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Beirut 30<sup>th</sup>, August 2018

Dear Colleague,

Please find attached the invitation of the International Chamber of commerce (ICC-Lebanon), to attend the "ICC Beirut Conference on International Arbitration" which will be held on 20-21-22 September 2018, in "Four Seasons" Hotel, Beirut.

Colleague who may be interested in attending this conference, is kindly requested to advise the General Secretariat of our Chamber accordingly.

Thanks & best regards,

President

Elie Zakhour

**Dear Colleagues,  
ICC – Lebanon Members**

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

## **Save-The-Date**

The ICC Beirut Conference on International Arbitration will be held in Beirut on 20-21-22 September 2018.

Attached you can find the flyer of the event, further details will be circulated next month.

Best regards,  
Yusuf Kan'an  
Secretary General  
ICC - Lebanon



# ICC BEIRUT CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

CONDUCTING INTERNATIONAL ARBITRAL  
PROCEEDINGS IN THE ARAB REGION

21 SEPTEMBRE 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, the ICC representatives will share with the participants the latest developments in the Court guidelines and procedural rules. Finally, topical discussions will include the latest developments in national arbitration laws as well as 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.

**For more information and e-mail registration, ICC Lebanon:**  
[iccleb@sodetel.net.lb](mailto:iccleb@sodetel.net.lb)

**Registration fees:** 180 USD

**Account details for the registration fee transfer:**

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OF ARBITRAL AWARDS IN THE ARAB REGION**

20 SEPTEMBRE 2018

Free of charge

## Venue

### Conference

Four Seasons

1418 Prof. Wafic Sinno Avenue  
Beirut, Mina El Hosn,  
Beirut, Lebanon

### YAF

Le Gray

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## CONDUCTING INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS IN THE ARAB WORLD

### PROGRAMME | 20 SEPTEMBER 2018

19:00-22:00

#### WELCOMING RECEPTION

Venue: La Maison Jaune - Achrafieh, Beirut

### PROGRAMME | 21 SEPTEMBER 2018

9:00-9:30

#### WELCOME AND KEYNOTE SPEECHES

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 substantive laws of Arab countries? Do cultural specifics play a role in this respect?

How are the state courts of the Arab region perceived by the Arbitrators?

11:00-11:30

#### COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:00

#### SESSION II

##### **Retaining Counsel in an International Legal Market: Challenges for Arab Legal Counsels in Arbitration Proceedings.**

International arbitration procedures are becoming more and more complex. Evidentiary procedure rules become more and more sophisticated. What are the set of expertise skills and tools that need to be mastered by the local Arab counsels in order to keep up with the ever rising challenges in today's 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:

- > This session will discuss the expert's duties (professional conduct and ethics) and the role played by the latter (towards the parties, the counsel and the arbitrators) in resolving efficiently and effectively the dispute.
- > 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: The ICC Court Experience**

- > Speakers will tackle the procedural issues/incidents and other specificities that have emerged form 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.

**19:00-22:00**

**CLOSING RECEPTION**

Venue: Le Yacht Club - Zeituna BAY, Beirut

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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.

For more information visit: [www.iccarbitration.org](http://www.iccarbitration.org)

### ABOUT ICC YAF Young Arbitrators Forum

Open to those aged 40 and under, YAF provides a variety of opportunities for individuals to gain knowledge, develop their skills and understand ICC's arbitral procedure and other dispute resolution services. Throughout the world, we hold a number of educational and social events that give young professionals the chance to discover best practices, discuss topical issues and network with experienced practitioners. We believe that through training and mentorship, we can mould the next generation of leading international arbitration and ADR experts. Through ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (YAF) we are able to better inform, connect and inspire young professionals with interests in dispute resolution.

### ABOUT ICC-LEBANON

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) -Lebanon is the Lebanese National Committee of ICC. Our mission is to achieve ICC objectives of trade facilitation and economic development. Furthermore, it represents the Lebanese private sector and strives on its enhancement. ICC-Lebanon was founded in 1973 in order to integrate Lebanon into the international Business Society. By joining ICC-Lebanon you are immediately considered an ICC IHQ, Paris member. This membership will allow you to participate in the work of ICC-Lebanon's commissions, special working groups and participate in the ICC events, activities and Commission Meeting Worldwide. Commissions are a group of business experts who regularly meet to study international trade facilitation initiatives affecting almost every aspect of Business.