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Agenda

OPENING CEREMONY

08:30 - 09:00 Reception and Registration

09:00 - 10:00 Opening Ceremony

- UAE National Anthem
- Recitation of Verses from the Holy Qur'an
- Address by H.E. Prof. Dr. Jassim Ali Salem Alshamsi, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, International Islamic Centre for Reconciliation and Arbitration (IICRA).
- Address by Ms. Linda Fitz-Alan, Registrar and Chief Executive Officer, Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) Courts.
- Address by a Representative of Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank (ADIB), Gold Sponsor of the Conference.
- Official opening of the Conference by Dr. Rami Sulaiman Abu Daqqa, Secretary-General, International Islamic Centre for Reconciliation and Arbitration (IICRA).

Signing of Cooperation Agreements

10:00 – 10:30 Networking Break

FIRST SESSION | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

The Legal and Shari'ah Nature of Disputes Arising from Exceptional Circumstances and Force Majeure: The Role of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Mechanisms

- **Chaired by Counsellor Dr. Mohammed Mahmoud Al Kamali, Director-General of the Judicial Training Institute, Ministry of Justice.**

This session examines the Shari'ah and legal principles governing exceptional circumstances and force majeure affecting contractual obligations, together with the available means of addressing their consequences. It also explores the mechanisms and key features of resolving disputes arising from such circumstances under the Rules of the International Islamic Centre for Reconciliation and Arbitration (IICRA) and the Mediation Rules of Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) Courts.

10:30 - 11:00 Paper I — **Shari'ah and Legal Provisions Governing Exceptional Circumstances and Force Majeure Affecting Contractual Obligations**

- ***Presented by H.E. Mr. Mohammed Rashid Alsuwaidi, Founding and Managing Partner, Alsuwaidi & Company.***

11:00 - 11:30 Paper II — **Settlement of Contractual Disputes Arising from Exceptional Circumstances under the IICRA Arbitration Rules: Key Features and Practical Applications.**

- ***Presented by Dr. Suzanne Munir Abdullah, Independent Arbitrator and Partner at OGH Legal.***

11:30 - 11:45 Paper III — Mediation and Effective Commercial Dispute Resolution at ADGM Courts: Contractual Disputes Arising from Exceptional Circumstances and Force Majeure.

- ***Presented by Mr. Ahmed Al Zaabi, Manager – Courts Registry, ADGM Courts.***

11:45 - 12:00 Q&A and Discussion

12:00 - 12:30 Break & Dhuhr Prayer

SECOND SESSION I 12:30–14:00

"Practical Applications of Dispute Resolution Mechanisms for Disputes Arising from Exceptional Circumstances and Force Majeure"

- **Chaired by Ms. Israa Abdulla, Independent Arbitrator, Strategic Partner and Head of Legal Operations at HAN Law Firm (RAALC Group).**

This session explores the principal mechanisms and practical approaches to resolving disputes arising from exceptional circumstances and force majeure, including reconciliation and institutional arbitration under the Rules of the International Islamic Centre for Reconciliation and Arbitration (IICRA). It also examines the recently introduced Dispute Adjudication Board (DAB) Rules and their practical application under the Model Islamic-Based Construction Contract (IBCC)

12:30 - 12:50 Paper I — **Methods and Mechanisms for Resolving Disputes Arising from Exceptional Circumstances and Force Majeure: Reconciliation and Arbitration at IICRA as a Model**

- ***Presented by Dr. Rami Sulaiman Abu Daqqa, Secretary-General, International Islamic Centre for Reconciliation and Arbitration (IICRA).***

12:55 - 13:15 Paper II — **Key Features of IICRA's Newly Introduced Dispute Adjudication Board (DAB) Rules**

- ***Presented by Eng. Wisal Nema, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), Claims Consultant, Engineering Expert, Delay Analyst and International Arbitrator.***

13:15 - 13:35 Paper III — **Resolution of Contractual Disputes Arising from Exceptional Circumstances and Force Majeure under the Model Islamic-Based Construction Contract (IBCC): Practical Applications**

- ***Presented by Eng. Dr. Kamal Adnan Malas, Independent Arbitrator. Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Model Islamic-Based Construction Contract (IBCC).***

13:35 - 14:00 Q&A and Discussion

14:00 - 14:04 Closing Remarks & Final Recommendations

From 14:04 Lunch

Note: Attendance at the conference is free of charge, and participants will receive a certificate of attendance.