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Message from the Director

2019 is CRCICA 40th Anniversary. During these years, and since its establishment, CRCICA worked to develop arbitration and ADR mechanisms in the host state and in the region, through adopting best practices in case management, providing training, and increasing ADR and arbitration awareness in Africa and Asia.

The period from October 2018 until September 2019 was a very important and interesting period for CRCICA. In addition to organizing successfully its biennial world international conference on the Role of State Court in International Arbitration”, CRCICA also organised, for the first time, two events at Dubai arbitration week in November 2018. In April 2019, CRCICA won the GAR award of “**an arbitral institution that impressed**”.

By the end of 2018, CRCICA opened its renovated offices which includes offices of the case management department, the conferences, external relations and training department, and the financial and administrative department. CRCICA has already inaugurated, in March 2016, its renovated Conference Centre and had opened, in 2013, its fully renovated hearing centre.

CRCICA caseload in 2018 witnessed an increase compared to 2017, since 77 new cases were filed in 2018, compared to 65 in 2017. Disputes related to construction cases also ranked on top this year. CRCICA caseload continues to cover a vast variety of economic sectors, the disputed contracts included contracts for works, construction, media and entertainment, services, lease and supply agreements, real estate, sale and purchase of shares, hotel management and franchise agreements.

In 2018 and 2019, CRCICA continued its regional and international contributions to the development of both international arbitration and mediation. This period witnessed a special focus on Africa and Asia. In May 2019, CRCICA hosted and contributed to a training course organised by the African Union on “the Settlement of Disputes: The African Continental Free Trade Area”. CRCICA also organised delivered several training programs in the Middle East and North Africa.

2019 also witnessed the **launch of the CRCICA Young forum** for young arbitration practitioners from Egypt, Africa, the Middle East and Worldwide. I hope this forum helps raising the awareness of younger generations to the rising importance of arbitration and mediation, and their important role in attracting foreign investments in the region and contribute to economic and social development.

I hope that 2019 and the beginning of 2020 witnesses the completion of many ambitious projects that have already started: the production of a documentary tracing the role of arbitration in economic development in Africa and Asia, and the full operation of an archiving software and a case management software. I am confident that, with the devotion and support of my colleagues, CRCICA will be achieving all its future objectives enabling it to serve the arbitration and ADR communities in the region and beyond.

CRCICA wins the "GAR Guide to Regional Arbitration Award for an Arbitral Institution That Impressed" at the 9th Annual GAR Awards Ceremony:

On 4 April 2019, in the “largest ever GAR awards” ceremony held in Paris, CRCICA was awarded the GAR Guide to Regional Arbitration Award for “**arbitral institution that impressed**”. The award was won for CRCICA’s commitment to improving diversity not only in the appointment of arbitrators, but also when promoting its own staff, and for being “*one of the most reasonable priced institutions around.*”

It is worth noting that in 2013 CRCICA also won the prestigious GAR Award for the up-and-coming regional institution "in recognition of its great strides in the past year". In 2016, for the third consecutive year, the GAR enrolled CRCICA as one of four regional institutions in the Middle East and Africa that are worth a closer look and worth considering for the right case. In 2017, the GAR topped CRCICA on the White List for Middle East and Africa together with another institution.

SHARM EL SHEIKH VII, the World’s Sole Biennial International conference on “The Role of State Courts in International Arbitration: Unprecedented Number of Sponsors and Participants

CRCICA held its seventh World’s Sole Biennial International Conference on “The Role of State Courts in International Arbitration- SHARM EL SHEIKH VII” on 9-10 December 2018 at Savoy Hotel, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. This event was the seventh of highly successful international series of conferences being held biennially since 2005 in cooperation with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI) and the Arab Union for International Arbitration (AUIA).

