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Conference Program

Sunday 4 December 2022	
20.00 : 21.00	Early Registration
Day I:	Monday 5 December 2022
08.00 : 08.45	Registration
8.45 : 9.50	Inaugural Session
<p>Welcome Speech</p> <p>Dr. Ismail Selim Director of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), President of the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI), Vice President of the Governing Board of the African Arbitration Association (AfAA) (Egypt)</p>	
<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>H.H. Prince Dr. Bandar Ben Salman Ben Mohamed Al-Saud Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the CRCICA, Honorary President of the Union of Arab Gulf Lawyers, Honorary President of the National Lawyers Committee of Saudi Arabia, (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)</p> <p>Judge Mostafa El Bahabety Assistant Minister of Justice for Arbitration and International Disputes and Head of the Technical Secretariat for the High Committee for International Arbitration and the Ministerial Committee for Settlement of Investment Contracts Disputes in Egypt (Egypt)</p> <p>H.E Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol Secretary General of the Asian African Legal Consultative Organisation (AALCO)</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab Treasurer and Member of the Executive Body of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), Founding Partner & Head of International Arbitration, Construction and Energy Groups, Zulficar & Partners Law Firm, Professor of International Arbitration, Private International Law at Cairo University, Vice Chair of CRCICA Advisory Committee (Egypt)</p>	
<p><u>Gold Sponsor Speech</u></p> <p>Zulficar & Partners Law Firm (Egypt)</p>	
<p>Keynote Speech</p> <p>Reforming the Investor-State Dispute Settlement System: Progress and Way Forward in UNCITRAL's Working Group III</p> <p>Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret Secretary of United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)</p>	
9.50 : 10.05	Coffee Break

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10.05 : 10.25	Introductory Session
Regulatory Framework of Arbitration in Egypt and the Role of the High Committee for International Arbitration	
Moderator Dr. Ismail Selim	
Judge Mostafa El Bahabety Assistant Minister of Justice for Arbitration and International Disputes and Head of the Technical Secretariat for the High Committee for International Arbitration and the Ministerial Committee for Settlement of Investment Contracts Disputes in Egypt (Egypt)	

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10.30 : 12.10	First Session
Salient Legislative and Case Law Developments Affecting the Role of State Courts in International Arbitration	
Moderator:	
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Sheikh Dr. Thani Bin Ali Al- Thani Board Member of the Qatar International Center for Conciliation and Arbitration (QICCA) (Qatar)</p>	
Recent Developments in Saudi Case Law	
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Dr. Hamed Merah CEO of the Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA) (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)</p>	
Recent Developments in North Africa	
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. Sami Huerbi International Arbitrator (France - Tunisia)</p>	
The Role of Egyptian Courts in International Arbitration: An Analysis of Recent Courts' Awards	
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Prof. Dr. Mohamed Sameh Amr Professor and Chair of the International Law Department at Cairo University, Founding and Managing Partner of Amr & Partners Law Firm, Member of CRCICA Board of Trustees (Egypt)</p>	
Recent Development in China	
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. Lijun Cao Co-head of Zhong Lun's Dispute Resolution Department, Member of CRCICA's Advisory Committee (China)</p>	
Recent Development in East Africa	
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. Victor Mugabe Secretary General, Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC) (Rwanda)</p>	
Discussion (20 minutes)	
12.10 : 12.30	Coffee Break

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12.30 : 13.40	Second Session
The Role of State Courts in Enforcing Arbitration Agreements	
<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Prof. Nassib G. Ziadé President of the IMF Administrative Tribunal, Judge-elect of the UN Appeals Tribunal, Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR), Member of CRCICA’s Board of Trustees and Advisory Committee (Bahrain - Chile - Lebanon)</p>	
<p>Applicable Law to Arbitration Agreement from a Comparative Approach</p> <p>Dr. Reinmar Wolff Assistant Professor at the University of Marburg, Vice President of the German Arbitration Institute (DIS) (Germany)</p>	
<p>Recent Developments on State’s Courts Position on the Extension and Transmission of the Arbitration Agreement</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Nagla Nassar Principal, Nassar Law (Egypt)</p>	
<p>Arbitrability of Administrative Decrees: A Critical Analysis to the Egyptian Court of Cassation's Judgement in the Dipco Case, with a Qualitative Exploration of International and Comparative Commentaries</p> <p>Judge Dr. Mohamed Abdel Meguid Ismail Vice-President of the Egyptian State Council (<i>Conseil d'état</i>) and Judge at the Supreme Administrative Court (Contracts Circuit) (Egypt)</p>	
Discussion (20 minutes)	
13.45 : 15.00	Lunch Break Sponsored by Rizkana & Partners

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15.05 : 17.00	Third Session
State Courts and the Arbitral Tribunal	
<p>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Raouf Partner and Head of the International Arbitration Group at ABDEL RAOUF LAW FIRM, Associate Professor at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Vice Chair of CRCICA Board of Trustees, Member of CRCICA Advisory Committee (Egypt)</p>	
<p>Recent trends in the French Courts Approach to Arbitrators' Duty of Disclosure: Towards a More Objective Analysis of the 'Reasonable Doubt' Standard? Prof. Dr. Hadi Slim Professeur de Droit Privé, François-Rabelais University (Tours) (France – Lebanon)</p>	
<p>Conflicts Untold: Egyptian & English Perspectives on the Remits & Limits of Disclosure in International Arbitration Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab Founding Partner & Head of International Arbitration, Construction and Energy Groups, Zulficar & Partners Law Firm, Professor of International Arbitration, Private International Law and English Contract Law at Cairo University, Vice Chair of CRCICA Advisory Committee (Egypt)</p>	
<p>The Arbitral Tribunal, Independence and Impartiality of Arbitrators Mr. Girgis Abd El-Shahid Managing Partner, Shahid Law Firm, Member of CRCICA Advisory Committee (Egypt)</p>	
<p>The Challenge of Arbitrators Before African National Courts: Case Law from Kenya, Zimbabwe and South Africa Prof. Dr. Emilia Onyema Professor of International Commercial Law at SOAS University of London, Member of CRCICA Advisory Committee (UK/Nigeria)</p>	
<p>Discussion (15 minutes)</p>	
19.00 : 22.00	Premiere Screening: "Between North and South" Gala Dinner Sponsored by Matouk Bassiouny & Hennawy

