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PROGRAMME

Tuesday 14 October 2025

9.00 - 09.30 **Welcome & Fireside chat**

- **Claudia Salomon**, President, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris
- **Susanna Zammataro**, Chief Executive Officer, FIDIC, Geneva

9.30-9.50 **Keynote session**

- **Alfredo Ingletti**, Incoming President, FIDIC, Geneva
- **Eduardo Silva-Romero**, Chair, ICC Institute of World Business Law; Founding Partner, Wordstone, France

09.50 - 10.50 **Session 1: Focus on Africa** - Construction projects across Sub-Saharan Africa are booming — and so are the disputes. From sometimes poorly defined scopes to late payments and cross-border coordination challenges, the region faces a unique matrix of risks that fuel conflicts in infrastructure development. This session will unpack the key sources of construction disputes in the region, explores practical and culturally attuned alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, and critically examines what role development banks and international lenders play / should play in shaping both risk management and dispute resolution pathways. Our panel will also reflect on the fact that very few African countries have attempted to address payment issues through statutory or regulatory reform and consider whether more practical solutions such as adjudication bonds could be part of the answer.

- **Thomas Guerinel**, Senior Legal Counsel, Razel-Bec France
- **Frank Mvula***, Director, Fiduciary and Inspection Department · African Development Bank Group, Ivory Coast
- **Ngo-Martins Okonmah**, Partner, Aluko & Oyeboode, Nigeria
- **Speaker TBC**

Moderator

- **Frédéric Gillion**, Partner, Pinsent Masons MPillay, Singapore

10.50 - 11.20 Q&A

11.20 - 11.50 *Coffee break*

**invited*

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11.50 - 12.50 **Session 2: Dispute Boards - Their mysterious ways and the path to enforcing DB decisions**

This session will examine the evolving role of Dispute Boards (DBs), the DB process under FIDIC contracts and how DB decisions are enforced in Arbitration

Key topics will include:

- The forgotten art of asking questions: inquisitorial powers of DB members
- Due process in DB/DAAB proceedings: *how much process is due?*
- The role of the ICC Expert Rules and ICC Mediation in dispute avoidance and resolution within FIDIC contracts, before, during, and after a DB decision is issued
- Hot topics in DB practice: enforcement of DB decisions, including an overview of the factors considered by ICC arbitral tribunals when deciding on requests for partial or interim awards enforcing DB decisions.
- UNCITRAL model clause on Adjudication

- **Fatima Balfaqqeh**, Managing Partner, Balfaqqeh Advocates & Legal Consultants; Vice Chair, ICC UAE's Commission on Arbitration & ADR
- **Roberto Hernandez-Garcia**, Managing Partner, Comad, SC, Mexico
- **Alya Ladjimi**, ADR Counsel, ICC International Centre for ADR, Paris
- **Christopher Seppälä**, Independent Arbitrator, Expert, Counsel, France

Moderator

- **Husni Madi**, CEO, Shura Construction Management, Jordan; Member, FIDIC Contracts Committee; Member, Standing Committee, ICC International Centre for ADR

12.50 - 13.20 Q&A

13.20 - 14.50 *Lunch*

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14.50 - 15.50 **Session 3: Oxford-Style Debate - This house believes that Time-Bar provisions in FIDIC Contracts are unnecessary, unfair and unenforceable**

With passionate experts on both sides, this debate will challenge the very foundation of time-bar provisions and leave you questioning whether they help or hinder true contract fairness.

Against the proposition:

- **Swee Im Tan**, Independent Arbitrator, 39 Essex Chamber, Malaysia; Alternate Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration
- **Vincent Leloup**, Chair, FIDIC Contracts Committee; Founder & Managing Partner, Exequatur, France

In favor of the proposition:

- **Marily Paralika**, Partner, Fieldfisher, France
- **Thorsten Schröter**, Head of Dispute Resolution & Litigation, Hochtief Infrastructure GmbH, Germany

Chair

- **Maude Lebois**, Founding Partner, Gaillard Banifatemi Shalbaya Disputes, France

15.50 - 16.20 Q&A

16.20-16.50 *Coffee Break*

16.50-17.50 **Session 4: It all comes down to evidence: how to make sure you have the evidence you need, when you need it?**

Parties to construction disputes too often learn the hard way, at the arbitration stage, that they do not have all the contemporary evidence they need to prove their case, and/or that they allowed unhelpful evidence to be generated, due to imperfect project management practices. This session will explore best practices, “do’s”, “don’ts”, throughout the project life cycle, based on real-life experience of seasoned professionals.