SHARM ELSHEIKH 2018 was sponsored by 32 firms and organizations from 10 countries. Youssef & Partners have GOLD SPONSORED the Conference for first time this year. The Conference’s silver sponsors were Shahid Law Firm and Matouk Bassiouny & Hennawy. The Bronze sponsors were Shehata Attorneys at Law, Al Tamimi & Co., Aztan Law Firm, Obeid Law Firm, Ali & CO., and Fahad Elrefaei & Partners Consulting & Law Firm. Lunch was supported by Nassar Law. Supporting Organizations were a mixture of law firms, regional arbitration institutions, arbitration forums and consulting companies. Law firms and consulting companies included Mayer Brown, Rizakana & Partners, Jaber Law Firm, Mahmood Hussein Law Firm, Hassouna and Abu Ali Attorneys at Law, Karim Adel Law office, Badran Law Office, Kosheri, Rashed & Riad- Legal Consultants & Attorneys at law, BDO Legal, and Quantum Global Solutions. Arbitration institutions and legal organizations included the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR), the Riyadh Chamber and the AEJF. The Conference was also supported by an unprecedented number of African organizations and forum: the APAA, Africa Arb, the AAA, and the East Africa International Arbitration Conference. Media partners were GAR, Law TV, Lex MEA, the I-Arb Africa, and TDM OGEMID.

The agenda included important topics related to the arbitration practice and relationship with state courts. The topics covered controversial issues in Egypt, the Middle East, Africa and

worldwide, for instance, the enforcement by state courts of the interim measures and the decisions of the emergency arbitrators, challenges facing the parties in the post-arbitral phase, and sovereign immunity against enforcement of arbitral awards according to the law and case law in France, Belgium, the United Kingdom, the United States and the OHADA. The 2018 Conference also included an important session on investment arbitration, focusing on the role of state and regional courts in investment arbitration. The Conference also witnessed the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the New York Convention in its second day.

The conference was attended by 234 participants from 28 countries: Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Egypt, France, Germany, Iraq, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Palestine, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States.

CRCICA Launches its Young CRCICA Forum:

On 27 March 2019, CRCICA organized the Young CRCICA Forum Launch Event by a seminar titled: “The New frontiers of Arbitrability: Expansion and Diversity”. Similar to youth forums of other international arbitral institutions, Young CRCICA aims to help the younger generations develop their skills, gain knowledge, network with experienced practitioners, and understand arbitral procedure and other dispute resolution mechanisms.

Board of Trustees Meeting:

On 9 December 2018, the CRCICA Board of Trustees (BOT) held its annual meeting in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. The meeting was presided by Dr. Nabil ELARABY (Chairman) and attended by Prof. Bernardo M. CREMADES (Spain), Prof. Dr. Fathi WALY (Egypt), Prof. Dr. Hani SARIE ELDIN (Egypt), Sheikha Haya Rashed AL KHALIFA (Bahrain), Mr. Michael SCHNEIDER (Germany), Prof. Dr. Mohamed ABDEL RAOUF (Egypt), Prof. Nassib ZIADÉ (Chile - Lebanon), Dr. Nayla Comair OBEID (Lebanon), Mr. Philippe LEBOULANGER (France), Mr. Ulf Franke (Sweden) and Dr. Ziad BAHAA-ELDIN (Egypt). In representation of CRCICA, Dr. Ismail Selim, Director and Dr. Dalia Hussein, Deputy Director attended the meeting. During the meeting, CRCICA Director provided a presentation to the BOT on the Centre’s activities and caseload in 2017-2018, the administrative and managerial developments in 2018 as well as excerpts of its audited financial statement of operations for the year ending on 31 December 2017.

CRCICA Advisory Committee: New Members and Meetings:

Three new members were nominated as members of CRCICA Advisory Committee during the second quarter of 2019, namely, Dr. Karim Youssef, Managing Partner and Head of International Arbitration & International Law, Youssef & Partners Attorneys (Egypt), Mr. Ahmed Ouerfelli, Attorney at Law, Former Presidential Legal Advisor, Former Judge (Tunisia), and Mr. Lijun Cao, Head of Zhong Lun’s Arbitration Practice (China).

From October 2018 until 15 September 2019, CRCICA Advisory Committee held 4 meetings: on 8 December 2018, 10 January 2019, 21 April 2019, and 22 July 2019. The meetings discussed various topics and issues related to case management. A new “availability form” was approved in order to ensure the availability of appointed arbitrators to hear and decide the cases. Amendments to CRCICA Practice Notes and to the By-laws of the Committee were also approved.

