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PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES WEEKEND

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9:30 am - 9:35 am

SPEAKER

KASHAF FATIMA

Treasurer, Ciarb Pakistan Branch

Kashaf Fatima, FCI Arb, is the Treasurer of the CI Arb Pakistan Branch and the youngest Fellow of CI Arb globally. A Senior Associate at MSJC and Conference Director for PIDW, she has been leading the event's organization for three years. She is also a candidate for a Master's in Construction Law at King's College London.

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9:35 am - 9:40 am

NOOR SIDDIQI

Director, Towerbridge Legal, London

Noor is Director of Tower Bridge Legal, specialising in commercial and civil litigation. He represents domestic and international clients in complex High Court and Court of Appeal cases. An accomplished arbitrator and certified mediator, Noor achieves cost-effective resolutions and six-figure settlements. He also founded Unite in Virtue, supporting communities through food banks and aid.

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OPENING SPEECH #1



9:40 am - 9:45 am

SPEAKER

BARRISTER MIAN SHERAZ JAVAID

No5. Barristers Chambers, United Kingdom

Mian Sheraz Javaid, a Civil Engineer turned English Barrister, specializes in construction and energy law, serving as Arbitrator, Mediator, Adjudicator, Neutral Evaluator, and Dispute Board Member. A Barrister at No.5 Chambers with rights of audience in multiple jurisdictions, he leads CIArb Pakistan, TCC ADR, and Society of Construction Law, while globally training professionals in mediation, arbitration, and adjudication.

OPENING SPEECH #2



9:45 am - 9:50 am

XAVIER LEYNAUD

BOD, DRBF, France

Xavier Leynaud is a forensic delay analysis, quantum, and project management expert and founder of LEYNAUD & ASSOCIES. With over two decades of experience, he specialises in project recovery, FIDIC/NEC/JCT contracts, and EPC projects across oil & gas, renewables, buildings, and rail. Xavier is an IPMA-certified PPMC and an international trainer in project management.

OPENING SPEECH #3



9:50 am - 9:55 am

WASEEM NAZIR

Chairman, PEC

Engr. Waseem Nazir is Chairman of the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC), bringing over four decades of engineering, project management, and leadership experience. He is the Managing Director of MM Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd., and his leadership is focused on modernising professional standards, strengthening regulation, expanding pathways for engineers, and aligning PEC's policies with global benchmarks,

OPENING SPEECH #4



9:55 am - 10:00 am

KEVIN NASH

Director General, London Court of International Arbitration

Kevin Nash is Deputy Registrar & Centre Director at SIAC, where he oversees case administration and manages the Secretariat. Since 2012, he has handled 1,000+ international cases, contributed to SIAC's rule revisions, and is qualified as a Barrister and Solicitor in Canada. He holds degrees from Osgoode Hall and Stockholm University.

PANEL NO.1

10:00 am - 11:10 am

TOPIC: ISDS TOOLKIT: THE QUANTUM LEAP BY UNCITRAL?



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SPEAKERS

Sub Topic: The Evolution of UNCITRAL's Model Law and Its Role in Legal Harmonization

MANSOOR AWAN

Attorney General of Pakistan

Mansoor Usman Awan is the 37th Attorney-General of Pakistan, appointed in December 2022. A Lahore-based lawyer, he holds an LLB from University of the Punjab and an LLM from Harvard Law School. He has served as counsel in landmark constitutional cases including Article 95 implementation and clarifications on Article 63(A)

**Sub Topic: Judicial Reflections on the Quantum Leap: Harmonizing International Investment Dispute Settlement with Rule of Law Principles**

ZULFIQAR AHMED KHAN

Rtd. Justice of Sindh High Court

Justice Zulfiqar Ahmad Khan, a Mechanical Engineer from NED and law graduate from Karachi University, holds a PG Diploma in IT & Telecom Laws from Strathclyde, Glasgow. A leading expert in IP, maritime, and technology law, he authored Pakistan's Trade Marks Ordinance 2001, contributed to TRIPS compliance, and founded several key legal associations including PIPRO and PELA.

**Sub Topic: Jurisdictional Objections in ISDS: How UNCITRAL Can Mitigate the Tension.**

ALIAKSEI KORACHKIN

Deputy Chairman Chamber of Arbitrators, Chairman of the Sports Arbitration Court at Belarusian Republican Union of Lawyers, UNCITRAL, Belarus

Aleksei Korochkin, FCIArb, is Chairman of the Chamber of Arbitrators in Minsk and Head of the Minsk Regional Specialized Legal Advice Office on Juridical Support to Business. He serves as UNCITRAL's Belarus National Correspondent and specializes in arbitration, commercial litigation, IT law, mediation, intellectual property, and international trade matters.

