

CONFERENCE ON
JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVES
ON DOMESTIC AND
INTERNATIONAL
ARBITRATION IN
PAKISTAN

| 27th May 2022 | Serena Hotel Islamabad

8:00 am Registration.

9:00 am Conference start.

1:00 pm Lunch / Jummah break.

6:30 pm Finish.

Summary

The conference on judicial perspective of domestic and international arbitration in Pakistan under the auspices of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), which will also be the inauguration of the formal operations of CIArb's Pakistan Branch by the Honorable Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial.

Conference Programme

Guests, speakers will be asked to arrive between 8-00am 8-30am. This will allow all guests to network, have morning tea/coffee and settle for the conference to begin at 9am sharp.

Chief Guest:



Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial
Honourable Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Pakistan



Mr. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah Honourable Justice Supreme Court of Pakistan

09:00 am Welcome Address



Catherine DixonDirector General CIArb



Mian Sheraz Javaid FCIArb
Barrister & Arbitrator
Partner MK Consultus LLP
Chair CIArb Pakistan Branch

09:30am - 10:30am The role of ADR Centers and Commercial Courts in increasing foreign investors' confidence and swift dispute resolution.

The Commercial Court deal with complex cases arising out of business disputes. The demand of such specialist courts erupted due to customer demands to form tribunals or courts that had knowledge and experience of commercial disputes which could determine such disputes expeditiously and economically, thereby avoiding tediously long and expensive trials with verdicts given by judges or juries unfamiliar with business practices.

Panelists:



Panel Chair and Moderator

Mr Justice Jawad Hasan,

Honorable Justice Lahore High Court

The journey of commercial courts and ADR Centers in Pakistan to promote access to justice and swift dispute resolution.



Jonathan Wood

Head of International Arbitration, RPC,

Chair ClArb's Board of Trustees

Dispute Appointment Service and Business Arbitration Scheme.



Toby Landau QCBarrister & Arbitrator, Duxton Hill Chambers
Commercial courts and arbitration, a friend or foe.



Riffat Inam Butt
Secretary Law Commission Pakistan
The legislative issues concerning Pakistan's commercial dispute resolution.



Taimur MalikPartner Clyde & Co
Investor ease for swift dispute resolution.

10:55 am – 11:55 pm Arbitration practice, procedure, and process. What is the role of standardization?

The rules associated with Arbitration and ADR practice and procedures are global in nature. Pakistan needs to intwine itself with these and promote the attainment of such qualifications to improve the capability and capacity of arbitration and ADR practice.



Panel Chair and Moderator

Mr. Justice MianGul Hassan Aurangzeb

Honorable Justice Islamabad High Court

Arbitration and ADR practice in Pakistan.



Mahnaz Malik
Barrister and Arbitrator, Twenty Essex Chambers London
Importance of procedure in domestic and international arbitration.



Professor Martin Lau

Barrister & Arbitrator, Essex Court Chambers

Issues concerning standardisation of arbitration in pakistan.



Dr Tariq Mahmood

Head of International Arbitration, 33 Bedford Row Chambers

Professional training and development of arbitration and ADR practitioners.



Catherine Dixon

Director General, ClArb

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators as the world's leading qualifications and professional body for dispute avoidance and management.

12:00 pm - 01:00 pm Arbitration and ADR: Global perspective and updates.

The expansion and globalization of cross-border investment and trade has led to increased and ever more complex relationships between businesses, investors, and States. As, inevitably, some of those relationships break down, parties need to consider (preferably at the outset of the relationship) the best means of resolving any disputes which may arise. In many cases, that will be arbitration and other ADR provisions.



Panel Chair and Moderator

Mohammad Zaman QC

No.5 Barristers Chambers

National laws (per global best practice) recognize and support arbitration as a mutually exclusive alternative to litigation and as a means of finally resolving disputes.



Barrister Raza MithaniManaging Partner, Conselis Law
The seat of the arbitration, why a well-regarded seat matter.



Barrister Arshad Ghaffar
XXIV Old Buidings Chambers
Latest updates / amendments on institutional and ad-hoc arbitrations.



Noor-ul-Aqtab Siddiqi
Director, Tower Bridge Solicitors
Should parties be compelled by law to attempt ADR?



Mian Sami ud-Din
Partner, BNR
Pakistan legislation and case law update.

01:00 pm – 02:15 pm Lunch and Jummah Break.

02:20 pm - 03:20 pm Energy and Power Arbitration in Pakistan.

The energy sector in Pakistan is one of the most important aspects of its growth, development, and economic improvement. The energy sector is struggling through dispute resolution, specifically through arbitration, and without proper training and certificated professionals, the attempt can be fraught with risk. Whether you are in the stage of negotiating contracts, implementing them avoiding disputes, claiming, or responding to disputes, there are strict procedures to abide by.



Panel Chair and Moderator

Virginie Colaiuta

Partner LMS Legal LLP

Visiting Fellow King's College London
investment and commercial arbitration relating to energy projects.



Tauseef H. FarooqiChairman NEPRA
The role of regulator in energy and power sector disputes.



Shahzad Asif Sheikh
Director Legal WAPDA
Choice of arbitral forum and most common disputes, a client's perspective.



Faisal KhanPartner, CLM
Legal landscape energy projects in Pakistanprevalent issues.



Mian Sheraz Javaid FCIArb
Barrister & Arbitrator
Partner MK Consultus LLP
Chair ClArb Pakistan Branch
Energy sector dispute resolution.

03:25 pm - 04:40 pm Major Project Dispute Resolution, a Client's Prespective.

Construction is a significant contributor to the global economy, amongst many procedural complexities, it is usually unavoidable to complete a major construction project without disputes. What are the ways and means of major project dispute resolution? The causation of disputes and how can we avoid them.



Panel Chair and Moderator

Dr. Javed Uppal

President Institution of Engineers Pakistan

Major infrastructure projects in Pakistan.



Kamal Nasir Khan
Chair Contractors Association Pakistan
Choice of arbitral forum and most common disputes, a client's perspective.



Nudra B. Majeed
Barrister
Four Golf Road Chambers.
Legal landscape of infrastructure projects in Pakistan.



Haroon Niazi

Partner & Head of Middle East, HKA

Dispute causation - CRUX and the role of expert evidence.



Nasir Khan MBE
Head of Contract Solutions, Currie & Brown UK Limited
Pakistan's first Construction Disputes Report.

04:40 pm – 04:55 pm **Networking break.**

05:00 pm - 05:20 pm

Honorable Mr Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah

Pakistan's Struggles with ADR, Arbitration, and Dispute
Resolution.



Mr. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali ShahHonourable Justice
Supreme Court of Pakistan

05:25 pm - 05:45 pm

Honorable Chief Justice of Pakistan Mr Justice Umar Ata Bandial

The Role of Judiciary in Supporting ADR & Arbitration in Pakistan



Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial
Honourable Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Pakistan

05:45 pm - 06:15 pm

Distribution of Souvenirs/Shields/Certificates

06:15 pm - 06:30 pm

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