:45 - 19:00.
Cocktail to follow.

TOPICS

- Panel 1** A new era for arbitration in the region: Taking stock and looking ahead
- Panel 2** Construction and infrastructure disputes
- Panel 3** Geopolitics and arbitration: Looking back at political unrest in the MENA region and the role of investor-state arbitration
- Panel 4** Energy disputes in the MENA region

SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE

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| Aisha Nadar - Advokatfirman Runeland AB, Stockholm | Laura Fadlallah - Bredin Prat, Paris |
| Amani Khalifa - Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Riyadh | Marnix Leijten - De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam |
| Dr. Dalia Hussein - Deputy Director - Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Cairo | Michael Polkinghorne - White & Case, Paris |
| Dany Khayat - Mayer Brown, Paris | Mohamed Shelbaya - Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes, Paris |
| Faris Nasrallah - Senior Arbitration Counsel - Crescent Petroleum, Sharjah | Prof. Dr. Nassib Ziadé - President-Director General - Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution, Manama |
| Francisco Abriani - Legal Counsel - ICSID, Washington DC | Prof. Dr. Nayla Obeid Comair - Obeid & Partners, Beirut |
| Prof. Dr. Georges Affaki - Affaki, Paris | Roland Ziadé - Linklaters, Paris |
| Dr. Hamid Gharavi - Derains & Gharavi, Paris | Sara Koleilat-Aranjo - Morgan Lewis & Bockius, UAE |
| Jean Pierre Harb - Jones Day, Paris | Stella Leptourgou - Counsel - ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris |



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- 14:45 – 15:00** **Welcome Remarks** Prof. Diego P. Fernández Arroyo – Science Po Law School / Dr. Raëd Fathallah – Bredin Prat, Paris
- 15:00 – 15:50** **Panel 1: A new era for arbitration in the region: Taking stock and looking ahead**
Prof. Dr. Nassib Ziadé - *President-Director General* - Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution, Manama (*Moderator*)
Dr. Dalia Hussein - *Deputy Director* - Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Cairo
Prof. Dr. Nayla Obeid Comair - Obeid & Partners, Beirut
Sara Koleilat-Aranjo - Morgan Lewis & Bockius, UAE
Stella Leptourgou - *Counsel* - ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris
- 15:55 – 16:45** **Panel 2: Construction and infrastructure disputes**
Jean Pierre Harb - Jones Day, Paris (*Moderator*)
Aisha Nadar - Advokatfirman Runeland AB, Stockholm
Amani Khalifa - Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Riyadh
Prof. Dr. Georges Affaki - Affaki, Paris
- 16:45 – 17:15** **Break**
- 17:15 – 18:05** **Panel 3: Geopolitics and arbitration: Looking back at political unrest in the MENA region and the role of investor-state arbitration**
Laura Fadlallah - Bredin Prat, Paris (*Moderator*)
Dany Khayat - Mayer Brown, Paris
Francisco Abriani - *Legal Counsel* - ICSID
Dr. Hamid Gharavi - Derains & Gharavi, Paris
Mohamed Shelbaya - Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes, Paris
- 18:10 – 19:00** **Panel 4: Energy disputes in the MENA region**
Roland Ziadé - Linklaters, Paris (*Moderator*)
Faris Nasrallah - *Senior Arbitration Counsel* - Crescent Petroleum, Sharjah
Marnix Leijten - De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam
Michael Polkinghorne - White & Case, Paris
- 19:00 onwards** **Networking & Cocktail**