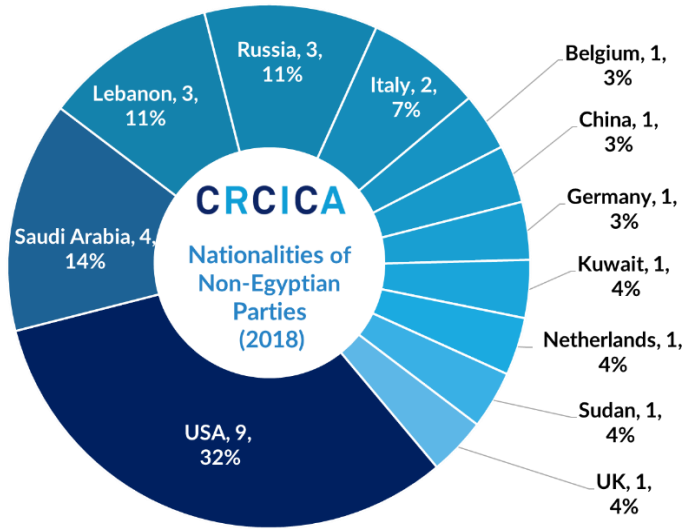
CRCICA’s Caseload in 2018 and until 15 September 2019:

Caseload of 2018:

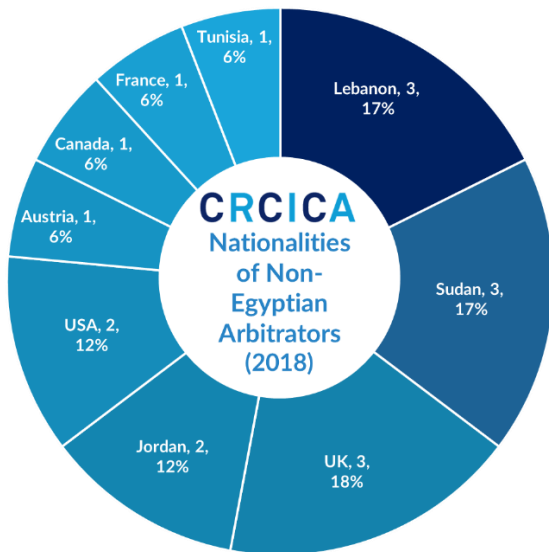
The total number of cases filed before CRCICA until 31 December 2018 reached 1303 cases. In 2018, 77 new cases were filed, compared to 65 in 2017. Further, 2 mediation cases were registered in 2018 compared to a single one in 2017. One of the mediation cases relies on a dispute settlement provision in a Bilateral Investment treaty.

The Centre’s caseload during 2018 involved disputes relating to various sectors including: Oil & Gas, Construction, Media & Entertainment, Sports, Real Estate Development, Agriculture and Tourism.





Disputes arising from the Construction Sector, including construction contracts, contracts for works and utility supply agreements, ranked on top with nearly 25% of the total number of cases, compared to 32% of the cases in 2017. As in 2017, these were followed by disputes arising out of lease agreements, which made up nearly 16% of the total number of cases. Oil & Gas related disputes in 2018 ranked third, representing nearly 12% of disputes, closely followed by disputes arising out of purchase agreements and those relating to Hotel Management and Sports.



The parties to disputes included 28 Non-Egyptian parties. Parties from the USA ranked on top of Non-Egyptian parties referring their disputes to the Centre, with 9 US parties, followed by parties from Saudi Arabia and then parties from Lebanon and Russia. There were also parties from Italy, Belgium, China, Germany, Kuwait, Netherlands, Sudan and the UK. It is worth noting that these conservative figures do not include Egyptian companies owned or ultimately controlled by non-Egyptian shareholders.

2018 also witnessed the appointment of 17 Non-Egyptian arbitrators, with the number of arbitrators coming from the UK, Lebanon and Sudan coming at the top. There were also arbitrators from Austria, Canada, France, Jordan, Tunisia and the USA. For the cases registered in 2018, 11 female arbitrators were appointed, compared to 9 female arbitrators cases registered in 2017. 13 arbitrators aged under 40 appointed during 2018 as co-arbitrators as well as sole arbitrators. A number of the arbitrators under 40 were also female arbitrators as well.



These numbers and percentages, though both still modest, show a tendency to increase female appointments by the CRCICA as well as by parties and co-arbitrators. In fact, 2018 saw the composition of an all-female tribunal. Similarly, in a case where both co-arbitrators were male, their chosen presiding arbitrator was a woman.

