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Letter from the Director



For nearly 30 years, the Cairo Centre has been a catalyst behind almost every major arbitration breakthrough and advance in many Arab Countries.

I am pleased to introduce CRCICA Progress Report in 2007 and afterwards. Our international cases have reached 586 cases and new types of contractual disputes are being constantly introduced, indicating the increasing recognition of CRCICA in the international arbitration community. It is really gratifying that this rings resonant echoes in one of the most important international surveys, conducted by the School of International Law (SIA) of the Queen Mary, University of London, which ranks CRCICA among “the most recognizable” arbitration institutions in the world.

Parallel to the settlement of commercial disputes, CRCICA has developed one of the most authoritative and methodological mechanisms for the organization of international conferences in the region with an exclusively variant participation profile. In 2007 and early 2008 , we pioneered , *inter alia*, in establishing the biennial structure of the only international Role of State Courts in Arbitration Conferences in the region and in organizing the first UNCTAD Conference on Investor-State Dispute Settlement in the Arab World on a super regional scale. In 2007 and after, we scored a significant increase in regional presence in our events.

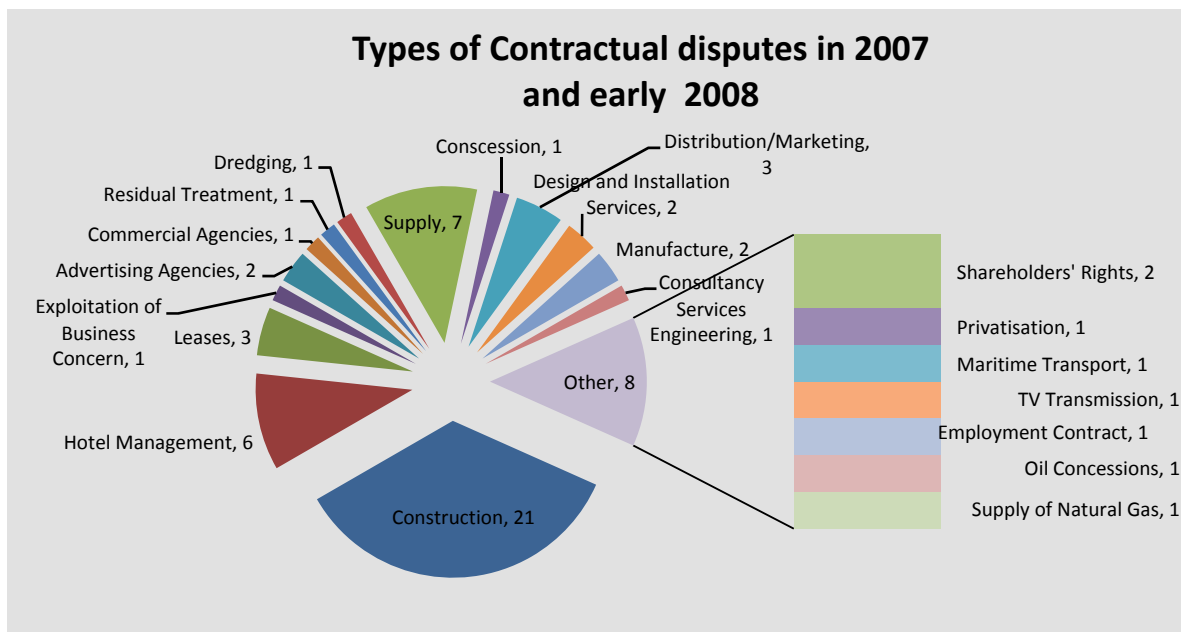
Likewise, our external relations are significantly expanding on both the international and regional levels. We monitor with real pride how the international trade law community ranks CRCICA as the prime arbitration institution in the region. On parallel lines and for nearly 30 years, the Cairo Centre has been a catalyst behind almost every major arbitration breakthrough and advance in many Arab Countries. This is being said while we stand on the threshold of CRCICA 30th Anniversary which will be celebrated later in this year. In a wider context, the present report highlights the most distinguished CRCICA works and activities in 2007/early 2008 and our prospects for the future.

