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Riyadh International Disputes Week 2024

March 3 - 7, 2024

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About

An international event bringing together key global stakeholders in commercial Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) within the heart of Riyadh. This gathering convenes lawyers, arbitrators, mediators, legal advisors, judges, and representatives from both local and international public and private sectors.

Participants converge to explore the prospects and opportunities within the commercial ADR landscape, exchanging valuable insights and experiences while fostering collaborative relationships.

Through a comprehensive program encompassing conferences, seminars, panel discussions, and workshops, attendees engage in meaningful discourse and knowledge-sharing.

The inaugural Riyadh International Dispute Week (RIDW), launched this year under the auspices of the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA), reflects the Kingdom's commitment to offering a distinct contribution to the global ADR community. Aligned with the international tradition of hosting an annual gathering, RIDW serves as a premier platform attracting ADR practitioners and industry leaders worldwide.

This year's edition of RIDW featured a wide range of events under the RIDW umbrella, foremost among them:



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SCCA Int. Arabic Moot

In-person round of
the SCCA International
Arbitration Moot – Fifth
Edition

RIDW24 by the numbers:

92

Events

105

Hosts

4.9K+

Attendees

79

Jurisdictions

26K+

Attendance
Requests

7

Cooperation
Agreements

54

Sponsors &
Supporting Entities

SCCA 3rd International Conference and Exhibition

5

Panel
Discussions

7

Subtopics

30

Speakers

1.2K

Attendees

SCCA International Arbitration Moot - Fifth Edition

134

Teams

921

Students &
Academics

111

Universities

27

Countries

Media Impact:



309
Items
in Mass Media



39+
Media Outlets
Covered the Event



73M
People Heard About
This Event
on Social Media Platforms



174M
Impressions

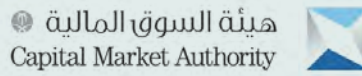
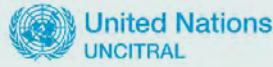


6.7K
Posts on the
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MOU between the Ministry of Investment in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and SCCA



Cooperation Agreement between the General Authority of Civil Aviation in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and SCCA



General arrangements agreement between SCCA and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)



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Agencies

17

International
Organizations

71

Law Firms

10

Other
Organizations

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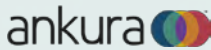
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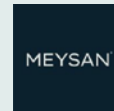
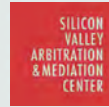
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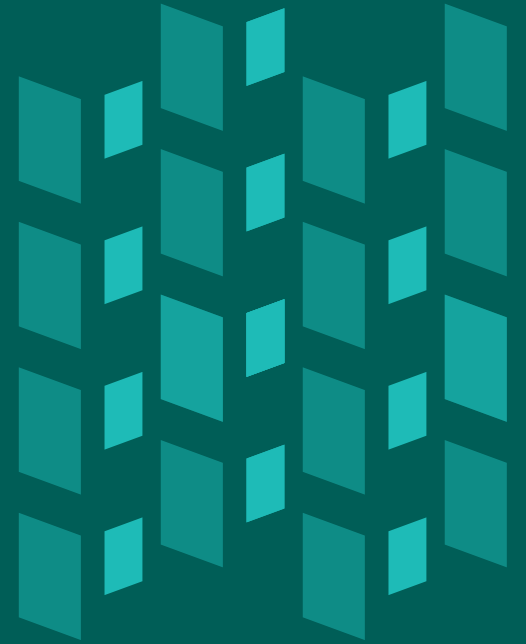
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(SCCA24)



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How did SCCA24 Unfold?

SCCA24 began with a speech by Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration Chairman Dr. Walid bin Sulaiman Abanumay, who said that all roads lead to Riyadh and that the paths of the future lead to the capital of innovation, ambition, and exploration of the future.



Watch the Video of
the Speech





SCCA then launched its new identity to keep pace with its updated operational strategy, through which it aims to become the preferred arbitration center in the Middle East and North Africa by 2030.



Watch SCCA Identity
Launch Video

Then, SCCA Court President Mr. Jan Paulsson addressed the audience in a video speech in which he stressed that SCCA, with its international board of directors and its staff, is determined to achieve all the requisite expectations around neutrality.



Watch the Video of the
Speech



International Conference (SCCA24)

Opening Ceremony Presentation Hamed Merah



SCCA CEO Dr. Hamed Merah remarked in his presentation that SCCA believes in the philosophy of continuous learning and drawing insights from many resources while preserving SCCA's unique identity – concluding he remains committed to alignment with international best practices and integrating them into SCCA's innovative work.



Watch the Video of the
Presentation

SCCA24 Scientific Committee Chair, Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab, noted in his speech that the commitment to growth and innovation in Saudi Arabia and the empowerment of youth that have brought SCCA to this level of excellence.



Watch the Video of the Speech



Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah Al Amer, Vice President & Associate General Counsel for Corporate & Commercial Law at Saudi Aramco, RIDW's Strategic Partner, said that RIDW24 and SCCA24 mark the culmination of Saudi Arabia's progress in developing its legislative and legal environment alongside its dispute resolution system.



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Speech



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Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration



The first panel discussion addressed “Regional Trends and International Perspectives on Commercial ADR.” The speakers were Saudi Minister of Justice Dr. Waleed Al Samani, Bahraini Minister of Justice and Islamic Affairs Mr. Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda, Singaporean Minister for Home Affairs and Law Mr. K. Shanmugam, and Permanent Court of Arbitration Secretary-General Dr. Marcin Czepelak. The session was moderated by Mr. Toby Landau KC, Vice Chairman, SCCA Board of Directors.



