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Riyadh International Disputes Week

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Achievement by the Numbers

Riyadh International Disputes Week 2026



96

High-Impact
Events



6,150+

Participants



400+

Speakers



35,500+

Event
Registration
Requests

From

104

Countries



76

Sponsoring and
Supporting
Entities

Law Firms and Businesses Participation



1,900

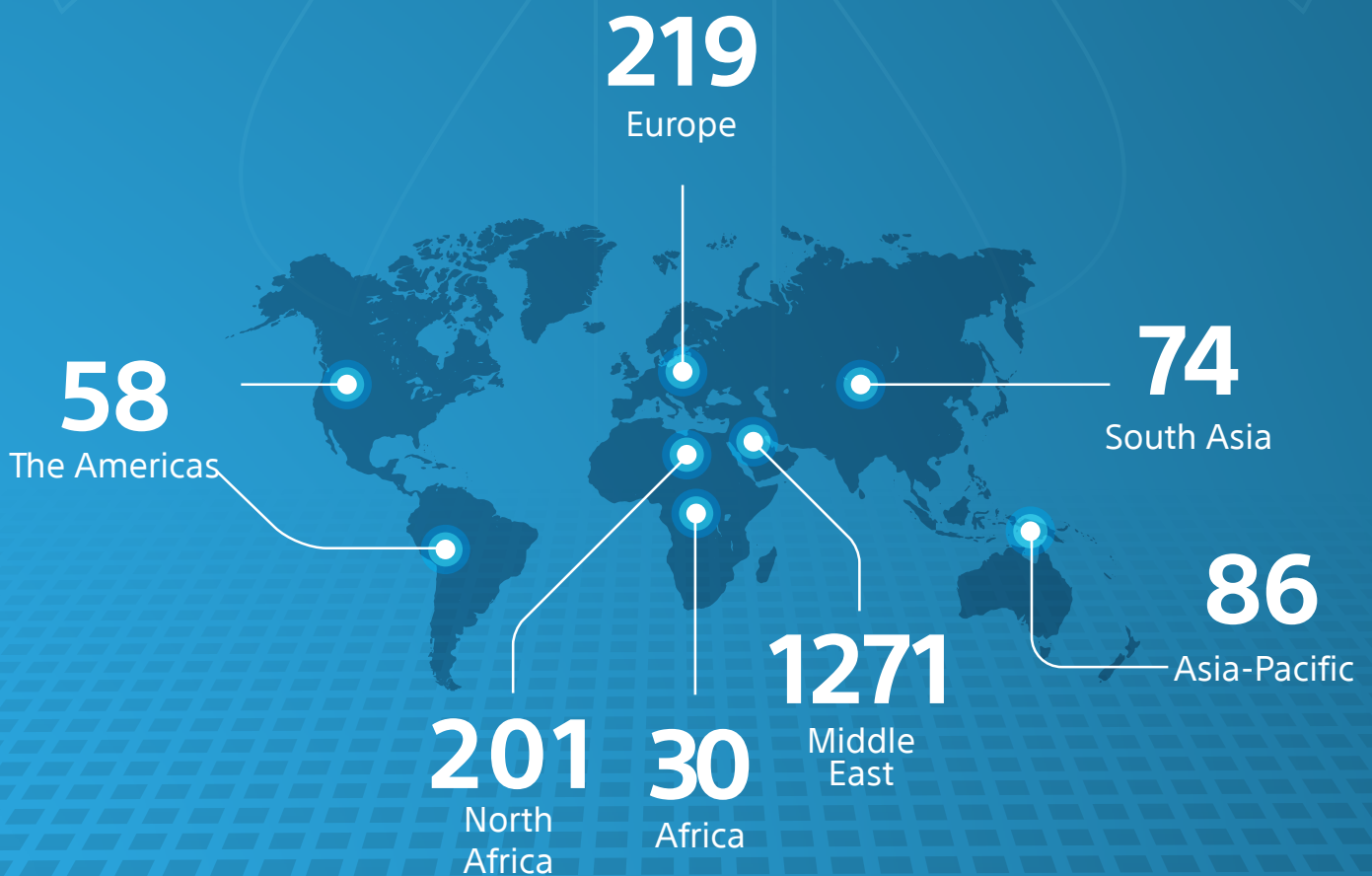
Business



1,700

Law Firms

Law Firm Participation by Region



SCCA 7th International Arabic Moot



25

Countries



114

Universities



118

Teams



319

Supervisors



1002

Students



576

Arbitrators



Exceptional Media Impact

+76M

Digital Reach

+567M

Total Impressions

+16K

Posts discussing the
event

+5.9K

Social media
accounts covering
the event

83+

Mass Media
Articles

51+

Media Outlets

At the Largest Legal Event in MENA

Policy-makers, business leaders, and legal experts convened to discuss commercial and investment arbitration, mediation, conciliation, litigation, and the rule of law.



