



27th Annual IBA Arbitration Day Conference ADGM Side Events



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WELCOME TO ABU DHABI

Now in its 27th year, we are delighted to welcome IBA's Annual Arbitration Day to Abu Dhabi for the first time – an honour for both our city and our region's growing legal landscape. ADGM is proud to host this year's programme, bringing together distinguished practitioners, thought leaders, and rising voices in arbitration.

From Wednesday, 28 to Friday, 30 January, ADGM will be facilitating a full calendar of events open to IBA Arbitration Day ticket holders and the wider legal community. By supporting and hosting this landmark gathering, ADGM reaffirms its commitment to the local and international legal community, fostering meaningful dialogue, and strengthening Abu Dhabi's position as a global centre for dispute resolution. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing an inspiring, collaborative, and memorable few days in our vibrant capital.

Host City: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Organiser(s):

International Bar Association (IBA) | Supported by ADGM and ADGM Dispute Resolution Hearing Centre (DRHC)

EVENT SCHEDULE

» 27th Annual IBA Arbitration Day Conference

Date: Thursday, 29 January 2026

Time: 09:15 AM » 05:45 PM (registration opens at 08:00 AM)

Venue: Rosewood Hotel, Abu Dhabi, Al Maryah Island

Theme: **"New Horizons"** – focusing on new technologies, emerging dispute types, and evolving sectors influencing international arbitration.

» ADGM Side Events & Activities

Dates: Wednesday, 28 January » Friday, 30 January 2026

Venue: Across multiple locations within ADGM, Al Maqam Tower and selected social activity venues.

Full Event Agenda: Shown on next page, or please [click here](#).

Registration & Attendance

The events are by pre-registration or invitation-only.

Registration for the 27th Annual IBA Arbitration Day Conference Side Events will be located at ADGM Building South Entrance from 07:30 AM » 06:30 PM on Wednesday January 28.

Registration for the 27th Annual IBA Arbitration Day Conference will be located at the Rosewood Abu Dhabi on the first floor, from 08:00 AM » 05:30 PM on Thursday January 29.

Dress Code

Business casual, please refer to instructions for individual social activities.

To find out more details about the 27th Annual IBA Arbitration Day Conference, [click here](#).

EVENT AGENDA

TIME: **[Day 1]** 28 Jan 2026

LOCATION

07:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mangrove Kayaking Organised by ADGM DRHC for IBA delegates only.	Jubail Island Mangrove Park
08:30 AM 10:30 AM	Global Shifts in Diversity and Their Impact on the GCC Panel Discussion and Networking Breakfast Panel Discussion and Networking Breakfast organised by Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge and Reed Smith with the support of HKA, CIArb UAE Branch. Open to all.	ADGM Innovation Lounge
09:00 AM 12:30 PM	IBA ARB40 Symposium A symposium presented by the Arb40 Subcommittee of the IBA Arbitration Committee.	ADGM Auditorium
09:30 AM 11:30 AM	In-House Counsel Group of the IBA Arbitration Committee Breakfast For in-house counsel only.	ADGM DRHC, Auditorium7, L 20, Al Maqam Tower
12:30 PM 02:00 PM	Welcome to Abu Dhabi Lunch Organised by ADGM DRHC for all IBA delegates and wider legal community.	ADGM Atrium
02:00 PM 04:00 PM	Navigating the Dispute Resolution Landscape in the India-UAE Context presented by Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas (CAM) Organised by CAM, supported by ADGM DRHC.	ADGM Auditorium
04:00 PM 06:00 PM	arbitrateAD Annual Court Summit	ADGM Auditorium

TIME: **[Day 2]** 29 Jan 2026

LOCATION

08:15 AM 09:15 AM	Mediation Breakfast	ADGM Auditorium
09:30 AM 06:00 PM	27th Annual IBA Arbitration Day Conference Under the theme of "New Horizons" the IBA Conference will focus on new and evolving issues of interest to the International Arbitration community.	Rosewood Hotel, ADGM
07:00 PM 09:00 PM	ADGM Hosted Networking Dinner Organised by ADGM DRHC for IBA delegates only. Transport to be provided from Rosewood Hotel, ADGM, to dinner venue.	Saadiyat Beach Club
09:00 PM LATE	Law Rocks, Abu Dhabi Organised by Law Rocks, supported by ADGM DRHC.	Saadiyat Beach Club

TIME: **[Day 3]** 30 Jan 2026

LOCATION

06:30 AM 09:30 PM	Sunrise Cycle Organised by Arbitra.	Al Hudayriat Island, Abu Dhabi
09:00 AM 07:00 PM	Cultural Tours Organised by ADGM DRHC for IBA delegates only.	Abu Dhabi
09:00 AM 12:00 PM	ICC YAAF - Arbitration in Complex Business Environments	ADGM DRHC, Auditorium7, Level 20, Al Maqam Tower
12:00 PM 06:00 PM	LCIA Tylney in Town Symposium in Abu Dhabi Organised by LCIA, supported by ADGM DRHC.	Park Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel & Villas, Al Saadiyat Island, SDN1, Abu Dhabi, UAE

ABU DHABI GENERAL INFORMATION

For those travelling to Abu Dhabi for the first time, please find below some useful information for your trip.

Weather

Expect highs of 24°C and lows of 15°C. Abu Dhabi is sunny with a morning breeze and cooler evenings, so extra layers are recommended.

Key Attractions

Should you wish to explore the sights and attractions, please check out [Visit Abu Dhabi](#).

Visa Information

Many nationalities can travel to the UAE visa-free. For more information on visas, please visit the: [United Arab Emirates Government Platform](#).

Currency

The local currency is the UAE dirham (AED or dhs), which is divided into 100 fils, and pegged to the US dollar (US \$ 1: AED 3.6725).

Power

Abu Dhabi uses Type G plugs (as in the UK), with a standard voltage of 230V and 50Hz. Visitors from other countries may require an adapter and/or voltage converter for non-dual-voltage devices.

Medical Emergencies

In an emergency, call 998 for an ambulance or 999 for the police. Abu Dhabi's Sheikh Khalifa Medical City (+971 02 819 0000) and Mediclinic Al Noor Hospital (800 2000) also both operate accident and emergency units.

Useful Apps

Visit Abu Dhabi | Guide to attractions and experiences
Darb | Real-time traffic and transport updates
Abu Dhabi Taxi | GPS-based taxi bookings
Careem | Ride-hailing, food and grocery delivery
Uber | Widely used in Abu Dhabi

Location

ADGM, Abu Dhabi's business hub, is located on Al Maryah Island within short walking distance of the Rosewood Abu Dhabi and Four Seasons. It is connected to Galleria Mall, offering many shopping and dining options.

KEY CONTACTS

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Please coordinate with your designated committee member for any matters related to individual meetings, including registration.

For queries about meetings in specific locations, please contact the following partner agency team members:

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Liwa Room

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Auditorium 7, L20, Al Maqam Tower & Officers' Meeting

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