Watch the Video of the Panel Discussion



In the second panel discussion, speakers addressed “ADR Accelerators and Enablers of Cross Border Trade and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).” It featured Deputy Minister of Investment for Policy and Legislation Mr. Bakr Al-Habub, UNCITRAL Secretary-General Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, Silk Road Fund General Counsel Ms. Hannah Cao, and Public Investment Fund General Counsel Mr. Brian Gillespie, and moderated by Dr. Saud Al Ammari, Managing Partner of Al Ammari Law Firm & a member of the SCCA Board of Directors.



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Ms. Meg Kinnear, Secretary General of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), delivered the first keynote address, highlighting the emerging trends in international investment law.



Watch the Video of the
Speech

المجلس لسوية المنازعات The Trends in the Global ADR Industry



Prof. Franco Ferrari, Director of Center for Transnational Litigation, Arbitration, and Commercial Law, moderated a panel of leading international lawyers and experts addressing key developments in the ADR industry.



Watch the Video of the Panel Discussion



Speech 2

Judge Dr. Youssef Al Farraj, Head of the Court of Appeal and Chair of the Civil Transactions Law Drafting Team at the Judicial Legislation Committee, delivered the second keynote speech, in which he addressed the Saudi judiciary's handling of matters involving commercial arbitration.



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Speech



منازعات المشاريع التنموية والمقاولات: التحديات والفرص

Constructional Projects & Development Disputes: Challenges and Opportunities



Leading partners of major international law firms spoke about the role of ADR in the settlement of disputes in the commercial sector and construction and development projects in a session moderated by Mr. Andres Jana, Founding Partner in Jana & Gil Dispute Resolution.



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Discussion



آفاق جديدة في بدائل تسوية منازعات قطاعات الرياضة والترفيه والتقنية Sports, Entertainment & Technologies: New frontiers in ADR



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Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration

The fifth and final panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Mohamed Abdel Raouf, Board Member of SCCA, explored the prospects for ADR in the sports and entertainment sectors.



Watch the Video of the Panel Discussion





Ms. Lise Bosman, Executive Director of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), concluded the day with her address, "From Emerging Seat to Established Jurisdiction."



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RIDW's Gala dinner at the historical Diriyah hosted leading local and international guests in an atmosphere of friendship and collegiality.

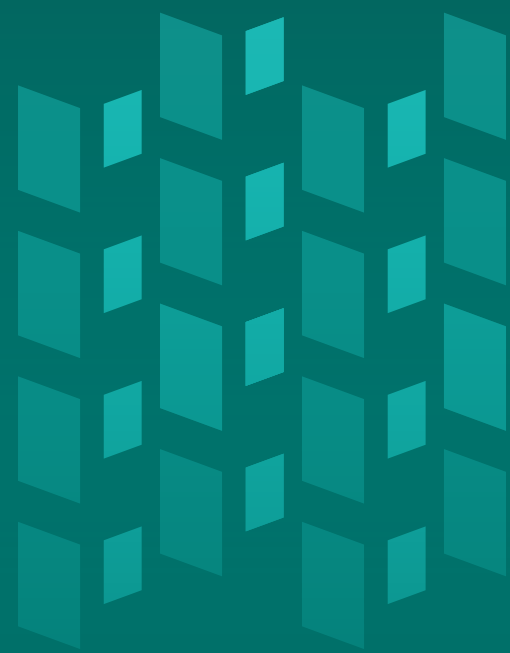
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**SCCA International Arbitration
Moot (SIAM)
Fifth Edition**



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A Global Competition... in Arabic

SCCA launched this initiative to enable students at faculties of Sharia and law to enter the world of international arbitration by pleading complex, hypothetical arbitration cases that simulate real international commercial arbitration cases.

Previous editions of the competition were held virtually. For this year's edition, oral arguments in the group of 32 and onward were held in person at Prince Sultan University in Riyadh.





The Road to the Final

The group of 32 and subsequent rounds were held in the facilities of SIAM5's academic partner, Prince Sultan University, in Riyadh, where competing teams who came to the university from inside and outside Saudi Arabia took part.



The Road to the Final



Round of
32

Round of
16

Quarter
Finals

Semi
Finals

Final

921 Students & Academics
27 Countries
134 Teams

**Global Competition
in Arabic**

Final Pleadings

The final oral arguments session was held on Wednesday, March 6. The teams from An-Najah National University of Palestine and King Saud University of Saudi Arabia made their arguments, and the session ended with the An-Najah team being crowned the winners of this year's competition.



“I thank the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration for organizing this competition, which is gaining in importance, confidence, and international profile year after year.”

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab

Chairman of the arbitral tribunal for the final hearing



"The competition was strong. At every stage we gained experience and new information until we reached the final, by the grace of God."

Participant from An-Najah National University

"Competing in the field of international arbitration has enriched us. We learned methods of research, analysis, and refutation. We acquired these skills in a practical way after having studied them in theory."

Participant from King Saud University



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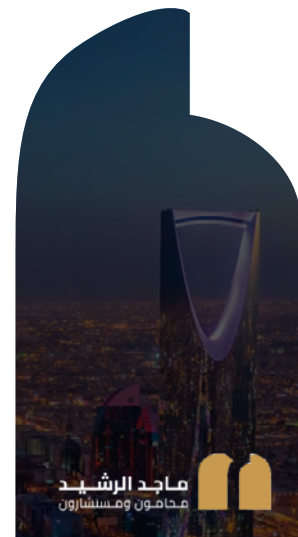
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