

# 11th ICC APAC Conference on International Arbitration



Singapore | 25-26 June 2026

## Programme

**Friday, 26 June 2026**

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09-00 – 10-00 *Registration and welcome coffee*

10.00 - 10.10 **Opening Remarks**

- **Tejus Chauhan**, Director, Arbitration & ADR, South Asia, ICC Dispute Resolution Services, Singapore

10.10 – 10.30 **Keynote Address**

- **Speaker**

10.30 – 11.30 **Session 1: New ICC Rules 2026: towards enhanced clarity and efficiency**

The 2026 edition of the ICC Rules marks the most significant update since the 2021 revision. The session will examine key features of the new rules including notable changes and newly introduced provisions. The session will also provide an inside look at how institutional practice, statistical insights and recommendations led to the final version of the Rules.

*Moderator:*

- **Matthew Secomb**, Partner, White and Case, Singapore; Vice Chair, ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR

*Speakers:*

- **Nasser Mehsin Al-Adba**, Founding Partner & Head of Arbitration Department, Omani & Partners, Qatar
- **Elaine Wong**, Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, Singapore
- **Xin Zhang**, Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Hong Kong
- **Speaker 4**

11.30 – 12.00 *Coffee break*

12.00 – 12.45

**Session 2: Asset recovery: the ultimate litmus test of arbitration**

To date, asset tracking and recovery remain challenging aspects in the aftermath of an arbitration. There is a great deal of due diligence and investigation work in tracing and mapping out assets before they are recovered, especially in complex circumstances where the assets are in different jurisdictions or tax havens, parties are insolvent, or sovereign immunity applies. The panel will take stock of the most pertinent issues in asset recovery arising out of arbitration proceedings, discuss how they transpire in practice, and consider ways to maximise chances to attain successful asset recovery through early dispute strategy.

*Moderator:*

- **Yas Banifatemi**, Founding Partner, Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes, France

*Speakers:*

- *Speaker 1*
- *Speaker 2*

12.45 – 13.00

**ICC DRL x Jus AI: The Next Era of Arbitration Research**

- **Michele Sonen**, Head of APAC & MENA, Jus Mundi, South Korea

13.00 – 14.00

*Networking lunch*

14.00 – 15.00

**Session 3: Awarding costs: pitfalls and best practices in drafting costs decisions**

Many awards struggle to articulate a clear and thorough approach for reaching decisions on costs by contrast to decisions on jurisdiction, liability and damages. What are the most common pitfalls that should be avoided, and what best practices should be considered to write better reasoned and more predictable cost allocation decisions? This two-part panel will start with a live mock session of the ICC Court scrutinising a draft award on costs. Following the mock session, panellists will discuss modern practices, emerging trends, and an array of approaches to improve cost allocation decisions in international arbitration.

- **Narendra Adiyasa**, Partner, Widyawan & Partners, Indonesia; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration
- **Payel Chatterjee**, Partner, Trilegal, India; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration
- **Helena Hsi-Chia Chen**, Partner, Chen & Chang, Attorneys-at-Law, Chinese Taipei; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration
- **Yvonne Mak**, Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Singapore
- **Mark Mangan**, Partner, Lindsay Francis & Mangan, Singapore; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration
- **Claudia Salomon**, President, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris

15.00 – 15.30 *Coffee Break*

15.30 - 16.30 **Oxford Style Debate: “This House believes that dissenting opinions undermine, rather than strengthen, arbitral awards.”**

*Moderator:*

- **Moderator**

*Jury Comments*

- **Speaker 1**

*For the motion:*

- **Maximilian (Zheng) Han**, Partner, Jin Mao Law Firm, China
- **Speaker 2**

*Against the motion:*

- **Sheila Ahuja KC**, Partner, A&O Shearman, Singapore
- **Nakul Dewan KC**, Senior Advocate and King’s Counsel, Twenty Essex, Singapore

16.30 – 16.40 **Closing Remarks**

- **Donna Huang**, Director, Arbitration & ADR, North Asia, ICC Dispute Resolution Services, Shanghai

16.40 – 18.30 *Networking reception*