

أسبوع الرباض الدولي لتسوبة المنازعات Riyadh International Disputes Week

# Riyadh International Dispute Week



# Saudi Arabia:

# Where Great Opportunities Meet & the Future Made

Saudi Arabia is growing in stature at all levels in politics, economics, law, sports, and other fields. The great renaissance brought about by Vision 2030 has made Saudi Arabia the focus of global attention among actors in all fields.

Given the remarkable successes Saudi Arabia has achieved in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and its increasing leadership in this field, international law firms, businesses, and relevant parties are now looking forward to the inauguration of Riyadh International Disputes Week (RIDW). And the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA) of being the preferred ADR choice in the region by 2030.



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Accordingly, SCCA announced the inauguration of RIDW24 The inaugural event will be RIDW24 on 3 - 7 March 2024 featuring

+2,500 Attendees

Litigation



more than

more than



+20 Events



more than



+20 Countries

Scope:

**Commercial & Investment** Arbitration.

Mediation and Reconciliation

The fourth day (Wednesday, 6 March) will be dedicated to the SCCA 3rd International Conference (SCCA24), held in partnership with the most prominent international organizations and the relevant Saudi ministries. This will be the central event of RIDW with more than 1,200 senior leaders from around the world.

In addition, RIDW includes the top 32 teams' oral hearings phase and final ceremony of the 5th Annual SCCA International Arbitration Moot in Arabic (SIAM5).

More than 256 Arabic speaking students and academics will be involved, plus the requisite 48 Arabic arbitrators, from all over the world to arbitrate the hearings. SIAM5 will consist of 31 advanced hearings over the course of five days, which will create exciting momentum. It will also bring in a large number of attendees, as SIAM5's professional participants will be involved not only in the moot but also in speaking and attending the rest of the events and activities during RIDW.



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# 3<sup>rd</sup> SCCA International Conference (SCCA24) and Exhibition

6 March 2024

## "Where Opportunities Meet"

SCCA's first and second international conferences in October 2018 and October 2019 were a great success, attracting approximately 2,200 attendees from all over the world, including members of the royal families, ministers, leaders from the business and legal sectors, international experts, and representatives of international organizations.

Leading figures from a range of backgrounds also delivered remarks. These included: the ministers of relevant entities such as the Minister of Finance, Minister of Justice, and Minister of Commerce and Investment; a number of senior leaders of relevant international organizations, such as UNCITRAL, the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) at the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.K.'s international Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb); figures from a number of leading international arbitration centers and law firms; and arbitration experts, leading legislators and judges, general directors of legal affairs and general counsels from a number of the largest multinational corporations and mega-projects inside and outside Saudi Arabia, contract officials from government agencies, and so on. This made the conferences a special opportunity for everyone to meet & develop relationships with a diverse range of key actors in the field, deepen their intellectual & professional development, and exchange international, regional, and local knowledge & expertise.

SCCA24 the dynamic platform bringing together leaders and decision makers



of leaders and decision-makers from Saudi Arabia, the Middle East, and the world, especially in light of the major developments taking place in Saudi Arabia under the Vision 2030, the giga-projects the country has launched, major legislative updates, the investment they are attracting, the launch of the first economic cities and special zones, the opening of international companies' regional headquarters in Saudi Arabia, and the licensing of international law firms in the kingdom. SCCA24 estimates to attract more than 1,200 key leaders as attendees, making it an exceptional opportunity at the heart of a week dedicated to alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in an economy that is the largest in the Middle East and one of the most developing in the world.



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The accompanying exhibition will also be an important opportunity to promote the entire Saudi system – the private sector, major companies, and relevant innovative government agencies (such as the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Investment and its Invest in Saudi arm, among others) – as well as relevant international organizations and prominent law firms and relevant consultancies from around the world.

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## SCCA International Arabic Moot and its role in a successful RIDW24

The SCCA International Arabic Moot SIAM is one of the most important initiatives in the development of the arbitration and ADR environment in Saudi Arabia and throughout the region. It, without a doubt, touched the hearts of hundreds of young students and future lawyers, arbitrators, judges, and legal professionals generally. Each year and thereafter, transforming the lives and careers of Saudi and other Arabic speaking youth across the world - creating an empowered & networked global community of Arab

#### professionals.

In partnership with the global UNCITRAL and the Commercial Law Development Program (CLPD) of the U.S. Department of Commerce, this year's competition involved 110 teams comprising 595 students from 62 cities in 20 Arab and non-Arab countries, supervised by 185 academics and coaches.

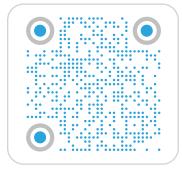
The final stage, oral arguments, included 174 sessions held virtually, overseen by 257 arbitrators over the course of six days.

# SCCA Arabic Moot expanded rapidly in both size diversity:



The inaugural competition was organized for students at Saudi universities, and 39 teams from 24 universities took part; and the second edition broadened to include students at Gulf universities; and then in its third year, the competition became international.

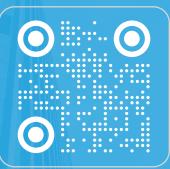
For more information, reports on the past three editions are accessible online.





SIAM also attracted support and sponsorships from 12 international, regional, and local law firms, such as Freshfields, Latham & Watkins, White & Case, Matouk Bassiouny & Hennawy (Egypt), Hassan Radhi & Associates (Bahrain), Al-Aidarous & Associates (UAE), Riad & Riad (Egypt), N. Sheld El-Mansouri (Egypt), Sol International (UAE), Averos (UAE), Yassin Khayyat Law Office (Saudi Arabia), and Al-Nashry Law Office (Saudi Arabia) among others.





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