Watch the Film:
RIDW – Where All
Opportunities
Meet



RIDW26 Organizing & Scientific Committee



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Networking with the World





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Specialized
Events

Providing
Global
Perspective



A Global Event Redefining the Landscape of Dispute Resolution

SCCA 5th International Conference

As the flagship event of Riyadh International Disputes Week, the conference brings together a distinguished elite of local and international leaders, policymakers, business executives, and legal pioneers. Alongside world-class experts and heads of international organizations, The forum explored dispute resolution in uncertain times, highlighting the vital role of governance and legal clarity in fostering global confidence and stability.



+1,700
Participants

Watch the Film:
Arbitration for a
Changing World



Conference Speakers

Policy Makers, Business Leaders, and Legal Experts



H.E. Dr. Khalid Al Yousef
President of the Board of Grievances, KSA



H.E. Mr. Mohammad Al al-Sheikh
Saudi Minister of State



H.E. Dr. Walid Al-Samaani
Saudi Minister of Justice



H.E. Dr. Nedal Alchaar
Minister of Economy and Industry, Syria



H.E. Mr. Mohammed Al Ajaji
President of the Bureau of Experts at the Saudi Council of Ministers



H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz Al-Duhaim
Saudi Assistant Minister of Commerce



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Secretary UNCITRAL



Dr. Walid Abanumay
Chair of the Board of Directors, SCCA



H.E. Mr. Murali Pillai
Senior Minister of State Ministry of Law & Ministry of Transport, Singapore



Dr. Abdullah Al Ghamdi
Vice President & Associate General Counsel Dispute Resolution, Aramco



Prof. Goerges Affaki
Lawyer and Independent Arbitrator; Professor of Law University of Paris



Dr. Faris Al Garni
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Mr. Neale H. Bergman
Senior Legal Officer UNCITRAL

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Ms. Cherie Blair
CBE, KC
Founder & Chair
OMNIA Strategy



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Secretary General
International Organization
for Mediation (IOMed)



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Founder and former
Chairman Transparency
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General Counsel
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Patton Boggs



Ms. Xixi Yang
Vice President and



Mr. Joe Zhou
Chief Compliance Officer

Conference Opening



Welcoming Remark

Dr. Walid Abanumay

Chair of the Board of Directors



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Celebrating 60 Years of UNCITRAL

Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret

Secretary of UNCITRAL

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RIDW26 Organizing & Scientific Committee Chair Speech

Ms. Paula Hodges KC

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the Speech



SCCA Presentation Dr. Hamed Merah

CEO
SCCA



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the Speech

RIDW26 Strategic Partner Speech

Dr. Abdullah Al Ghamdi

Vice President & Associate
General Counsel, Dispute
Resolution

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the Speech



Specialized Panel Discussions

1

First Panel Discussion

Title

National Strategy, Global Confidence

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2

Second Panel Discussion

Title

Enforcing the Rule of Law

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Reflections on UNCITRAL's contribution to international dispute resolution and future direction



3

Third Panel Discussion

Title Investment, Risk, and Resolution

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4

Fourth Panel Discussion

Title Corporate Calm

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5

Fifth Panel Discussion

Title Building Trust Across Cultures

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In conversation with

Syria: Progress, Stability, and Future Investment

H.E. Dr. Nedal Al-chaar, Minister of Economy and Industry, Syria



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Speech



Closing Remark

H.E Mr. Murali Pillai SC

Senior Minister of State

Ministry of Law & Transport, Singapore



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Speech



Partnerships Built.. and Agreements Signed

Memorandum of Cooperation



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Key Aspects of the Agreement

It outlines various areas of collaboration, most notably the partnership in providing insurance dispute resolution services, the development of guidelines and model arbitration clauses for insurance contracts, and the qualification of specialized human capital in this field.



Cooperation Agreement



Key Aspects of the Agreement:

Attracting Jus Mundi's AI solutions and integrating them into the SCCA's Case Management System. This pioneering step is the first of its kind to utilize the "Jus AI" program within the digital infrastructure of an international arbitration center.

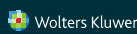


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Mr. Gary B. Born

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Key Aspects of the Agreement:

Translating the book "International Arbitration: Law and Practice" into Arabic. This work is considered one of the world's most renowned references in international commercial arbitration, authored by Professor Gary Born.



The Arab Judicial Forum on the New York Convention

A platform dedicated to enhancing mutual understanding between the Judiciary and the Arbitration community.

Watch Highlights from the Forum



Influence Riyadh Evenings

Inspiring Voices

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Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab: The Untold Story

From Cairo to Global Leadership and the Heights of International Platforms.



Sharia & Law:

A Contemporary Perspective on How Sharia Shapes Law and Practice.

Prof. Yousef Al-Shubaily





Personal Branding for Leaders

From Legal Visibility to Leadership Presence

Dr. Majed Al-Ghamdi



The Horizons of Investigation and Criminology

Navigating Criminal Cases and the Quest for Truth

Dr. Mohammed Al-Baiz



Professional Relationships in Legal Environments

Mr. Yasser Al-Hazimi



RIDW26 Exhibition

A dynamic platform for dialogue, networking, and building professional relationships.

