# Event Programme

Pakistan International Disputes Weekend 2026

12-13 December 2026 | Islamabad Marriott Hotel | PKT (UTC+5)

MC: Mansoor Azam Qazi

Working programme. Proposed and pending allocations are labelled; unconfirmed sessions appear separately. Please check pidw.pk/schedule for updates.

## Day 1

Saturday, 12 December 2026

Mediation . AI . Islamabad as Seat . Economics of Justice

09:40
10:00

OPENING CEREMONY

### Opening Ceremony & Co-Host Addresses

**Noor Siddiqi**
Opening address
Board member

**Mian Sheraz Javaid**
Chair PIDW / To be confirmed

**Kevin Nash**
Co-host speaker
Director General, LCIA

**Waseem Nazir**
Co-host speaker
Chairman, PEC

**Syed Hammad Yousaf Gillani**
Co-host speaker
General Secretary, SCL Pakistan

Opening addresses

10:00
11:10

PANEL 1

## The Mediation Experiment: One Process for Every Dispute?

Interactive Forum . Live Audience Polling

**Noor Siddiqi**
Speaker
Director, Towerbridge Legal

**Dr Can Eken**
Speaker
Director, DIDRI

**Andrew Johnson**
Speaker
ADRA / Board Member

**Justice (former) Zulfiqar Ahmed Khan**
Speaker
Former Justice, Sindh High Court

**Dr Katherine Johnson**
Speaker / To be confirmed
ADRA

**Mr Justice Adnan Chaudhary**
Judicial Chair / Pending

Format: Opening Poll / Four Perspectives / Moderated Discussion / Audience / Closing Poll

One Process for Every Dispute? Commercial vs Family & Community Mediation

Legislation vs Capacity: Is Pakistan Building the System Fast Enough?

Taking Mediation into the Community: Training Imams & Community Leaders

From Settlement to Execution: Should Mediated Settlement Agreements Be Directly Enforceable?

11:10
11:20

INNOVATION SHOWCASE 1

## LCIA Innovation Showcase

**Kevin Nash**
Presenter / Pending
DG LCIA

11:20
11:35

COFFEE & CONNECTIONS 1

## Coffee & Connections

11:35
12:45

PANEL 2

## Arbitration in the Age of AI: Can Technology Transform Disputes Without Undermining Justice?

AI Arbitration Experiment . Live AI Demonstration . Audience Polling

**Dr Andrey Kotelnikov**
Speaker / Proposed
Lecturer in Law, Robert Gordon University

**Dr Niklaus Zaugg**
Speaker / Proposed

**Aliaksei Korachkin**
Speaker / Proposed
Chairman, Belarus Arbitration Centre

**Prof Brandon Malone**
Speaker / Proposed
Arbitrator

**Jahanzaib Awan**
Speaker / To be confirmed
Partner Haider Mota & Co

**Mr. Justice Yousaf Ali Sayeed**
Judicial Chair / Pending
Judge of Sindh Highcourt Karachi

Format: Opening Poll / Live AI Experiment / Four Perspectives / AI vs Human Challenge / Closing Poll

AI as Counsel: Research, Drafting & Professional Responsibility

Whose Law Is the AI Learning? Bias, Jurisdiction & Algorithmic Reasoning

The Duty to Disclose: Ethics, Confidentiality & Due Process in the Use of AI

Can AI Replace the Arbitrator? Human Judgment vs Machine Decision-Making

12:45
12:55

INNOVATION SHOWCASE 2

## Pakistan Convention Showcase

**Ayesha Khan**
Presenter / Pending
IPRI

12:55
13:45

NETWORKING LUNCH

## Leadership Lunch & Structured Networking

13:45
13:55

INNOVATION SHOWCASE 3

## Pakistan's Model Law Journey: Update on Adoption & Implementation

13:55
15:05

PANEL 3

## Seat at the Table: Why Is Pakistan Not Yet an Arbitration Seat?

The Seat Conversation . 3 Perspectives . Golden Recipe . International User Challenge

**Mahnaz Malik**
Moderator
Barrister; International Arbitrator, Twenty Essex

**Mr. Justice David Waksman**
Speaker / To be confirmed
Judge in Charge, Commercial Court of England & Wales

**Mian Sheraz Javaid**
Speaker / To be confirmed
Barrister at No 5 Barristers Chambers

**Mr. Justice Jawad Hassan**
Speaker / To be confirmed
Judge of the Lahore High Court Lahore

Format: Law / Courts / Institutions / People / Infrastructure / International Confidence

Islamabad as Seat: From Vision to Implementation

From Creating a Seat to Sustaining One: What Is the Golden Recipe?