**Sub Topic: Evolving Approaches to the Seat-Law Combination in International Arbitration**

MATTHEW HODGSON

Partner, Linklaters, London

Matthew Hodgson is Global Head of Public International Law at Linklaters, specialising in international commercial and investment treaty arbitration. Admitted in England & Wales, Hong Kong, and New York, he has acted in over twenty investment treaty disputes representing investors and States across Asia, Europe, Africa, and emerging markets worldwide.

11:10 am - 11:25 am

TEA & COFFEE BREAK

PANEL NO.2

11:25 am - 12:35 pm

TOPIC: THE CONTRACTOR'S ROADMAP: CPEC
DISPUTES, FIDIC CONTRACT AND THE ICC ARBITRATION

MODERATOR

VIRGINIE COLAUTA

Partner, LMS Legal, London

Virginie Colauta is an international arbitration and construction law expert, admitted in Paris, New York, and England & Wales. She serves as Managing Editor of the IBA's Construction Law International and advises on complex, high-value disputes across jurisdictions, representing clients in major infrastructure, energy, and construction projects worldwide.



SPEAKERS

Sub Topic: FIDIC Contracts under Stress: Interpreting Rights, Obligations, and Remedies

STEPHEN HIBBERT

Independent Arbitrator & Mediator, ArbDB Chambers, New York

Stephen Hibbert is a major projects and disputes lawyer with over 35 years of experience across Australia, Asia, and the Middle East. He has advised on PPP/PFI toll roads, hospitals, transport, and rail projects and is highly experienced in arbitration and mediation of complex project and construction disputes.

**Sub Topic: Employer Attitudes in Pakistan Towards International Arbitration: Perception, Acceptance, and Practical Use**

RAFEY A SIDDIQUI

COO, Osmani & Company, Islamabad

Dr. Rafey A Siddiqui has a masters and doctorate in Civil Engineering. He is a FIDIC Certified Contracts Manager and a FIDIC Procurement Specialist. He is a Member of the CiArb. Currently serving as the COO of Osmani & Company. Dr. Rafey specialises in large scale infrastructure development contracts and alternate dispute resolution. He has served as a member on several Dispute / Adjudication Boards.

**Sub Topic: The Contractor's Lens: Disputes in the Construction Industry**

HUSSNAIN SHAHID

Director, Grayway Ltd, Islamabad

Hussnain Shahid is a civil engineer and co-founder of Grayway (Pvt) Ltd, a construction firm focused on innovation and sustainability in Pakistan. With experience in contracting in Pakistan and consulting in the UK, he is the youngest and only Pakistani to attend the 2023 FIDIC Summer School at King's College London.

**Sub Topic: Dispute Resolution for Key Risks in Public Private Infrastructure Projects**

JULIA SULLIVEN

Arbitrator, ArbDB Chambers, New York

Julia E. Sullivan is an American lawyer, English solicitor, and international arbitrator with over 140 appointments as Chair, Member, or Sole Arbitrator. Formerly chair of Akin Gump's Energy Regulation practice, she holds graduate law and business degrees, teaches international arbitration and energy policy, and is a CIArb Fellow and Vice Chair of CIArb North America.

12:35 pm - 12:45 pm

INNOVATION SHOWCASE

**TOPIC: THE HUMAN—AI PARTNERSHIP IN ARBITRATION:
LESSONS FROM AAA-ICDR**

**SPEAKER****THARA GHOPLAN**

Vice President, AAA, Singapore

Thara Goplan is an experienced commercial disputes attorney who has acted as counsel on complex matters before the Singapore courts and in international arbitrations and mediations. She now leads the International Centre for Dispute Resolution's operations across Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Oceania, advancing arbitration, mediation, and other dispute resolution services worldwide.

12:45 pm - 01:45 pm

LUNCH BREAK

01:45 pm - 01:55 pm

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TOPIC: PURPOSED PAKISTAN ADR SYSTEM

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PANEL NO.3

01:55 pm - 03:05 pm

TOPIC: CPEC 2.0 AND THE FUTURE OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN PAKISTAN: OPPORTUNITIES AND POLICY CHALLENGES



MODERATOR

ANIL CHANGAROTH

SCL (International) Liaison Committee, SCL (Singapore)

Anil Changaroth is a mediator, arbitrator, dispute board and restorative justice practitioner, and advocate and solicitor of Singapore, as well as a solicitor of England and Wales. His practice focuses on civil, commercial, criminal, and ESG-related disputes. He serves on the SCL International Liaison Committee and has led SCL Singapore as chair.