Mohamed Aboul-Enein

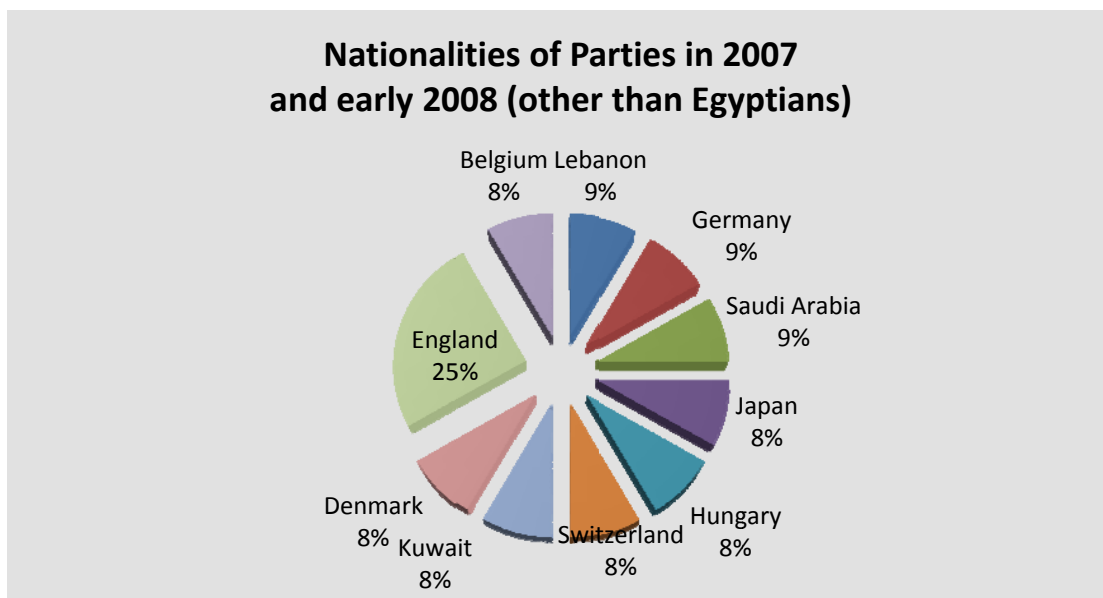
CRCICA CASE REPORT

The total number of international cases filed before CRCICA reached 586 cases among which 531 cases are already settled (whether by final arbitral awards, including awards on agreed terms, or by subsequent conciliation or mediation), while 55 cases are still pending before the Centre. It is noteworthy that case referrals in early 2008 represented more than 70 % of the total annual referrals in 2007.

In 2007, various types of contractual disputes were submitted to CRCICA, these included construction, hotel management , leases, exploitation of business concern, advertising agencies, commercial agencies, residual treatment, dredging, supply, concession, distribution/marketing, design and installation services, manufacture, consultancy services engineering, shareholders' rights, maritime transport, oil concessions TV transmission, supply of natural gas and labor contractual disputes. It is noted that disputes related to privatization are recently introduced and that Information Technology disputes are recurrently referred to the Centre (see the illustrating diagram).



In 2007 and beyond, beside multinational corporations, parties to CRCICA arbitration proceedings have been business entities from a broad span of countries including, but not limited to, Egypt, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Japan, Hungary, Greece, Denmark, UK, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, (see the illustrating diagram).



Just as the nationalities of parties vary, these of arbitrators do. During the period being reported, arbitrators appointed in CRCICA cases are nationals of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, France, Italy, the UK, Greece and the U.S.A. In various cases, CRCICA acted as the appointing authority and in a significant case, the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) was the appointing authority.



It has been a privilege to work closely with the CRCICA. International arbitrations involving State parties have the potential to raise complex issues of private, administrative and international law which require care and experience from the Tribunal, but the support of an institution such as the CRCICA is essential to ensure the ultimate effectiveness of the proceeding and the enforcement of the award. The independence and impartiality of CRCICA provides a form of juridical security that ultimately benefits Egypt by making it a more attractive venue for investment and business. The CRCICA deserves its reputation and I am sure it will continue to grow. I look forward to working with the CRCICA in the future.

Bernardo Cremades, President of the Spanish Court of Arbitration

CRCICA Recently Amended Rules in application :
Rejection of Appointment Sought
for alleged *“lack of contractual requirements”*

In a procedural precedence, CRCICA received a request to reject the appointment of a claimant-nominated arbitrator in an international case involving African and European parties. This is being requested on the grounds of alleged lack of contractual requirements.