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The Seat Conversation . 3 Perspectives . Golden Recipe . International User Challenge

Judicial Confidence, Arbitration Support & Pakistan's Journey as a Seat

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COFFEE & CONNECTIONS 2

## Coffee & Connections

15:20
16:30

PANEL 4

## The Economics of Justice: Dispute Resolution as Economic Infrastructure in the Global South

Leadership Challenge . 4 Questions . Global South Perspective

**Matthew Hodgson**
Moderator / Proposed
International Arbitration Partner, Linklaters

**Olusola Adegbonmire**
Speaker / Proposed
Chair Ciarb Nigeria

**Edmund Kronenburg**
Speaker / Proposed
Managing Partner, Braddell Brothers LLP

**Arran Dowling Hussey**
Speaker / Proposed
4-5 Grays in square chamber

**To be confirmed**
Speaker / To be confirmed

**To be confirmed**
Judicial Chair / Pending

Format: Four Leadership Questions / Cross-Perspective Discussion / Leadership Challenge / Audience

Does FDI Follow the Quality of Justice?

What Does Ineffective Dispute Resolution Cost an Economy?

15:20
16:30

PANEL 4

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Leadership Challenge . 4 Questions . Global South Perspective

Commercial Courts, Arbitration or Neutral Platforms: What Does an Investor Actually Need?

Should the Global South Build Its Own Disputes Ecosystem?

16:30
17:00

CONNECTION WINDOW

## Connection Window - Delegate Exchange

17:00
17:30

KEYNOTE

## Keynote Address - The Honourable Mr Justice Waksman

**Mr Justice David Waksman**
Keynote
Judge in Charge, Commercial Court of England & Wales

17:30
17:45

ADDRESS 1

## Closing Keynote - Chief Justice Ali Baig

**Chief Justice Ali Baig**
Keynote

17:45
18:00

ADDRESS 2

## Closing Keynote - Chief Justice Zafar Ahmed Rajpoot

**Chief Justice Zafar Ahmed Rajpoot**
Keynote

# Day 2

Sunday, 13 December 2026

Prevention . CPEC 2.0 . Critical Minerals . Fireside . Policy

09:40
10:00

OPENING CEREMONY

## Opening & Co-Host Addresses

**Noor Siddiqi**
Opening address
Board member

**Mian Sheraz Javaid**
Chair PIDW / To be confirmed

**Karamat Ullah Ch.**
Co-host speaker
Vice Chair, CIArb Pakistan Branch

**Yasmine Cenetial**
Co-host speaker
Director, Board Region 2, DRBF

**Mohammad Zaman KC**
Co-host speaker
Head of Business & Property, No5 Barristers' Chambers

**To be confirmed**
Co-host speaker / Pending

Opening addresses

10:00
11:10

PANEL 1

## Prevention Before Arbitration: Why the Construction Industry Keeps Getting Standing Dispute Boards Wrong

Project Rescue Simulation . "What Would You Do?" . Audience Decisions . Video

**Virginie Colaiuta**
Speaker / Proposed
Partner, LMS Legal

**Robert Sliwinski**
Speaker / Proposed
Barrister, Chartered Arbitrator, Accredited Adjudicator and Mediator; ArbDB Chambers

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**Garbhan Shanks**
Speaker / Proposed
Disputes and Insurance Partner, Fladgate LLP

**Vladimir Khvalei**
Speaker / Proposed

**Mr. Justice Asim Hafeez**
Judicial Chair / Pending

Format: Project / Decisions / Four Interventions / Project Rescue Challenge / Short Video / Audience

Day One or Dispute Day? When Should the Dispute Board Be Appointed?

Who Sits on the Board? Independence, Expertise & the Right Mix

Prevent the Dispute or Decide It? The Board as an Early-Warning Mechanism

The Decision Arrives-Now What? Compliance, Enforcement & Keeping the Project Moving

11:10
11:20

INNOVATION SHOWCASE 4

## Medical ADR Showcase - Beyond the Courtroom

**Dr Sana Sheraz Javaid**
Presenter / Proposed
One Skin Cosmetology Clinic

11:20
11:35

COFFEE & CONNECTIONS 1

## Coffee & Connections

11:35
12:45

PANEL 2

## The Silk Road Reimagined: CPEC 2.0 and the Future of Cross-Border Projects

CPEC 2.0 Readiness Lab . Opening CPEC Quiz . Industrialisation Challenge

**Thara Ghoplan**
Speaker / Proposed
Vice President, AAA

**Mispa FRI AWASUM**
Speaker / Proposed

**Qasim Wadud**
Speaker / Proposed
Co-founder, Legal Oracles

**Robert Whitehead**
Speaker / Proposed
HAS Law

**Salman Ahmad Bawaney**
Speaker / To be confirmed

**Mr Justice Ijaz Anwar**
Judicial Chair / Pending

Format: CPEC Quiz / Four Perspectives / Readiness Challenge / Professional Services Readiness Map

From Infrastructure to Industrialisation: Is Pakistan Ready for CPEC 2.0?