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Exhibiting
Entities

150

Exhibitors

Watch
the Exhibition
Highlights





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Official RIDW26 Gala Dinner

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's official celebration marking the 60th Anniversary of UNCITRAL, attended by Their Excellencies, senior officials, and distinguished guests

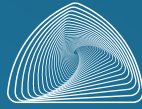
Official RIDW26
 Gala Dinner Highlights



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 Years of Shaping
 International Trade
 Law



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The Annual Legal Education and Training Forum

An academic dialogue exploring the future of legal education.

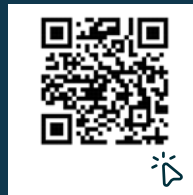
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SCCA 7th International Arabic Moot

SIAM7 is an international legal competition designed for Law and Sharia students. Participants compete by pleading a hypothetical international commercial arbitration case, aiming to refine their legal skills and engage with the expertise of international arbitrators.

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Competition
Brief



SIAM7

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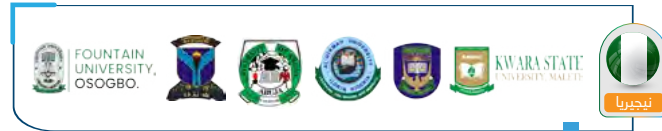
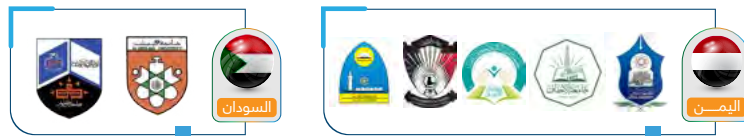
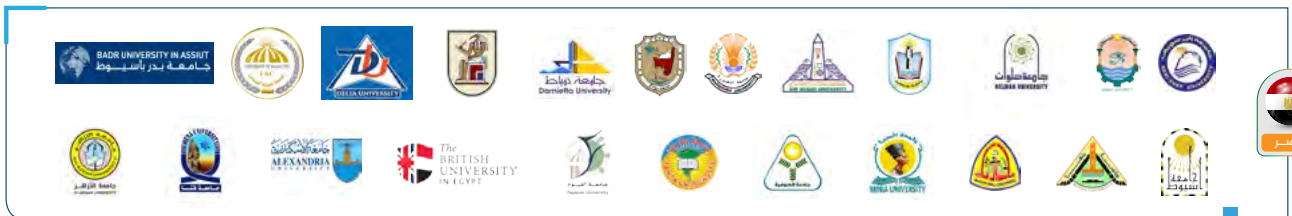


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Dr. Othman
Al-Bejadi

Participating Universities



Participating Universities



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الهند



إندونيسيا



الصومال



الجزائر

SIAM7 Stages

Every stage leaves a mark; every milestone is an achievement



Launch & Registration Kick-off

1
May
2025

Case Publication on Website

12
August
2025

Claimant's Memorandum Submission

20
November
2025

Respondent's Memorandum Submission

20
December
2025

Preliminary Oral Rounds (Virtual)

3-7
January
2026

Advanced Oral Rounds (In-person)

1-3
February
2026

Results Announcement & Closing Ceremony

4
February
2026

Watch the Journey to the Finals



Winning Teams of SIAM7



First Place



Al-Azhar University



Second Place



The American University of Iraq - Baghdad



Third Place



King Abdulaziz University



Fourth Place



King Saud University



Highlights



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Today, you are all winners... for true victory is not measured by the final result, but by the experience you have lived, the knowledge, confidence, and skills you have acquired, and the relationships you have built. This competition is not just a passing milestone; it is the starting point toward even greater roles in the future, God willing.

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Dr. Walid bin Sulaiman Abanumay
Chairman of the Board of Directors
SCCA

“

Your success today is a first step, not the final one—a step that will carry you toward an illustrious future. Remember this: preserve your identity, your language, and the eloquence of your capabilities, so that we may project an honorable image of who we are.

”

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Raouf
Presiding Arbitrator of the Final Oral Round



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Closing
Ceremony



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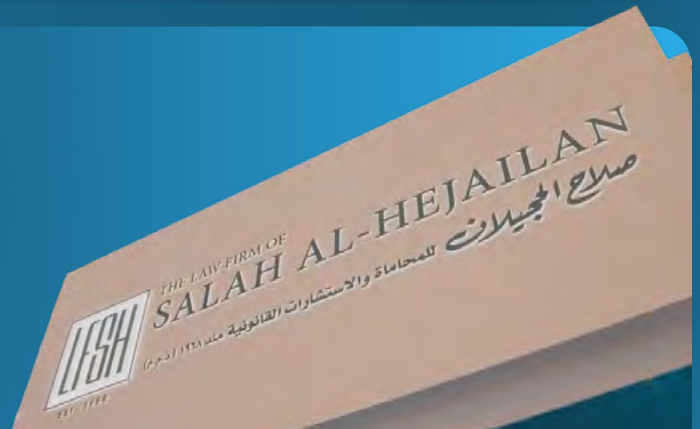
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