The significance of this request, out of an institutional view-point, lies in the fact that it represents a rapid practical response to the recently amended CRCICA Rules, in particular of the new Article 7 (bis) which reads as follows:

In all cases, the Centre may, upon the approval of the High Legal Committee, reject the appointment of any arbitrator chosen to decide the case based on the existence of substantial evidence confirming that the arbitrator in question lacks the legal or contractual requirements or has not acted in compliance with the Centre’s Code of Ethics in any previous case. The arbitrator in question and the parties will be given the opportunity to express their views before this decision is taken.

While the article gives a significant boost to the Centre’s institutional role in monitoring the arbitral proceedings, it also marks a strategic expansion of its institutional decision-making scale by involving CRCICA three-member High Legal Committee and thus lends more transparency to the CRCICA-conducted arbitral process in general.

CRCICA Events Array: Our Partners *in a Year*



*Thank you for the excellent support and help during the Cairo contracts training seminars. The events were a great success, and FIDIC looks forward to continuing collaboration with your Centre. **Peter Boswell, FIDIC General Manager***



*The reaction from participants is a clear proof that the course has been an overwhelming success **Prof. Loukas Mistelis, Director, School of International Arbitration***



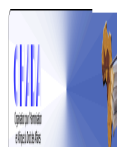
*On behalf of the Egyptian British Chamber of Commerce I convey to the staff of CRCICA my sincere thanks and appreciation for the most efficient arrangements of the Arbitration Conference. With CRCICA Staff's great endeavors, professionalism, good will and devotion, we had superb achievements. **Taher El Sherif, Secretary-General, The Egyptian-British Chamber of Commerce***



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School of International Arbitration



“Considerable efforts were exerted by the CRCICA to secure a large and qualified number of participants. The level of participation was the highest among all other events organized by UNCTAD’s work programme on international investment agreements in other Arab countries.”

UNCTAD Final Conference Report, June 2008

CRCICA Events in 2007 and early 2008:

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CRCICA 2007/2008 Calendar of Events unfolds various aspects of innovation and progress. CRCICA Events (2007 and beyond) hosted around 1300 users and beneficiaries from 50 different countries from around the world. While the level of representation of neighboring Arab North African countries is still developing, practitioners from Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and the Gulf States remain prime among participants in CRCICA events. On a wider scale, it is noted with satisfaction that non-Arab developing countries steadily get into the scene. Nigerians, Kenyans, Azerbaijanis and Pakistanis are the most recurrent instances in this concern. The recurring presence of non-Arab countries quite indicate how CRCICA profile and services have soared up supra-regional limits. In the whole, CRCICA participants profile score a radical increase in the average representation of non-Egyptians from (15 % - 20 %) to (35 % - 45 %). This is actually an instant product of the first phase of a CRCICA Expansion of Market Segmentation Project first launched in 2006.

Just as it targets expansion of geographical presence, the Project also targets growth in professions reflected in CRCICA events. This safely helps raise the attendance of, *inter alia*, governmental officials in different sectors as well as judges and introduce new professions into CRCICA scenes including tourism experts, economists and risk management professionals. Long-established professions are also presented, top above which are lawyers, engineers and other stakeholders in the construction industry. Through its second to fourth phases, our Market Expansion Project will lend special focus to vertical growth in the representation of different business sectors on a wide horizontal scale including 22 countries in the Afro-Asian region.

A close assessment of events partners in 2007 and beyond shows how past affiliations are enhanced and new bonds of cooperation are introduced. Collaborations during the reported period actually reflect long-established ties

with various eminent institutions such as the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI), Queen Mary, University of London and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb). On parallel lines, three new partnerships are introduced being the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA). Interestingly enough, all three institutions are international trade and investment organizations having supra-arbitration oriented scope of activities. These new relations enhance CRCICA's stance as a regional gateway accessing international organizations to the Afro-Asian Region.