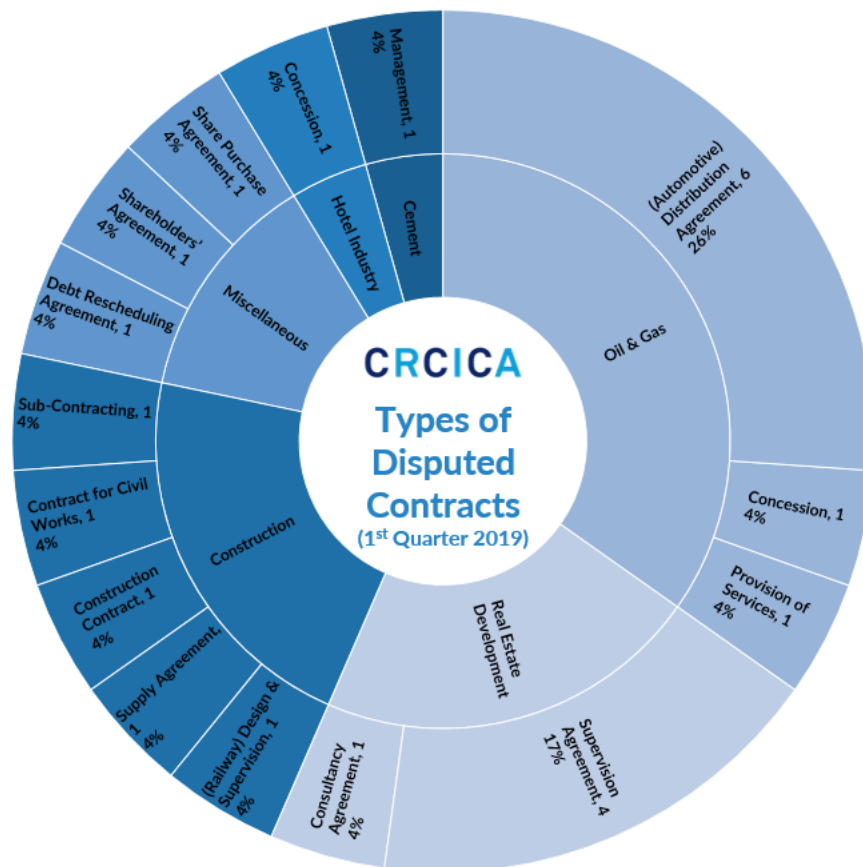
In implementation of CRCICA’s regional diversity policy, 2 arbitrators from Tunisia and Sudan were appointed in cases registered in 2018 where the language of arbitration was Arabic, compared to 2 arbitrators from Nigeria and Sudan appointed by the CRCICA in 2017 in cases where the language of arbitration was English and Arabic respectively.

In 2018, 54 arbitration cases were conducted in Arabic, (i.e. 70%), whereas 23, (i.e. 30%), were conducted in English. The French version of the CRCICA Rules has been issued on 31 March 2017.

Caseload until 15 September 2019:

Until 15 September 2019, the total number of cases filed before CRCICA reached 1351.

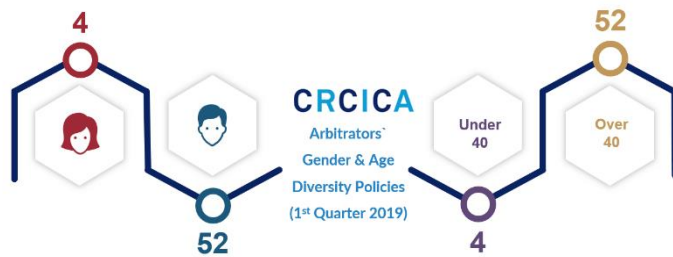
During the first quarter of 2019, 23 new cases were filed compared to 20 new cases filed the first quarter of 2018. Cases involved disputes relating to various sectors, including Construction, Real Estate Development, Hotel industry, Railway and Oil & Gas.



Disputes arising from oil and gas sector the ranked on top with nearly 34.7% of the total number of cases. They were followed by disputes arising out of the construction sector, including construction contracts and contracts for works, and the real estate development sector, each representing nearly 21% of the total number of cases.