SPEAKERS

Sub Topic: Digital Integration: Leveraging Technology for Regional Connectivity

WASEEM RAZA

Vice President, SCL Pakistan

Engr. Waseem Raza, FCI Arb, is Chief Engineer & Project Director at WAPDA, leading Pakistan's IBIS Telemetry Project. With 23+ years in mega infrastructure, he has directed Tarbela 5th Extension and environmental/climate initiatives. An accredited arbitrator with PEC and DRBF, he specializes in FIDIC contracts, DAABs, PPPs, and climate finance, while serving as Vice Chair of SCL Pakistan.

**Sub Topic: Regional Case Studies & Lessons Learned**

ZUBAIR IJAZ

CEO, Astral Constructors

Zubair Ijaz is the Chief Executive Officer of Astral Constructors, one of Pakistan's leading construction and project management firms known for delivering landmark infrastructure and commercial projects. With extensive experience in the engineering and construction sectors, he has led numerous high-value developments, emphasizing innovation, sustainability, and international best practices in project execution.

**Sub Topic: Building Regional Capacity Through Shared Expertise**

MIAN ZAFAR IQBAL KALANAURI

Partner, Zafar Kalaunari and Associates

Mian Zafar Iqbal Kalanauri is a Barrister-at-Law and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, serving as an Arbitrator (Fellow, CI Arb), Accredited Mediator, Master Trainer, and Professor of Law. A pioneer of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in Pakistan, he introduced and institutionalized ADR over two decades ago. As an accredited mediator and trainer with CEDR, IMI, and CMC (USA), he has trained judges, lawyers, and professionals globally. He has also contributed to key ADR laws and reforms, significantly shaping Pakistan's modern dispute resolution framework.

**Sub Topic: Building Regional Capacity Through Shared Expertise**

ASIM AMIN

Islamabad Chair Chapter, Ciarb Pakistan Branch

Seasoned civil engineer with over three decades of experience in highway and bridge design, project management, and infrastructure development. Former General Manager (Design) in the public sector, with extensive consultancy background since 1990. Led design of 1000+ km highways, bridges, and interchanges. Served as focal person for CPEC projects, overseeing \$4.5B EPC turnkey works with global financial coordination.

03:05 pm - 03:15 pm

INNOVATION SHOWCASE

TOPIC: BUSTING THE CPEC LOGJAM: HOW TRUSTED DIGITAL TWIN CAN PREVENT BILLION DOLLAR DISPUTES



SPEAKER

BRIG. SHERJEEL ASHRAF

Ex Country Head Engineering & Infrastructure, NLC

Brig. Sharjeel Ashraf is an adaptive leader and strategic storyteller with over 26 years of experience driving Pakistan's largest infrastructure projects, worth PKR 175B. He has led 3,500+ professionals nationwide, pioneering innovative financial models, resolving disputes, and transforming stalled projects into success stories through collaborative leadership, systems thinking, and creative problem-solving.

PANEL NO.4

03:15 pm - 04:25 pm

TOPIC: CAPACITY, CREDENTIALS, AND CONNECTIONS:
CIARB'S ROLE IN GLOBAL ARBITRATION ENTRY

MODERATOR

MICHEAL TONKIN

President CI Arb, 2026 - 2027

Michael Tonkin BSc DipArb FCI Arb FRICS is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor, Arbitrator, Builder, and CEDR Accredited Mediator with 35+ years in construction. Vice President of CI Arb, he becomes President in 2027. An expert witness in quantum, he has acted in disputes worth up to US\$4bn and served as arbitrator in 70+ cases globally.



SPEAKERS

Sub Topic: Credentials that Open Doors: The Weight of MCI Arb & FCI Arb Titles

ADV HENK LOUW

Advocate at Rivonia Group of Advocates, Ciarb SA Branch

Henk Louw is a practising Advocate in South Africa and Lesotho, as well as an Arbitrator, Adjudicator, Mediator, and acting Judge of the High Court of South Africa. A Fellow of both the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK), he chairs CI Arb South Africa Branch and serves on the Committee of SCL Africa.

