

1ST BIENNIAL FRANCE-UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CONFERENCE

Tuesday, 28 March 2017

Université Paris-Dauphine, Raymond Aron Conference Room

Time	Sessions	Speakers
08.30 - 09.00	Registration - Breakfast and networking	
09.00 - 09.30	Welcome Address Keynote Speech from Conference Chair	Nadia Molinier , President, ETHINK FINANCE ELITE Alexis Mourre , President, ICC International Court of Arbitration
09.30 - 11.00	Panel discussion 1: The latest developments and trends in the arbitration industry: France-UAE perspective From a UAE perspective, the panel will explore the following points: 1. A focus on the upcoming new Federal Arbitration Law in Dubai for 2017 - towards a modern and relevant legal framework (e.g., despite its reputation and positioning as a global commercial centre, at present, the UAE does not have a federal arbitration law). 2. An overview of recent developments in arbitral institutions in the UAE (e.g., Emirates Maritime Arbitration Centre was established by decree in 2016 and launched in September 2016. The revised rules of the DIFC-LCIA which came into effect on October 1, 2016). 3. What does Dubai need to become a world-class arbitration centre? What is required to reach its entire potential in the region? What are the current handicaps and how can they be addressed? From a French perspective, the panel will explore the following points: The spirit of the last law reform which is faithful to the French policy of "favour arbitrandum" demonstrates France's determination to enhance its position as a leading choice of arbitral seat and reflects its intention to maintain its role at the forefront of international arbitration. Followed by Q&A	Moderator: Sara Koleilat- Aranjó , Senior Associate, Al Tamimi & Company - Dubai Panellists: Karim Nassif , Partner, LPA-CGR - Dubai Mohamed Shelbaya , Partner, Sherman & Sterling LLP - Paris Renaud Sorieul , Director, The International Trade Division of the UN Office of Legal Affairs, & Secretary of UNCITRAL - Vienna Mercedes Torres Lagarde , Case Manger, Dubai International Arbitration Centre - Dubai
11.00 - 11.15	Coffee Break	

11.15 - 12.45	<p>Panel discussion 2: Issues arising upon the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitration awards in France and the UAE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enforcement of arbitration awards and the concept of public policy - UAE vs. France: (e.g., French courts take a narrow approach to the concept of international public policy). 2. A brief overview of the recent ruling of the Dubai Court of Cassation (e.g., despite the fact that some decisions point out a few challenges parties may face regarding the enforcement of arbitral awards on the onshore UAE courts, the recent ruling of UAE courts which supports the aim and the spirit of the New York Convention is encouraging). 3. Role of the UAE courts with respect to the development of the legal system. 4. France has a very favourable recognition system (e.g., French courts show a great degree of deference towards arbitral awards, which are rarely quashed). 5. Transcending Sovereignty: a highly isolated approach, with respect to the enforcement of awards, justified by the French Courts' Universalist Conception of Arbitration. <p>Followed by Q&A</p>	<p>Moderator: Arnaud Raynouard, Professor of Law - Université Paris-Dauphine</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>Hassan Arab, Co-Head of Litigation and Deputy Managing Partner, Al Tamimi & Co - Dubai</p> <p>Jacob Grierson, Partner, McDermott Will & Emery - Paris</p> <p>Nicolas Castell, French Department of Justice</p> <p>Jalal Al-Ahdab, Partner, Ginestié Magellan Paley- Vincent - Paris</p>
12.45 - 13.00	Closing remarks by the Chair	Alexis Mourre , President, ICC International Court of Arbitration
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch and networking	

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