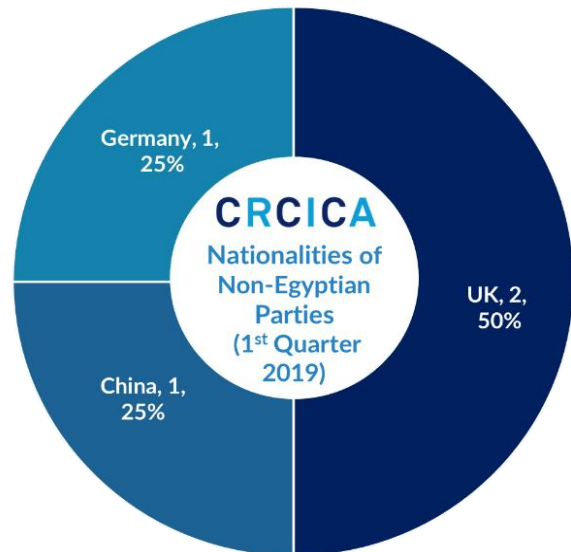
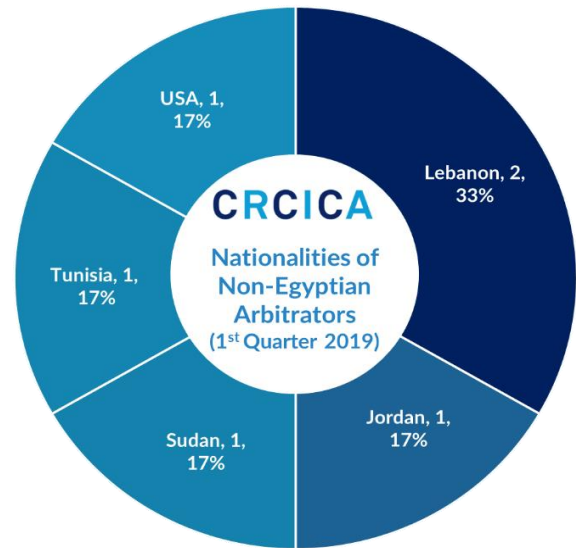
The first quarter of 2019 witnessed the appointment of 62 arbitrators from Egypt, Sudan, Jordan, Tunisia, Lebanon and the USA.

4 arbitrators were female arbitrators and 4 are under 40:

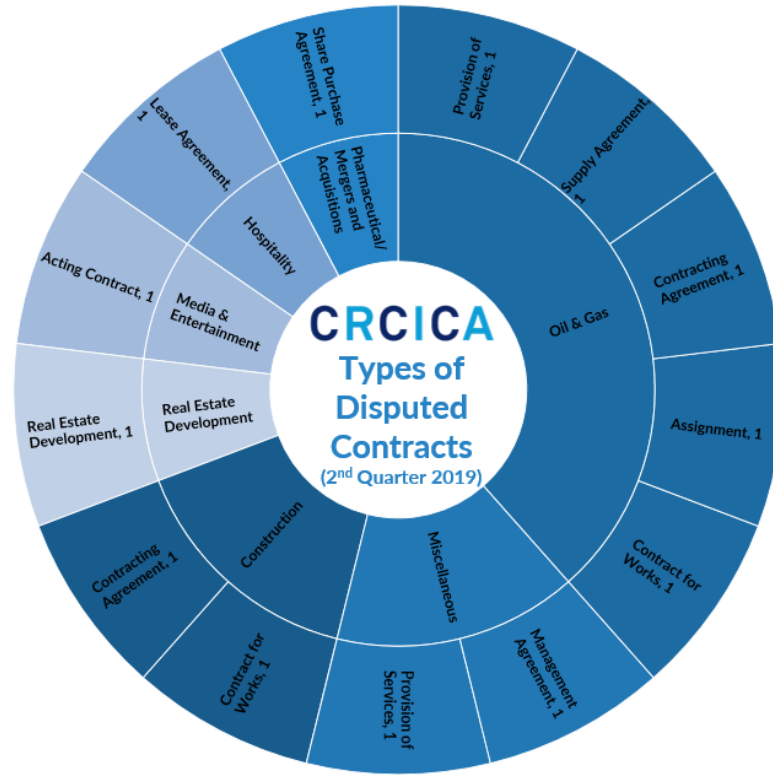


Arbitration proceedings in the first quarter involved parties from China, Germany and the UK.

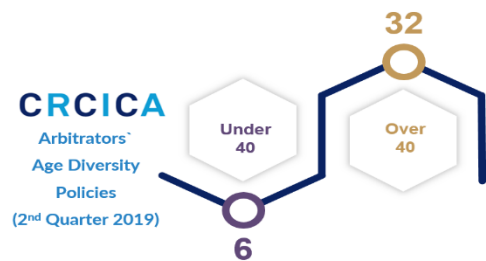
Amongst the 23 cases filed in the first quarter, 5 case, representing 22 %, were conducted in English, while 18 cases, representing 78 %, were conducted in Arabic.