**Sub Topic: Future-Proofing Arbitration: CI Arb's Push for Innovation & Policy Leadership**

OLUSOLA ADEGBONMIRE

Legal Practitioner, Arbitrator and Mediator, Nigeria

Olusola Adegbonmire is a Legal Practitioner, Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Mediator, and Estate Planning Consultant. He chairs the Nigerian Branch of CI Arb and serves on the Board of the Kigali International Arbitration Centre. Olusola specialises in succession planning, probate, and real estate, and is an Accredited Mediator and Approved Tutor and Assessor with CI Arb.

**Sub Topic: Pathways to Appointment: From Accreditation to Panels**

MUHAMMAD SOHAIL KHAN

Additional Registrar, Pakistan Engineering Council

Sohail Khan is Team Lead and Accreditation Specialist at the Pakistan Engineering Council, with over 21 years of experience in accreditation, quality assurance, and engineering education. He played a key role in PEC's recognition under the Washington Accord and IPEA, enhancing global mobility for Pakistani engineers and advancing outcome-based education nationwide.

**Sub Topic: Capacity building initiatives in Pakistan**

HAMMAD YOUSAF GILLANI

Secretary, Ciarb Pakistan Branch, Pakistan

Syed Hammad Yousaf Gillani FCI Arb is an Advocate of the High Courts of Pakistan and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb). He has extensive experience in arbitration, commercial, and construction disputes and is actively engaged in promoting alternative dispute resolution practices in Pakistan through his work with CI Arb and related initiatives.

04:25 pm - 04:40 pm

TEA & COFFEE BREAK

04:40 pm - 04:50 pm

INNOVATION SHOWCASE

TOPIC: PUNJAB'S JOURNEY TOWARDS EFFICIENT DISPUTE RESOLUTION: BRIDGING COURTS AND ADR MECHANISMS



SPEAKER

MUHAMMAD AMJAD PERVAIZ
Advocate General Punjab

Muhammad Amjad Pervaiz, Advocate General Punjab, is a distinguished lawyer with extensive experience in constitutional, civil, and criminal law. As the chief legal advisor to the Government of Punjab, he represents the province in landmark cases before superior courts. Renowned for his advocacy and legal acumen, he has contributed significantly to public interest litigation and governance reforms.

PANEL NO.5

04:50 pm - 06:00 pm

TOPIC: MEDIATION AS A CATALYST FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY: THE POWER OF MANDATORY MEDIATION



MODERATOR

Sub Topic: *Dispute Resolution as a Social Change Agent in a fast-moving, technological global community*

SARAH TARAR DDRS

Founder & Director, ICDRL

Sarah Tarar, a Digital Dispute Resolution Specialist, is the Founder and Director of International Centre for Dispute Resolution Lahore and CEO of ADR ODR International Pakistan and is engaged as an international Trainer of Mediation with AOL. She is a Consultant Mediator at the Office of Compliance Advisor Ombudsman, World Bank Group and the CEO and Dean of International College for Legal Studies. A University of London Worldwide Recognised Tutor, she holds multiple Postgraduate degrees from University of London.



SPEAKERS

Sub Topic: *Japan's Experience with Mandatory Mediation in Divorce and Inheritance Disputes*

MASAKO MIYATAKE

Professor-Keio University Law school and Special Counsel of Blakemore & Mitsuki, Japan

Dr. Masako Miyatake is a Japanese lawyer and former Keio University Law School professor with expertise in negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and ombuds practice. A CI Arb Fellow and accredited mediator, she sits on the panels of KOAB, JCAA, BAC, SIMC, and JIMC. With extensive international ADR experience, she has successfully settled 85% of nearly 100 mediations.



Sub Topic: *The Advantages of Standing Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Boards (DAABs)*

BRANDON MALONE

Advocate, Barrister, Arbitrator at Arbitra International and FIDIC Adjudicator, London

Brandon Malone is a Scottish Advocate and Barrister (England & Wales) with over 30 years' experience in commercial dispute resolution, specialising in construction, energy, and infrastructure disputes. A CI Arb and RICS Fellow, FIDIC Certified Adjudicator, and former Chair of the Scottish Arbitration Centre, he regularly presides over high-value, complex international arbitrations.



Sub Topic: *Transforming Disputes into Opportunities for Prosperity*

SALWA SAAD KHAIRALLAH

International Mediator and Negotiator - ADR trainer

Salwa Saad Khairallah is a seasoned ADR professional with 23 years in the shipping industry and extensive training in arbitration, mediation, and negotiation. A CI Arb Fellow and CEDR-accredited mediator, she lectures internationally on ADR and manages Consultancy Center Beirut, providing dispute resolution services locally and globally.