Looking into the substance, CRCICA 2007 / 2008 events have lent especial attention to construction contracts and disputes and have tailored a capacity building tool to qualify regional construction arbitrators. On parallel lines, significant portion has been given to investment arbitration in a changing form. CRCICA training programs in the reported period radically exceed the usual quota in past years occupying more than 50% of CRCICA Calendar. Beside the regular training pattern of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) , Cairo introduced for the first time in the region an interactive workshop format of the first advanced training on Advocacy skills in International Commercial Arbitration of the School of International Arbitration (SIA), Queen Mary, University of London. In this hands-on course, advocacy was explored in the context of the cross-cultural environment of international arbitration and students were led through the critical advocacy challenges and opportunities that inhere in and after the arbitral process.

In Focus :

Sharm El Sheikh II – The Vital Role of State Courts in Arbitration, 19-21 November, 2007 Sharm El Sheikh – Egypt

Embraced by the spectacular land and seascapes of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, Sharm El Sheikh is such a success-stirring paradise on earth that brings minds and spirits to their highest level of stimulation. There, and in November and under the warm sun of such a beautiful spot on the Red Sea...Sharm El Sheikh , the dialogue between state courts and arbitration scored a climax of harmony in CRCICA second international conference on The Vital Role of State Courts in Arbitration.

The Conference was held in close cooperation with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI). With forty-five speakers from 18 countries representing the three systems of law that form the legal culture of the world: the common law system, the civil law system and Sharia Law, the Event was a tremendous success.

The agenda featured comparative analysis of different aspects of the role of state courts in arbitration in eastern and western countries and unfolded a unique and dialogue-generating round table discussion format that involved senior judicial figures from thirteen different countries to discuss the role of state courts out of a cross-cultural perspective.

Sharm El Sheikh III is scheduled for 18-20 November 2009. For more details on the Sharm El Sheikh II participation profile and organizing entities, please see Events in Chronology below.



"The Conference was both extremely interesting and very enjoyable. Everything was excellently organized. This was, indeed, one of the best conferences I have attended."

**UIF Franke, President
International Federation of
Commercial Arbitration
Institutions (IFCAI)**

In Focus:

First Arab-UNCTAD Conference on "Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Challenges and Perspectives for Arab Countries".

On 14-15 May 2008, CRCICA took lead in introducing the first ever Arab-UNCTAD Conference on "Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Challenges and Perspectives for Arab Countries". Hosted by the Arab League, the conference addressed the evolving landscape in investment rulemaking and investor-State disputes and the challenges facing Arab countries. It included presentations on the latest trends in international investment agreements and the recent developments in investor-State dispute settlement with a particular focus on Arab countries. It reviewed international investor-State dispute settlement mechanisms. It also addressed alternative ways to settle investor-State disputes, explored issues of dispute avoidance and ADR and looked into the role of international organizations and host States in sharing experiences and providing assistance in dealing with investment disputes.

Participants had different backgrounds and professions (Government officials, academia, and foreign investors). The quality of participants, as reported by the UNCTAD, was excellent and allowed for an in-depth coverage of topics and produced interesting discussions and sharing of experiences among participants and a good dialogue with the resource persons.

Speaking in terms of outcome, the event discussed for the first time the possibility of establishing a regional advisory facility for host Arab countries. The Conference also provided *"an excellent opportunity for the UNCTAD secretariat and the CRCICA to establish a good working relationship to meet requests for further technical assistance work in the region"* (UNCTAD Final Conference Report, June 2008).

This is the largest event in terms of participation conducted by UNCTAD's work programme on international investment agreements in the Arab world." **Official**

UNCTAD Conference REPORT



"The organization of the conference was excellent. Focal points were designated by CRCICA at an early stage to coordinate with the UNCTAD team all matters relating to logistical and technical support. Overall, the CRCICA team demonstrated effective organizational skills and ensured a successful meeting. From all of us here at the UNCTAD a big thank you", Hamed El Kady, UNCTAD