The second quarter of 2019 witnessed the filing of 13 new cases compared to 15 new cases filed in the second quarter of 2018. The Centre’s caseload in the second quarter of 2019 involved disputes relating to various sectors, including Oil & Gas, Media & Entertainment, Real Estate Development, Pharmaceutical industry and Construction.



The second quarter of 2019 witnessed the appointment of arbitrators from the Egypt and the UK. Of the 38 arbitrators appointed this quarter, 6 are under 40.



Arbitration proceedings in the second quarter involved parties from China and Egypt. Amongst the 13 cases filed this quarter, 2 cases were conducted in English, 15%, while 11 were conducted in Arabic, 85%.

CRCICA as a Hearing Centre:

In addition to hearings in institutional cases brought under its Rules, CRCICA also hosts a large number of hearings in ad-hoc cases and in cases brought under other institutional Rules, where the Parties select to hold hearings at CRCICA’s state of the art hearing centre.

Hearings in 2018:

Throughout 2018, 91 hearings took place at CRCICA's hearing facilities. 81 of the hearings related to cases brought under the CRCICA Rules, 5 hearings related to *ad hoc* cases administered by CRCICA, and 2 hearings, which lasted for several days, related to cases brought under the ICC Rules. CRCICA also hosted a witness to testify remotely to The Grand Court of The Cayman Islands, using live feed of proceedings (*i.e.* video conferencing to visualize the hearing room), real time viewer (*i.e.* live testimony immediately appears on your computer screen as the court reporter writes real-time), and using Opus 2 Magnum electronic bundle solution and by printing and organizing witness' binders. CRCICA has also provided video conferencing assistance to both CAS and the High Court of London in relation to remote examination and cross-examination of witnesses.

Hearings in 2019:

Until 15 September 2019, 74 hearings took place at CRCICA's hearing facilities. 71 of the hearings related to cases administered by CRCICA, 1 hearing related to a mediation case under CRCICA Mediation Rules, and 2 hearings related to cases brought under the ICC Rules.

CRCICA also hosted witnesses to testify remotely to the ICC, using live feed of proceedings, real time viewer and Opus 2 Magnum electronic bundle solution, in two separate cases.

CRCICA Contribution to International Publications and Events:

CRCICA contributed with a Chapter titled “CRCICA Overview” at the GAR Middle Eastern and African Arbitration Review 2019. The Chapter introduced CRCICA, its activities and caseload, and focused specially on cases related to the media and entertainment sector in light of the development of the legislative framework regulating this sector in Egypt.

CRCICA also contributed to the June 2019 (African Arbitration Association) “AfAA” newsletter by a Brief on its caseload and activities.

Dr. Ismail Selim also contributed to the book published in honor of Professor Eric Loquin, titled “*Droit Sans frontières: Mélanges en l’honneur d’Eric Loquin*” (Law without Borders: Collection in Honor of Eric Loquin) by a Chapter titled “Les règles matérielles adaptées aux besoins de l’arbitrage du commerce international” (“Substantive Rules Adapted to the Needs to International Commercial Arbitration”).

CRCICA Partner to a Number of African and International Events

On 15 October 2018, CRCICA and the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry jointly organized a Seminar on “Commercial Arbitration” hosted by the Riyadh Chamber.

On 22-23 November 2018, CRCICA cooperated with the Libyan Center for International Commercial Arbitration (LCICA) to organize the Second International Arbitration Conference in Libya titled: “The Role of Arbitration and Mediation in Supporting Investments in Libya” held at the headquarters of the Organization of Education, Science and Culture (ALECSO) in Tunis, Tunisia. The conference aimed at highlighting the importance of mediation and arbitration as alternative means to resolve the international disputes to be able to support and attract foreign investments.

CRCICA at the Dubai Arbitration Week for the First Time:

For the first time, CRCICA co-organized and sponsored two events at the Dubai Arbitration Week (11-15 November 2018) hosted by the Dubai International Financial Centre (“DIFC”) Arbitration Institute, Dubai, UAE. The first event was the **Seminar titled Arbitration in the Entertainment and Media Industry** organized on 11 November 2018, jointly with HORIZONS & Co. a Seminar.