Sub Topic: *An emphasis on disputes among shareholders and the startup ecosystem.*

LINDA HENG

Founder & CEO, ResoX

Linda is a Harvard-trained mediator with over two decades of experience, multiple international accreditations, and appointments to leading mediation panels worldwide. She co-founded an online dispute resolution marketplace and advises on high-stakes shareholder, startup, and commercial disputes, while actively promoting mediation capacity-building and conflict management globally.

CLOSING SPEECH DAY 1



06:00 pm - 06:05 pm

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Mohammed Zaman KC is a commercial litigation and international arbitration lawyer, specialising in contractual, property, regulatory, and complex commercial disputes, including civil fraud, company, and insolvency matters. Admitted to the DIFC Courts, he has appeared before the Dubai World Tribunal in high-value cases up to AED 800 million (GBP 140 million).

OPENING SPEECH #4



9:50 am - 09:55 am

UMAR GHAZANZFAR MALIK

Remote Project Management Expert

Senior Project Director and Arbitrator (FCI Arb) with 30+ years leading \$50M-\$500M infrastructure megaprojects across Pakistan, Liberia, and conflict zones. Expert in FIDIC contracts, dispute resolution, and megaproject delivery—5,000+ km roads, major housing, and water schemes. Former Pakistan Army Colonel with UN/NATO experience, integrating engineering precision and arbitration expertise to deliver projects on time, under budget, and conflict-free.

OPENING SPEECH #5



9:55 am - 10:00 am

RAJA NAEEM

Federal Law Secretary

Raja Naeem Akbar, Secretary of Law and Justice, Pakistan, has served in the Ministry since 2011, overseeing key areas including drafting, legislation, and administration of federal courts and tribunals. Appointed Secretary on September 8, 2020, he previously served as Senior Consultant and currently heads the Contract and Treaty Section, ensuring effective legal governance and policy implementation.

PANEL NO. 1

10:00 am - 11:10 am

TOPIC: ARBITRATION ACROSS SECTORS: HAS THE WORLD MOVED AWAY FROM TRADITIONAL LITIGATION PRACTICES?



MODERATOR

ROBERT SLIWINSKI

Chartered Arbitrator, UAE

Robert Sliwinski is a Barrister, Chartered Arbitrator, Accredited Adjudicator, Mediator, and Quantity Surveyor with over 35 years of experience in the construction industry. Practising from SWL Chambers and ArbDB Chambers in London, he handles arbitration, adjudication, mediation, and dispute board appointments worldwide, specialising in complex construction, engineering, and infrastructure disputes across multiple jurisdictions.



SPEAKERS

Sub Topic: *The Shift from Courts to Tribunals: Drivers Behind the Global Trend*

SHANZA BAIG

CLO, Pakistan Petroleum Limited

Shanza is a seasoned legal professional with nearly two decades of experience in civil, corporate, commercial, and constitutional law. She has advised major companies on complex transactional and litigation matters, with a strong focus on the energy and corporate sectors. A Certified Director (PICG), she advocates for diversity, inclusion, and organisational growth.



Sub Topic: *Sectoral Perspectives: Arbitration in Construction, Energy, Finance, and Technology*

ISHTIAQ NAWAZ CHICHI

Partner, Spencer West, United Kingdom

Ishtiaq is a dual-qualified lawyer (England & Wales, Pakistan) and Founding & Managing Partner of Spencer West Pakistan. A Solicitor-Advocate with Higher Rights of Audience, he advises on real estate, commercial law, dispute resolution, Islamic finance, and international arbitration. He has led high-value transactions exceeding £500M and is pursuing a PhD on sports law.



Sub Topic: *From Conflict to Care: The Healthcare Industry Emerging Disputes & Patient outcomes*

RASHID MUREED

Partner, Cepal & Co, Pakistan

Barrister Rashid Mureed, co-founder and Head of Chambers at Cepal & Co., is a specialist in pharmaceutical and healthcare law. A member of Lincoln's Inn with a pharmaceutical background, he advises leading multinational and national companies on drug laws, life sciences, IP, procurement, and constitutional matters, while representing clients before High Courts, Drug Courts, and Special Tribunals.