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Day II:	Tuesday 6 December 2022
09.30 : 10.45	Fourth Session
AALCO Second Annual Arbitration Forum	
Moderator:	
Dr. Gaston Kenfack Douajni Director of Legislation at the Ministry of Justice, President of the Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA) and President of the African Arbitration Association (AfAA) (Cameroon)	
Dr. Ismail Selim Director of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) (Egypt)	
Mr. Lawrence M. Ngugi Registrar & CEO, Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA) (Kenya)	
Mr. Dennis Cai Deputy Director of AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre (AALCOHKRCA) (China)	
10.50 : 11.05	Award Ceremony
11.05 : 11.30	Coffee Break

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11.30 : 13.10	Fifth Session
The Use of Technology in International Arbitration, Globalization and Post-Pandemic Developments	
Moderator:	
<p>Dr. Andreas Reiner Arbitrator and Mediator, ARP, Vienna, Honorary Professor at the University of Economics, Vienna (Austria)</p>	
Global Arbitration in a De-globalized World: Arbitration for difficult times	
<p>Dr. Karim A. Youssef Chairman & CEO, International Arbitration Practice Head, Youssef & Partners Attorneys, Member of CRCICA Advisory Committee (Egypt)</p>	
Artificial Intelligence and International Arbitration	
<p>Ms. Madeline Kimei Principal Director, iResolve™ (Tanzania)</p>	
Blockchain and Smart Contracts	
<p>Mr. Brandon Malone Arbitrator and Adjudicator, Arbitra International (Scotland)</p>	
Egyptian Courts and the Use of Technology in Arbitration: Recent Decisions and Future Directions	
<p>Judge Hossam Sadek Assistant Minister of Justice, Head of the International and Cultural Cooperation Department ,Vice President of the Egyptian Court of Cassation, Arbitrator at the Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration and Vice Chairman of the Arab Society for Commercial & Maritime law (Egypt)</p>	
Discussion (20 minutes)	
13.10 : 14.30	Lunch Break Sponsored by Alrefaei & Aldahash Law Firm, Legal Consulting - Arbitration - Notarization

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14.30 : 16.00	Sixth Session
Annulment of Arbitral Awards: Comparative Perspectives	
<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Ms. Rabab Yasseen Partner Mentha Avocats, Deputy Judge Geneva Civil Courts, Vice Chair of the CRCICA Advisory Committee (Switzerland-Iraq)</p>	
<p>Overview on the Latest Developments on the Annulment of Arbitral Awards Across the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)</p> <p>Ms. Sara Koleilat-Aranjo Partner Al Tamimi & Company (France/Lebanon)</p>	
<p>Latest Development in Egyptian Case Law Regarding the Annulment of Arbitral Awards</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Hani Sarie-Eldin Founder and Managing Partner, Sarie-Eldin & Partners, Professor of Commercial and Maritime Law at the Faculty of Law - Cairo University, Member of CRCICA Board of Trustees (Egypt)</p>	
<p>The Evolution of the Extent of Control of Arbitral Awards by French Courts with Respect to Public Policy</p> <p>Mr. Philippe Leboulanger Leboulanger & Associés, Chairman of CRCICA Advisory Committee and Member of CRCICA's Board of Trustees (France)</p>	
<p>State Courts Review of Issues of Economic Sanctions in Arbitral Awards</p> <p>Prof. Mathias Audit Founding Partner, Audit - Duprey – Fekl, Paris, Law Professor at the Sorbonne School of Law (University of Paris 1) (France)</p>	
<p>The Egyptian Courts Control on the Interests Awarded by Arbitral Tribunals</p> <p>Mr. Yasser Mansour Attorney at Law, Partner and Head of Mansour Law Firm (Egypt)</p>	
Discussion (10 minutes)	

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16.00: 17.15	Seventh Session
Round Table: Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in Egypt - Practical Considerations	
<p>Moderator: Mr. Hazim Rizkana Managing Partner of Rizkana & Partners (Egypt)</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Haytham Ali Partner, Ali & Co Visiting Professor at University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne-Cairo Branch (Egypt) Counsellor Dr. Michel Nasr Hakim Vice-President of the Egyptian State Lawsuits Authority, PHD in International Commercial Arbitration (Egypt) Mr. Tewfik G. Shehata Managing Partner, SHEHATA Attorneys at Law (Egypt) Dr. Mohamed Shehata Partner and the Head of Litigation at Matouk Bassiouny and Hennawy Law Firm, Faculty member at the Cairo University, Faculty of Law (Egypt)</p>	

17.20 : 17.40	Closing Keynote Speech
<p>Climate Change and Dispute Settlement Ms. Annette Magnusson Co-Founder, Climate Change Counsel (Sweden)</p>	
17.45 : 18.00	Closing Remarks
<p>Dr. Ismail Selim Director, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) President of the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI), Member of the Governing Board of the African Arbitration Association (AfAA) (Egypt)</p>	

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