- **Angelica Boca**, Principal, HKA, United Kingdom
- **Rosanna Grosso**, Principal Counsel, Siemens AG, Germany
- **Khalid Lachheb**, Project Advisor, TotalEnergies, France
- **Basar Sahin**, FIDIC Certified Adjudicator; Managing Director, ICM Consulting, Turkey

Moderator

- **Charles Nairac**, Partner, White & Case LLP, France; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration

17.50-18.20 Q&A

18.20-18.30

Closing

- **Živa Filipič**, Managing Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris
- **Daduna Kokhreidze**, Chief Legal and Contracts Officer, FIDIC, Geneva

18.30-20.00

Cocktail reception

Day 2: Wednesday 15 October 2025

09.00 - 09.15 **Welcome**

- **Živa Filipič**, Managing Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris
- **Daduna Kokhreidze**, Chief Legal and Contracts Officer, FIDIC, Geneva

09.15 – 10.15 **Session 1: Offshore Wind Projects**

This session will explore the contractual framework applicable to fixed bottom and floating offshore wind projects: risk allocation (innovation, supply chain, seabed, multi contracting, relied-upon information, etc.) and the necessity for a balanced standard contract for offshore wind projects.

- **Mahmoud Abu Hussein**, Member and Liaison for Task Group 14 drafting a new FIDIC contract for Offshore Wind Farms, FIDIC Contracts Committee, United Arab Emirates
- **Jurriaan Kien**, Chief Legal Officer, Ekwil; Legal Director New Energies, SBM Offshore, Monaco
- **Joanna Marciniak**, Head of EPCI, Ocean Winds, Spain

Moderator

- **Ioana Knoll-Tudor**, Partner, Addleshaw Goddard, France; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration

10.15 – 10.45 Q&A

10.45 - 11.15 *Coffee break*

11.15 - 12.15 **Session 2: Adverse Climatic Conditions – A Growing Challenge for Construction Projects**

With climate change driving more extreme weather events, construction projects are increasingly vulnerable to disruptions caused by adverse climatic conditions. In this segment, we will examine how these unpredictable events impact project timelines, costs, and risk management. Are current provisions in FIDIC Contracts sufficient to address these escalating challenges, or do they need a major overhaul to reflect the realities of today's climate?

- **Katherine Bell**, Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer, Switzerland
- **Nata Ghibradze**, Counsel, Hogan Lovells International LLP, Germany
- **Aysha Mutaywea**, Managing Partner, Mutaywea Law, Bahrain
- **Michael Sergeant**, Head of Global Construction Group, HFW, United Kingdom

Moderator

- **Nina Tsaturova**, Head of Legal & Director, Intelligent Solution, Georgia; Head of Caucasus & Central Asia, International Construction Chambers, United Kingdom

12.15 - 12.45 Q&A

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12.45 - 14.45 *Lunch*

14.45 – 17.00 **Session 3: DAAB Mock**

14.45 – 15.30 **Part I – initial DAAB meeting with the Parties**

15.30 – 15.45 *Discussion*

15.45 – 16.45 **Part II - DAAB mock hearing**

16.45 – 17.00 *Discussion*

DAAB Members:

- **Gary Kitt**, Senior Managing Director, Construction Advisory, JS Held, United Kingdom
- **Aisha Nadar**, Senior Consultant, Advokatfirman Runeland AB, Sweden; Vice Chair, ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- **John Papworth**, FIDIC Certified Adjudicator; Managing Director, John Papworth Limited, United Kingdom
- **Birgit Sambeth**, Partner, Altenburger Ltd, Switzerland

Counsel representing the Contractor:

- **Victoria Tyson**, Partner, Howard Kennedy, United Kingdom

Counsel representing the Employer:

- **Federico Campolieti**, Partner, Bomchil, Argentina; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration

Engineer:

- **Husni Madi**, CEO, Shura Construction Management, Jordan; Member, FIDIC Contracts Committee; Member, Standing Committee, ICC International Centre for ADR

17.00-17.15 **Closing**

- **Živa Filipič**, Managing Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris
- **Daduna Kokhraidze**, Chief Legal and Contracts Officer, FIDIC, Geneva