The second event was held on 14 November 2018 and consisted of a networking lunch and a Panel Discussion on: “Arbitration in Africa,” organized with Al Tamimi & Company.

Fifth SOAS Arbitration in Africa Conference

In February 2019, CRCICA sponsored and participated as media partner at the Fifth SOAS Arbitration in Africa Conference titled: “Best Practices in Arbitration and ADR in Africa”, held at the International Convention Centre, Arusha, Tanzania from 12 to 14 February 2019 and organized by the SOAS University of London, African Institute of International Law (AILL) (Arusha), Bannaga & Fadlabi LLP (Sudan).

AfAA Board of Directors Meeting and First Annual International Arbitration Conference in Kigali, Rwanda:

In his capacity as member of the Board of Directors of the African Arbitration Association (AfAA), Dr. Ismail Selim, founding member of the AfAA and the sole representative of North Africa in its Board, participated in the AfAA Board meeting held on 2-5 April 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda. The meeting discussed plans and activities to support and fund the work of AfAA.

CRCICA also was a media partner to the AfAA First Annual International Arbitration Conference on: “The Coming of Age of International Arbitration in Africa”, held on 3-4 April 2018. Dr. Selim spoke at the Panel titled: “The Use of African Arbitral Institutions: The Pan African Investment Code Paves the Way”.

CRCICA at the Paris Arbitration Week:

CRCICA participated at the Paris Arbitration Week, held during the week of 1-5 April 2019. Dr. Mohamed Hafez, Counsel and Legal Advisor to the Director, represented CRCICA and spoke at a seminar & round table hosted and organized White & Case (Paris) on 4 April 2019 titled “the Games of Seats: Arbitral institutions in Africa and the Quest for Ascendancy”.

CRCICA was also represented by Dr. Mohamed Hafez at the international conference on “Civil Proceedings Today: an International and Comparative Approach” held at Tunis, Tunisia on 2&3 May 2019. Dr. Hafez spoke at the fifth session on “The Civil Procedure and International Commercial Arbitration”. His presentation was titled “What is the general applicable law to the law of arbitration from the perspective of scholars and jurisprudence in Egypt and Tunisia?”

IFCAI General Assembly Meeting and Biennial Conference:

CRCICA Director participated in his capacity as IFCAI treasurer, at the IFCAI Council and General Assembly Meeting held on 24 May 2019 in Helsinki, Finland. He also spoke at 15th IFCAI Biennial Conference.

The Africa Arbitration Academy:

On 20 June 2019, Dr. Dalia Hussein, CRCICA’s Deputy Director delivered the session dedicated to CRCICA at the AYA’s Africa Arbitration Academy held in London from 3 to 21 June 2019. The session included training on procedural issues raised under the CRCICA Rules, through the study of mock cases inspired by real arbitration cases administered by the Centre. The Academy hosted 24 young arbitration practitioners from different African states.

CIArb Seminars and Conferences

Seminar on Practicing FIDIC in Civil Law Jurisdictions- Application of Time and Additional Payment Provisions on 9 January 2019:

The CIArb Egypt Branch organized a seminar on “Practicing FIDIC in Civil Law Jurisdictions - Application of Time and Additional Payment Provisions”. The Seminar focused on the FIDIC forms of contract as one of the most commonly used standard conditions of contract in international projects and the application of some of their provisions related to time and additional payment in the context of the Civil Law, with special application on the Egyptian Civil Law.

The CIArb MENA Region: An Overview:

On 7 February 2019, the CIArb Egypt Branch organized a seminar on “The CIArb MENA Region: An overview”. Mr. Anthony Abrahams, Director General, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) was the speaker at the seminar and presented the CIArb plans in the MENA Region as well as the changes it intends to introduce to its training programs and courses. The seminar was attended by about 60 participants representing a diversity of business sectors: construction, engineering, engineering contracts, contract administration, management consultation and lawyers.

Conference on Arbitrating Banking and Finance Related Disputes: A New Paradigm?

On the occasion of the Twentieth Anniversary of the CIArb Egypt Branch, the Branch organized this international Conference, hosted and co-organized by CRCICA on 9 &10 February 2019.

The Conference shed light on the specificities of banking and financial disputes and tackled the actual and potential use of international arbitration to resolve them.