CRCICA Events in Chronology

Date / Venue	Event Type	Event Title	Co-organizers		Participation Profile
1-2 April 2007, Cairo-Egypt	Training Seminar	The Practical Use of FIDIC Contracts	International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC)	Egyptian Society for Consulting Engineers (ESCON)	147 in total Swiss –Jordanians – Saudis - Sudanese – Syrians – Kuwaitis – Lebanese – Egyptians – Yemenis- Nigerians
3-5 April 2007, Cairo, Egypt	International Training Course	Construction Arbitration Training Course	International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC)	Egyptian Society for Consulting Engineers (ESCON)	84 in total Swiss –Jordanians – Saudis - Sudanese – Syrians – Kuwaitis – Lebanese – Egyptians – Yemenis- Nigerians
23-25 April 2007, Amman, Jordan	International Training Course	International Entry Course leading to the Membership of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators CI Arb			
6 May 2007, Cairo, Egypt	International Conference	International Conference on Arbitration in Trade and Investment Disputes	Egyptian British Chamber of Commerce (EBCC);	Wilmer Hale Law Firm	110 in total British- Belgians- Egyptians-Jordanians- Saudi's- Sudanese- Kuwaitis- Tunisians- Iraqis- Syrians
7 May 2007, Cairo, Egypt	Workshop	Workshop on Drafting the Arbitration Agreement	Egyptian British Chamber of Commerce (EBCC);	Wilmer Hale Law Firm	110 in total British- Belgians- Egyptians-Jordanians- Saudis- Sudanese- Kuwaitis- Tunisian's- Iraqis- Syrians
29th June 2007	Expert Speech	"The Revision of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules- Controversies and trends in international commercial arbitration" presented by Mr. Michael Schneider, Chairman of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Working Group II	Cairo Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators		60 in total Swiss- Egyptians – Syrians – Saudis – Jordanians – Lebanese – Omanis – Sudanese – Libyans – Iraqis – Qataris – Yemenis

30 June – 2 July, Cairo, Egypt	International Training Course	International Entry Course leading to the Associate Membership of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)	Cairo Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators	149 in total Kenyans - Egyptians – Syrians – Saudis – Jordanians – Lebanese – Omanis – Sudanese – Libyans– Iraqis – Qataris – Yemenis
19-21 November 2007, Sharm El Sheikh , Egypt	International Conference	Sharm El Sheikh II : The Vital Role of State Courts in Arbitration	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Associations (IFCAI)	242 in total Italians- Swiss – Americans –French – Austrians – Swedish - Australians - Azerbaijanis –British – Egyptians –Emirates - Germans – Iraqis – Jordanians – Kuwaitis – Lebanese – Libyans – Moroccans – Qataris – Saudis – Sudanese – Syrians – Yemenis- Bahrainis
6 December 2007, Cairo, Egypt	International Seminar	Seminar on: The Role of the OHADA Law and Arbitration to Promote Economic Development	Organisation pour l'Harmonisation du Droit des Affaires en Afrique (OHADA)	50 in total Cameroons – Kenyans – Ghana – Nigerians - Senegals
13-17 December 2007, Cairo, Egypt	International Training Course	Advocacy Skills in International Commercial Arbitration	The School of International Arbitration (SIA), Queen Mary University of London, UK	36 in total Saudis – Egyptians – Lebanese – Americans – Philistines – Libyans – Greeks – Germans – French
13-15 April 2008	International Training Course	International Entry Course leading to the Associate Membership of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)	The Cairo Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators	109 in total Egyptian – Iraqis – Libyans – Moroccans - Omanis – Saudis – Syrians – Emirates
14 -15 May 2008	International Conference	Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Challenges and Perspectives for Arab Countries	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development UNCTAD	170 in total French – Americans-Swiss - Algerians – Bahrainis – British- Canadians - Congas-Brazzaville – Egyptian – Germans – Greeks – Indians – Iraqis – Jordanians – Kuwaitis – Lebanese – Libyans – Moroccans -Omanis - Pakistanis – Philistines – Saudis - Syrians – Tunisians
25-26 June 2008	Local Conference	Towards A Balanced Model Construction Contract: Procurement Law and its Effect on Construction Contracts in Egypt	Egyptian State Council	140 in total Egyptians – Kuwaitis – Sudanese

CRCICA in a Year: International Outreach and Regional Contribution

Through 2007/2008, CRCICA has been an active observer in all the arbitration working sessions of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and, through this stance, has effectively contributed in the discussions related to the revision of the UNCITRAL Model Arbitration Rules. In an initiative to keep regional practitioners abreast of international trade law developments on up-to-date basis, CRCICA organized a series of expert speeches by Mr. Michael Schneider, the chairman of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Working Group on the revisions of the Rules. These events also help communicate regional needs and expectations to international decision-makers. Cooperation with the UNCITRAL has well surpassed the boundaries of the revision of the Rules as CRCICA has recently developed a cooperation mechanism with the Commission to provide it on regular basis with relevant principles pertaining to the application of the Model Law in CRCICA awards. Such principles will be included in a special CLOUT number dedicated to CRCICA awards. Even further, CRCICA liaises between the UNCITRAL and other Arab institutions to facilitate furnishing the commission with arbitration related awards reflecting the application of the Model Law in Arab countries.