Sub Topic: *The Emergence of International Commercial Courts*

PAUL TAN

Independent counsel, One Essex Court, London

Paul Tan, a Singapore and Middle Temple barrister, is a leading arbitration and litigation advocate, acting for corporations, banks, funds, insurers, and governments across diverse industries. Recognized globally as a standout advocate, he also sits as arbitrator with SIAC, ICC, and HKIAC. Co-author of three major arbitration texts, he frequently advises on complex investor-state and commercial disputes.

11:10 am - 11:25 am

TEA & COFFEE BREAK

PANEL NO.2

11:25 am - 12:35 pm

TOPIC: ISLAMABAD FOR INVESTORS: BUILDING A TRUSTED SEAT FOR CROSS-BORDER DISPUTE RESOLUTION



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SPEAKERS

Sub Topic: Seat vs Venue, a Legal Debate!**QASIM WADUD**

Partner, Legal Oracles, Pakistan

Mr. Wadud, co-founder of Legal Oracles and head of its Islamabad Dispute Resolution Practice, has served as Additional Advocate General Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Additional Attorney General of Pakistan. With over 1,000 reported cases, he has represented federal and provincial governments before the Supreme Court and Islamabad High Court. He also negotiated with 47 IPPs, securing relief exceeding PKR 850 billion.

**Sub Topic: Positioning Islamabad on the Global Arbitration Map****ALESSA PANG**

Partner, WongPartnership LLP, Singapore

Alessa Pang, Partner in Commercial & Corporate Disputes and International Arbitration, specializes in cross-border disputes under SIAC, ICC, LCIA, HKIAC, UNCITRAL, and ICSID Rules. Dual-qualified in Singapore and England & Wales, she also sits as arbitrator and handles arbitration-related court proceedings. Recognized as an Arbitration Future Leader, she has held leadership roles with ICC YAF, Young ICCA, and AAA-ICDR. Clients praise her as a formidable litigator with exceptional analytical skills.

**Sub Topic: Designing Institutions Investors Can Trust: The Role of International Lawyers in Islamabad's Arbitration Future****NOOR SIDDIQI**

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**Sub Topic: Islamabad as a Seat: The Roadway of Developing Pakistan as a Seat of Arbitration****HUMA IJAZ**

Partner, Mandviwalla & Zafar

Senior Partner at Mandviwalla & Zafar Advocates, with 22 years of legal practice in corporate, commercial, and energy law. She leads complex, high-profile transactional and litigation matters, specializing in competition, finance, oil & gas, telecom, IT, and arbitration. Her expertise spans project financing, cross-border disputes, and constitutional litigation, with contributions to leading local and international legal journals.

12:35 pm - 12:45 pm

INNOVATION SHOWCASE

TOPIC: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE FUTURE OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION

SPEAKER

COLIN RULE

President and CEO, Mediate.com, San Francisco



Colin Rule is CEO of Mediate.com and ODR.com, subsidiaries of the AAA/ICDR. A pioneer in online dispute resolution, he co-founded Modria.com and Online Resolution, and led ODR at eBay, PayPal, and Tyler Technologies. He has authored key works on ODR, taught at leading universities, and received major awards from the ABA and ACR.

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LUNCH BREAK

01:45 pm - 01:55 pm

INNOVATION SHOWCASE

TOPIC: NEW ERA FOR THE REGION: PEACE, PROGRESS AND GLOBAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION

SPEAKER

MR. GU YAN

Vice President, CIETAC



Gu Yan is the Vice President of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) and Secretary-General of the China Academy of Arbitration Law. With extensive experience in international commercial arbitration and legal reform, he has played a key role in advancing China's arbitration framework and strengthening global cooperation in dispute resolution.

PANEL NO.3

01:55 pm - 03:05 pm

TOPIC: THE REKO DIQ DIARIES: LESSONS IN UTILIZATION, TRANSPARENCY, AND LIFECYCLE CONTRACTING



MODERATOR

MOHAMMED ZAMAN KC

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SPEAKERS

Sub Topic: *Beyond Dispute: Reko Diq's Revival as a Blueprint for Progressive State and Investor Partnership*

UZAIR SHAFIE

Partner, Haidermota & Co, Pakistan

Uzair Shafie, Partner at Haidermota & Co., specializes in commercial disputes, arbitration, and complex transactions. He represents multinational corporations and state-owned enterprises before Pakistan's superior courts and advises on landmark privatizations and M&A deals. With expertise in high-stakes litigation and enforcement of arbitral awards, Uzair bridges contentious and transactional work, providing strategic counsel on Pakistan's legal framework in global proceedings.

