



**International Conference on
Emerging Trends in
International Commercial Arbitration
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Background

International Arbitration is the preferred choice of multinational business entities to resolve their commercial disputes. Arbitration is increasingly becoming popular with parties in India to settle their international as well as domestic commercial disputes. It is believed that claims ranging to several thousand Crores of Rupees are locked up in construction disputes alone in India. Given the mammoth investment that has been proposed for infrastructure projects in India (which would include substantial foreign investment), the next decade will see a tremendous increase in infrastructure related disputes arising from India being resolved through International Arbitration.



With a view to providing a focus on the emerging trends in International Arbitration, the Construction Industry Arbitration Council (CIAC) under the patronage of Construction Industry Development Council, India (CIDC) and with the support of Ministry of Law and Justice, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), and the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) will be organizing a conference on "Emerging Trends in International Commercial Arbitration" from 18th to 19th December 2010 at New Delhi. This conference will not only deliberate on the emerging trends in International Arbitration but will also focus on best practices in this area.

Topic Of the Conference

The topics to be discussed, during conference will include

- * Introduction: Experience on Overseas Arbitration
- * UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules 2010
- * Enforcement of Foreign Arbitration Awards
- * The new IBA Rules on taking of evidence in international arbitration that was adopted in May 2010
- * A comparative analysis of institutional arbitration versus ad-hoc arbitration
- * Online Dispute Resolution with Case Studies
- * The legal issues that arise in the context of Online Dispute Resolution/ Cyber Arbitration
- * Anti Arbitration Injunction
- * Case Studies from different countries



The session on Online Dispute Resolution would be of particular interest as it is a relatively new topic in India. While dispute resolution processes are required or are in place for disputes that arise out of usage of Internet or in Electronic Commerce, Online Dispute Resolution for all kinds of disputes (including infrastructure related disputes) is something that might become very popular in the future. The legal issues that might arise in this context would be discussed during the Conference.

Online Dispute Resolution is likely to present a convenient platform for a large number of SMEs and individuals to pursue their claims online and get a binding decision in a cost efficient and less time consuming manner. It might also assist in the Government's and the Judiciary's mandate for speedy resolution of commercial disputes.

The development of Online Dispute Resolution in India would find legislative support in the Information Technology Act, 2000 which provides for recognition of electronic records and digital signatures. The legal issues in this context would also be deliberated at the Conference.

Apart from Online Dispute Resolution, other emerging trends in International Arbitration as enunciated above would also be discussed and debated.

In this context, this conference would serve as an excellent forum where views, opinions and ideas can be exchanged and experiences from different professions can be discussed, which would future direction for the development of arbitration regime in India

Who Should Attend the Conference?

Arbitrators, Judges, Lawyers, In-House Counsel, Legal Officers, Engineers, Project Managers, Senior Government Officials, Small Medium Enterprises, Bankers, Insurance Agencies, Academicians, Policy Makers and all those involved in Dispute Resolution, especially Professionals associated with the Construction Industry as well as the IT Industry.

Sponsorship Opportunity

The benefits associated with the conference will provide the maximum opportunity for companies/ Law firms to reinforce the profits of their company and its commitment to the construction industry. In addition to the use of firm's logo on conference literature and throughout the conference venue, it provides both an introduction to all conclave delegates plus ample opportunity to meet them on a one-on-one basis.

At CONFERENCE, there is an opportunity for sponsors to build contact with the senior management of building and construction firms in the region. The package has been designed to provide maximum exposure and includes:-

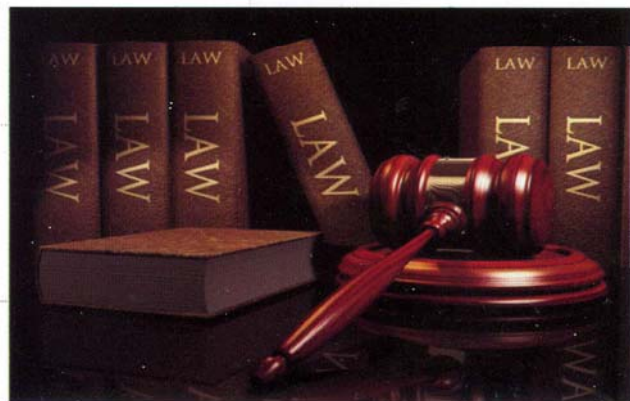
- ❖ The Sponsor's name will be featured prominently in all conference publications.
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- ❖ Paper presentation slot.
- ❖ Insert promotional material in the conference kit.
- ❖ Registration of free delegates for the conference.

Paper Submission

Resource persons having expertise and experience in the field of Arbitration may choose any of the mentioned topic and related topics of their interest and forward us their paper along with their resume. Abstracts of paper should be submitted before October 30, 2010 and full length paper by November 20, 2010. Papers may also include case study on important aspects of Arbitration law.

Paper submission must comply with the following schedule:-

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| Submission of abstracts - | October 30, 2010 |
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Construction Industry Arbitration Council (CIAC) is an independent, not-for-profit arbitration centre headquartered in New Delhi, established jointly by the Construction Industry Development Council, India (CIDC) and the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) to provide an institutional mechanism for the resolution of disputes arising in the construction and infrastructure sector in India.

Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC), has been set up jointly by the Planning Commission, Government of India and the Indian construction industry. It is the representative organization of the Indian construction industry which is very large and important to various sectors of the economy. It employs about 31 million persons - second only to agriculture in terms of employment and contributes 20% of GDP.

Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that meets the demands of the international business community for a neutral, efficient and reliable dispute resolution institution in a fast-developing Asia. After 16 years of pioneering development, SIAC has grown to become a world-class arbitration institution in Asia.

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) was established by the United Nations General Assembly with the main objective of being a vehicle by which the United Nations could play a more active role in reducing or removing the obstacles to the flow of trade created by the disparities in national laws governing international trade. The Commission is based in Vienna.

The Asian- African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), an inter-governmental Organization was established on 15 November 1956 in New Delhi, India. The Organization has membership from 47 countries from the Asian African region. Its main purpose and objective is to serve as an advisory body of legal experts to its Member States in the field of international law and other legal matters of common concern. The Organization is headed by an elected Secretary-General for a four-year renewable term. The present incumbent is Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad from Malaysia. The Secretariat has its permanent Headquarters in New Delhi, India.



Contact

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