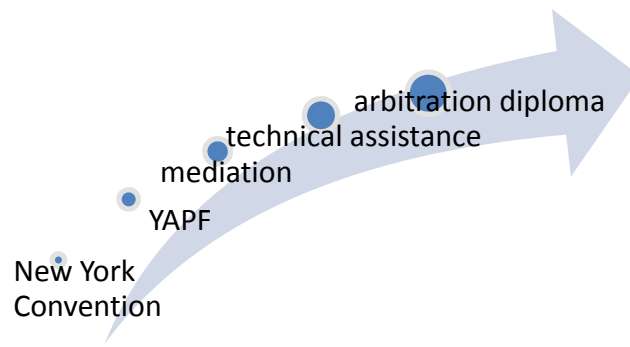
On parallel lines, CRCICA continues to be an active IFCAI Council member and the Chair-institution of the Federation's Institutional Section. Equally important, early 2008 rang in remarkable CRCICA/IBA relations. In January 2008, CRCICA vitally contributed in the IBA's Celebratory Conference on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the New York Convention. In addition to this, the Cairo Centre has remarkable contributions in the Stockholm International Arbitration Review (SIAR) including a research paper on "The need for Establishing a Perfect Balance between Confidentiality and Transparency in Commercial Arbitration" which was recognized by the UNCITRAL as being an important contribution to the current discussion on the UNCITRAL Rules and was thus included in the commission's published bibliography. Equally significant, CRCICA contributed to SIAR an important article entitled "*The Reception of the Groups of Companies Doctrine in Egyptian Law?*" (For more details, see Appendix 3).

In 2007/2008, CRCICA has actively contributed in various arbitration conferences in the U.S.A., Italy, Sweden and Scotland. Being one of the prime arbitration and ADR training provider in the region, CRCICA was called upon to vitally contribute in providing training for practitioners in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Syria, Jordan, Algeria and Libya. At the present time, the Cairo Centre is being involved in a technical consultancy regarding the establishment of an Iraqi Arbitration Centre. It is noteworthy in this concern that CRCICA support for the Iraqi Legislation System has been progressing since 2005 by providing tailored training programs for an official group of decision-makers from 13 different ministries and by providing ongoing free consultation to the committee reviewing the Iraq Arbitration Law.

Brief News

- **Publications:** In September 2007, CRCICA in collaboration with the Arab Union of International Arbitration (AUIA) issued the tenth volume of the Arab Arbitration Journal. Annexed to the Journal is a detailed index of all 10 volumes. The Index is categorized by topics, which makes it a very useful Arabic reference for arbitration literature in a decade. In addition to this, CRCICA is preparing the second volume of its Arbitral Awards Publication which will cover the awards issued from 2000 until 2008. Besides, the website of the Cairo Centre is being constantly updated to disseminate arbitration and ADR related information among all users on a timely basis.
- **Internships:** In 2007/ 2008, CRCICA has continued to train interns from the Georgetown University (USA), Brooklyn Law School (U.S.A.), the University of Versailles(France) and the University of Montreal (Canada). It is worth noting that CRCICA international internship programs have started since 1995 in cooperation with the Georgetown University and have kept developing over the years to include other eminent international universities.
- **New Memberships:** CRCICA Mediation and ADR Centre has recently joined MEDIATION WORLD as a country representative. MEDIATION WORLD is a unique, global initiative involving mediation bodies around the world, and is sponsored by the UK Government, designed to make up-to-date information on mediation developments in every country in the world to resource governments, courts, businesses, mediators, and others seeking to develop mediation in their own part of the world.
- **International Partnerships:** CRCICA is participating as a partner of the consortium led by L'Université François Rabelais of Tours, France in the EU-sponsored Tempus Project aiming at creating a Euro-Mediterranean Hub for Higher-Education and Expertise in International Business Law. CRCICA is also taking part as a partner of the consortium led by Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Research Committee (Faculty of Law) in another EU-sponsored project for «ELABORATING EU INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND PROTECTION INSTRUMENTS IN THE MED SPACE».
- **Support to Egyptian NGOs:** CRCICA remains the central meeting point for most arbitration and ADR related forums and groups in Egypt. In 2007/2008, regular meetings of the Egyptian Arbitration Forum (EAF) and the Egyptian ADR Association have been held at CRCICA meeting rooms.