**Sub Topic: *Transparency in Mega Resource Projects***

SHOZAB MAJEED

Co-founder - Global Peace Summit (GPS)

Shozab serves as the Director of International Law at the Ministry of Defence, specializing in international law, negotiations, and alternative dispute resolution. Holding advanced degrees in law, business, and strategic studies, he brings military and humanitarian expertise to policy development, crisis management, and governance—bridging strategic foresight with operational excellence in complex, high-stakes environments.

**Sub Topic: *Lifecycle Contracting: From Exploration to Extraction to Exit***

XAVIER LEYNAUD

BOD, DRBF, France

Xavier Leynaud is a forensic delay analysis, quantum, and project management expert and founder of LEYNAUD & ASSOCIES. With over two decades of experience, he specialises in project recovery, FIDIC/NEC/JCT contracts, and EPC projects across oil & gas, renewables, buildings, and rail. Xavier is an IPMA-certified PPMC and an international trainer in project management.

**Sub Topic: *Ensuring Accountability and Sustainable Outcomes in Resource Projects***

KAMRAN REHMAN

Partner at Penningtons Manches Cooper, London

Kamran leads the commercial dispute resolution team, advising on complex financial, property, and cross-border disputes across banking, finance, real estate, and technology sectors. Recommended by The Legal 500 as a leading partner in litigation, he is valued for his strategic, results-driven approach and extensive experience in professional negligence, fraud, insolvency, and international arbitration.

03:05 pm - 03:15 pm

INNOVATION SHOWCASE

TOPIC: INTEGRATIVE AI: CONNECTING KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGY



SPEAKER

DR. KONSTANTIN PAVLIDIS
Founder Orassy

Dr. Konstantin Pavlidis is the founder of the Orassy Health & Research Centre and a pioneer integrating neuroscience, psychology, and human potential. Holding PhDs in Neuroscience, Clinical Psychology, Cognitive Science, and Integrative Medicine, his work combines scientific rigor with contemplative traditions to create a groundbreaking, evidence-based framework for conscious leadership and optimized human performance.

PANEL NO.4

03:15 pm - 04:25 pm

TOPIC: NEW ERA FOR THE GLOBAL SOUTH: PROSPERITY THROUGH DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXCELLENCE



MODERATOR

BARRISTER MIAN SHERAZ JAVAID

No5. Barristers Chambers, United Kingdom

Mian Sheraz Javaid, a Civil Engineer turned English Barrister, specializes in construction and energy law, serving as Arbitrator, Mediator, Adjudicator, Neutral Evaluator, and Dispute Board Member. A Barrister at No.5 Chambers with rights of audience in multiple jurisdictions, he leads CIArb Pakistan, TCC ADR, and Society of Construction Law, while globally training professionals in mediation, arbitration, and adjudication.



SPEAKERS

Sub Topic: Role of the Global South in Reshaping International Arbitration

JOANNE LAU

Secretary General, HKIAC, Hong Kong

Joanne is the Secretary-General of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, leading its Secretariat and overseeing its international dispute resolution services and operations. Formerly a Partner at a leading international firm, she has extensive experience in international commercial and investment arbitrations and has also served as arbitrator.

**Sub Topic: SIAC and the Global South: Innovation and Efficiency in Cross-Border Dispute Settlement**

VAKHTANGI GIORGADZE

Deputy Counsel, SIAC, Singapore

Vakhtang Gvianidze is Deputy Counsel at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), where he administers complex cross-border arbitrations. A Georgian-qualified lawyer and SIMI-accredited mediator, he co-authored The Singapore Convention on Mediation – A Commentary and teaches mediation at Singapore Management University. His experience includes the WTO, Georgian Ministry of Justice, and leading law firms.

**Sub Topic: Legal Capacity and Institutional Reform**

RAJENDRA PRASAD

Chairman, NEPCA, Nepal

Dr. Rajendra P. Adhikari is a Nepali dispute resolution expert with over four decades of experience in arbitration, adjudication, and dispute boards. He has chaired major infrastructure disputes, advised the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal, served as NEPCA Secretary-General, and is a professor and author of leading works on construction management and engineering law.

**Sub Topic: Dispute Resolution as a Social Change Agent in a Fast-Moving Technological Global Community**

KATHERINE PAVLIDIS

President, ADRA, Australia

Dr. Katherine Johnson is Co-President and Fellow of the Australian Dispute Resolution Association and an internationally accredited mediator on panels including IMI, PNG Supreme Court, and NSW Supreme Court. A barrister since 1993, she pioneered the concept of Re-Constructionist Mediation in her PhD and has earned international recognition with awards from Greece, Oxford University, and ADRA.