Who Will Advise the Next Generation of CPEC Businesses?

National Expertise or International Expertise: What Is the Right Model?

Bring the Advisers in Before Things Go Wrong: From Transaction Support to Dispute Avoidance

12:45
12:55

INNOVATION SHOWCASE 5

## IPRI Showcase - Research, Policy & Pakistan's Global Positioning

**Lt General (Retd) Majid Ehsan**
Presenter / Pending
President IPRI

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NETWORKING LUNCH

## Leadership Lunch & Structured Networking

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PANEL 3

## The New Gold Rush: Building the Frameworks for Pakistan's Critical Minerals Economy

Critical Minerals Framework Lab . Build the Project Challenge

**Elise Groulx**
Speaker
Business and Human Rights lawyer

**Matthew Hodgson**
Speaker / Proposed
Linklaters

**Julia Sullivan**
Speaker / Proposed
ArbDB Chambers

**Maria Mulla**
Speaker / Proposed

**Taimur Malik**
Speaker / To be confirmed

**Mr Justice Abdul Qayyum Lehri**
Judicial Chair / Pending

Format: Framework / Five-Ingredient Investor Recipe / Build the Project / Dispute-Resolution Menu

From Resource to Investable Project: What Frameworks Must Come First?

Getting the Contracts Right: Global Standards, Risk Allocation & Mining-Specific Expertise

The Investor Recipe: What Will Make Global Mining Capital Choose Pakistan?

Where Would You Resolve the Dispute? Designing a Menu of Trusted Dispute-Resolution Platforms

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15:05

INNOVATION SHOWCASE 6

## Islamabad Talks Showcase - Neutrality, Dialogue & International Conflict Resolution

**Shozab Majeed**
Presenter / Pending
Founder-RPDI

15:05
15:20

COFFEE & CONNECTIONS 2

## Coffee & Connections

15:20
15:50

FIRESIDE CHAT

## MSJ in Conversation with Mr Justice Waksman

One Judge . One Conversation . Five Curated Questions . Five Audience Questions

**Mr Justice David Waksman**
Guest
One judge; five curated questions; five audience questions; no slides

**Moderator to be confirmed**
Moderator / Pending

Format: Five Curated Questions / Five Questions from the Audience / Closing Reflection

The Commercial Judge

International Confidence

The View from London

The Next Generation of Justice

One Piece of Advice to Pakistan

15:50
16:00

INNOVATION SHOWCASE 7

## Review . Reflect . Revive - What Has PIDW Achieved So Far?

**Mahwish**
Presenter / Pending
Co-Founder, TMH Procurement LLP

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KEYNOTE

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Keynote

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CLOSING ADDRESS

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POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

## IPRI – PIDW Policy Recommendations

16:50
17:05

DECLARATION

## Announcement of the Pakistan Declaration – Mr Justice Jawad Hassan

**Justice Jawad Hassan**
Presenter / To be confirmed
Justice

17:05
17:20

CLOSING CEREMONY

## Closing Speech – Barrister Mian Sheraz Javaid FCIArb, Chair PIDW

**Barrister Mian Sheraz Javaid FCIArb**
Closing Speaker
Chair, Pakistan International Disputes Weekend; Chair, CIArb Pakistan Branch

# To be scheduled

These sessions form part of the working programme. Their day or time is still to be confirmed.

Day 2
Time to be confirmed

INNOVATION SHOWCASE 8

## Islamic ADR

**Suhail Lashari**
Presenter / To be confirmed
Registrar Supreme Court of Pakistan

Day to be confirmed
Time to be confirmed

INNOVATION SHOWCASE

## Islamabad as Seat

**Mlan Sheraz Javaid**
Presenter / Proposed
Chair PIDW

Day to be confirmed
Time to be confirmed

INNOVATION SHOWCASE

## PEC ADR Centre

**Lt General (Retd) Moazzam Ejaz**
Presenter / Pending
Chair Steering Committee ADR Centre