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On the Horizon

New York Convention: 50 Years *Practical Perspectives on the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards (10-11 November, 2008)*

In the context of a very ambitious future Calendar of Events, CRCICA will organize a celebratory conference on the 50th anniversary of the New York Convention. Scheduled for 10-11 November, 2008, the event is one of a very limited number of international events being held in cooperation with the UNCITRAL through 2008 around the world to exchange information on how the New York Convention had been implemented and to see through further treaty actions in respect of the New York Convention.

Technical Assistance Scheme: CRCICA is in the process of developing long-term technical assistance programs in different trade and investment matters including investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) and WTO agreements. Negotiations are ongoing in this concern with various international technical assistance supporter such as the UNCTAD's Work Programme on IIAs And the World Trade Organization (WTO) , the International Trade Centre (ITC) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC). Specifically, UNCTAD and CRCICA have recently established a good working relationship to meet requests for further technical assistance work in the region. Joint plans in Libya and Algeria are being currently considered to make a good start.

International Mediation Training: Within the future context of its technical assistance schemes, CRCICA plans to provide a very professional level of service in the field of mediation and to get into this emerging market with distinguished performance and not to provide just a one among now so many commercial trainings as CRCICA projects are never profit-oriented. The Centre plans to maintain a highly qualified pool of mediators in the region to meet future challenges and step into the field as uniquely powerful as it did in arbitration. Future mediation plans will involve cooperation with local Non-governmental organizations , national authorities as well

as international organizations such as the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the Milan Chamber of Commerce, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) , the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI) and the Egyptian ADR Association.

International Arbitration Diploma: CRCICA has entered into agreement with the Cairo University to hold an international arbitration diploma in cooperation with the School of International Arbitration (SIA) of Queen Mary, University of London and the Cairo Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb). The pedagogical methodology of the diploma is mainly comparative and unfolds a remarkable balance between the theoretical and practical aspects of arbitration.

CRCICA Young Arbitration Practitioners Forum: CRCICA invited a group of young practitioners representing most of the big law firms in Egypt to get them involved in CRCICA's new project relating to forming a group of young lawyers practicing arbitration. The meeting was held on 6 May 2008 and its output was really fruitful. The attendees suggested and voted for the following name "CRCICA's Young Arbitration Practitioners Form." They have put the general outline for the work to be undertaken in the following months and agreed to have the group's launch event by the end of 2008.

Development of CRCICA Training Programs: CRCICA is developing its undergraduates training program and is planning to have a CRCICA Team of undergraduates who will participate in the VIS MOOT at Vienna in March 2009. The team shall get trainings from September 2008 to March 2009 in, *inter alia*, arbitration and CISG.

Appendix (1)



Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration 2008 – 2009 Future Events

Date	Event	Co-organizers
10-11 November 2008	The New York Convention: 50 Years of Applications	The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)
28-29 December 2008	International Construction Contracts... <i>Towards a Model Arab Contract</i>	Regional Construction Syndicates and Federations
18-19 March 2009, Cairo, Egypt	International Conference on : Hotel Management Contracts in Focus: Contractual Framework and Dispute settlement	
4-9 April 2009, Cairo, Egypt	International Entry and Membership Courses leading to the Membership or fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb)	The Cairo Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
6-7 May 2009, Cairo, Egypt	Egyptian Arbitration Law : 15 Years of Application	
19-21 November 2009, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt	Sharm El Sheikh III : International Conference on : The Vital Role of State Courts in Arbitration	-United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) - International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Associations (IFCAI)
13-17 December 2009, Cairo, Egypt	Legal English Course	American University in Cairo
* to be confirmed	First Mediation Training Course	American Arbitration Association (AAA) International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Appendix (2)

**Cairo Regional Centre for
International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA)
United Nations Commission on
International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)**



The Event is a direct response to the UNCITRAL's call to hold international conferences on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the New York Convention through 2008 around the whole world, which would provide opportunities to exchange information on how the New York Convention had been implemented around the world and to see through further treaty actions in respect of the New York Convention.