Sub Topic: Arbitration and Mediation Reforms in Armenia, AMCA's Practice in Mandatory Mediation

LILIT PETROSYAN

Director, AMCA, Armenia

Lilit Petrosyan is Director of the Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia (AMCA) and holds an LL.M. from Queen Mary University of London. She has served in Armenia's Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice, and Cassation Court, worked with EBRD and Dentons, and lectures at Yerevan State University on civil procedure.



Sub Topic: Technology & Innovation: Leveling the Playing Field

RANA SAJJAD

President, CIICA

Rana Sajjad, a dual-qualified lawyer licensed as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and a member of the New York bar, has around 25 years' experience in contracts, cross-border transactions, commercial litigation and international arbitration. He is a Fellow of CI Arb and a SIMI-accredited mediator and in addition to practising law as Managing Partner, Triage Law, he has been involved in teaching, training, publishing and speaking in connection with international arbitration and advising on government reform initiatives involving international arbitration.



Sub Topic: Investment Confidence through ADR: How arbitration and mediation attract global capital

ALIAKSEI KORACHKIN

Deputy Chairman Chamber of Arbitrators, Chairman of the Sports Arbitration Court at Belarusian Republican Union of Lawyers, UNCITRAL, Belarus

Aleksei Korochkin, FCI Arb, is Chairman of the Chamber of Arbitrators in Minsk and Head of the Minsk Regional Specialized Legal Advice Office on Juridical Support to Business. He serves as UNCITRAL's Belarus National Correspondent and specializes in arbitration, commercial litigation, IT law, mediation, intellectual property, and international trade matters.



Sub Topic: State-Led ADR Frameworks: Building government-backed arbitration and mediation centers for investor confidence

AISHA RASOOL

Advisor & Senior Consultant to Ministry of Law & Justice

An accomplished legal professional serving as Advisor & Senior Consultant (Research & Legal Opinion) at the Ministry of Law and Justice, Pakistan. An Accredited Mediator (CiArb UK) and Arbitrator with the Ministry of Law and Justice, Pakistan. Currently Project Director at IMAC Pakistan, specializing in legal research, arbitration, mediation, and policy development for justice sector reform.



Sub Topic: Dispute Resolution and Sustainable Development: Leveraging ADR for Economic Growth and Investment Confidence

MICHEAL TONKIN

President CI Arb, 2026 - 2027

Michael Tonkin BSc DipArb FCI Arb FRICS is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor, Arbitrator, Builder, and CEDR Accredited Mediator with 35+ years in construction. Vice President of CI Arb, he becomes President in 2027. An expert witness in quantum, he has acted in disputes worth up to US\$4bn and served as arbitrator in 70+ cases globally.



Sub Topic: Strengthening Regional Arbitration Hubs: Collaboration, Competition, and Connectivity

ADV HENK LOUW

Advocate at Rivonia Group of Advocates, Ciarb SA Branch

Henk Louw is a practising Advocate in South Africa and Lesotho, as well as an Arbitrator, Adjudicator, Mediator, and acting Judge of the High Court of South Africa. A Fellow of both the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK), he chairs CI Arb South Africa Branch and serves on the Committee of SCL Africa.



Sub Topic: CIArb and the Global South: Professional Standards as a Pathway to Global Recognition

OLUSOLA ADEGBONMIRE

Legal Practitioner, Arbitrator and Mediator, Nigeria

Olusola Adegbonmire is a Legal Practitioner, Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Mediator, and Estate Planning Consultant. He chairs the Nigerian Branch of CIArb and serves on the Board of the Kigali International Arbitration Centre. Olusola specialises in succession planning, probate, and real estate, and is an Accredited Mediator and Approved Tutor and Assessor with CIArb.

04:25 pm - 04:35 pm

KEYNOTE SPEECH



SPEAKER

BARRISTER AQEEL MALIK

Minister of State for Law and Justice

Barrister Aqeel Malik, Minister of State for Law and Justice, is a UK- and US-trained legal expert specializing in Constitutional Law, Human Rights, and White Collar Crimes. A founding partner at ANZ Partners, he has led major litigation, legal reforms, and international forums, bringing a strategic, globally informed perspective to Pakistan's evolving legal and justice landscape.

CLOSING SPEECH DAY 2



04:35 pm - 04:40 pm

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