Main Topics :

- The history and significance of the 1958 New York Convention.
- Recognition and enforcement of arbitral agreements and awards: *Practical Perspectives and Case Law in different jurisdictions.*
- A view to the future – opportunities and challenges.



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NEW YORK CONVENTION : 50 YEARS

CRCICA Contributions during 2007 – 2008

- The Council Meeting of the International Federation of the Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI), Dublin, Ireland, 10 June 2008.
- The Second Mecca Meeting on "Positive impacts of enacting arbitration in commercial disputes", organized by the Saudi Arbitration Group, Holy Capital Secretary, and Centre of Engineering Experience, Mecca, KSA, 20-21 May 2008 .
- The Training Program on Arbitration organized by Arab Institute for Arbitration and ADR, Aleppo, Syria, 3-7 May 2008,
- The 1st symposium on “International Commercial Arbitration and Libya”, organized by the Academy for Postgraduate Studies in cooperation with Petrucci & Associati and the Mediterranean Arbitration Council, Tripoli, Libya, 16 March 2008, Paper presented: “Arbitration and the Settlement of Investor-State Disputes: Latest Developments”.
- The UNCITRAL/VIAC Joint Conference, organized by the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (VIAC), Vienna, Austria, 13-14 March 2008. Paper presented: "The impact of the increasing use of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules in investment arbitration".
- The International Conference on "The New York Convention 50 Years /Practical perspectives on Recognition and Enforcement in an Modern World", organized by the International Bar Association (IBA) in cooperation with the UN and the LCIA, New York, USA, 4-8 February 2008. Paper presented:"The New York Convention of 1958 on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards : What Needs to be Done for the Future".
- The 48th Session of the UNCITRAL WG II on "Revision of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules", New York, USA, 4-8 February 2008.

- The First International Arbitration Conference organized by Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Doha, Qatar, 20-22 January 2008. Paper presented : "Recent International Trends in Arbitrations and ADR techniques".
- The Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Dublin, Ireland, 31 October – 2 November 2007. Report presented on : "Developments in the Middle East/Indian Sub-continent Region".
- The Regional Training Session on International Investment Agreements and Investment Disputes for Member Countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference Organized by the Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Investment Promotion Technical Assistance Program of the Islamic Development Bank, with the support of the Jordan Investment Board Financed by the Islamic Development Bank, Amman, Jordan 22-31 October 2007. Paper presented: "The UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and the Settlement of Investment Disputes: The Experience of CRCICA".
- The IFCAI Judicial Colloquium, the IFCAI IX Biennial International Conference on "Critical Issues in International Commercial Arbitration" and the IFCAI Council Meeting, New Delhi, India, 19-21 October 2007. Paper presented on: "Preliminary Trends of the Revision of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules".
- The International Conference on "Preventing and Managing International Commercial Disputes, organized by ADR Center S.P.A (Member of MEDAL) in cooperation with the European Commission and EuroMed, Rome, Italy, 28-29 September 2007. Papers presented on : "International Commercial Arbitration", and on "Regulatory Developments in Arbitration in the MEDA Countries with special emphasis on Egypt". The aim of the conference is to strengthen the objective of the ADR MEDA project to improve and understand commercial dispute resolution and thus facilitate international trade and foreign investment in the 10 MEDA Countries.
- The 2007 Board Meetings of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC).

- The International Conference on “Aspects de l’arbitrage international dans le droit et la pratique des pays arabes», organised by the French Cour de Cassation, Paris, 13 June 2007. Paper presented: «Le choix de l’arbitre : le point de vue des institutions d’arbitrage. Vers une responsabilité partagée».

- Exclusive contribution from the middle east and the Arab world to the Hand Book published by Istanbul Chamber of Commerce on rules and procedures relating to international arbitration in different jurisdictions with 16 participants from different countries. Paper contributed: "International Commercial Arbitration in Egypt".

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