“Contract Interpretation in International Arbitration - Is There A Common Law/Civil Law Divide of Real Significance?”

On 1 April 2019, the CIArb Egypt Branch organized jointly with CRCICA this seminar. The speaker was Dr. Lawrence Shore, Partner and Team Leader of the International Arbitration Focus Team, BonelliErede, Italy, and Former vice Chair of the Executive Committee of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration. More than 110 professionals attended the Seminar from Egypt and Switzerland.

Seminar on: Cost/Contracts Challenges in the Egyptian Construction Industry

On 9 April 2019, the CIArb Egypt Branch organized a seminar on “Cost/Contracts Challenges in the Egyptian Construction Industry”. The seminar addressed common challenges that face the construction industry in Egypt and the possible means to overcome them.

CRCICA Events:

Launching in Egypt of the Project on “the Social and Psychological Underpinnings of Commercial Arbitration in Europe” and Seminar on “The Social and Psychological Underpinnings of Commercial Arbitration” following the launching the project:

During the first week of November 2018, CRCICA hosted a series of interviews conducted by Tony Cole, JAMS arbitrator and reader in arbitration and investment law at Leicester Law School, and Joshua Karton, associate professor and associate dean at the Queen’s University Faculty of Law in Canada, with Egyptian arbitration practitioners. The interviews were conducted as part of the Research Project into “the Social and Psychological Underpinnings of Commercial Arbitration in Europe,” conducted by University of Leicester Law School, funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council and supported by the Chartered Institute for Arbitrators. This project is reported to be the “biggest empirical research project yet to be undertaken in the field.”

Following the end of the interviews, CRCICA hosted and organized, on 8 November 2018, a seminar titled “The Social Underpinnings in Arbitration”.

Cairo Legal Franchise Workshop and Symposium

On 12 & 13 January 2019, CRCICA hosted and co-organized the first Legal Franchise Events in Egypt and the MENA Region: "Cairo Legal Franchise Workshop and Symposium", Cairo-Egypt. The Workshop and the Symposium were also organized by the Egyptian Franchise Development Association (EFDA) and supported by the International Franchise Association (IFA). Mr. Philip Zeidman, DLA Piper Law Firm, U.S.A, who is named as the father of international franchise law and whose legacy is known to impact the franchise community for decades to come, was the keynote speaker. The agenda focused on the establishment of the franchise requirements and prerequisites, the top legal issues in franchising from regional and international perspectives and on the digital economy’s impact on franchising. Both days were concluded by questions and answers sessions. The Workshop and Symposium were well attended with more than 120 participants and speakers.

African Union Training Course on the Settlement of Disputes: The African Continental Free Trade Area

During the week of 13-17 May 2019, CRCICA hosted and co-organized a Training Course on “the Settlement of Disputes: The African Continental Free Trade Area”. Organized by the African Union (“AU”), the training aimed at raising the capacities of AU member states in arbitration and alternative dispute settlement mechanisms, especially in light of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and was conducted in the form of interactive discussions. Opening and closing speeches were delivered by her Excellency Ambassador Dr. Namira Negm, Legal Counsel of the AU. Speakers included eminent professors of the Universities of Cairo and Geneva, members of

the ICC, ICSD, and UNCTAD and attendees were diplomats and legal officials from 25 African countries.

CRCICA Training Courses

CIArb Course on: The Contract and the Rules of Responsibility and Evidence and on Comparative Commercial Arbitration

In its capacity as a CIArb Recognized Course Provider, CRCICA held during the week of 22 to 29 October 2018, for the third time, Module 1: Law of Obligations and Civil Evidence, and during the week of 16-23 December 2018, Module 2: Law of International Arbitration, under the customized thematic approach “Comparative Commercial Arbitration, Theory and Practice.” The two courses allow candidates who pass successfully the examinations and assignments to apply for the CIArb membership.

ABA Distinguished Lawyers Program: Basic Legal Skills Course

From 2 to 31 December 2018 CRCICA held the Basic Legal Skills Course under the CRCICA/ABA Distinguished Lawyers CLE Program. This program started in October 2016 as a continuation of the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI)’s CLE scheme in Egypt which ran under the US AID funds from 2009 until September 2016. 7 qualified trainers delivered the modules of the course, namely: client interviewing, legal analysis, legal writing, negotiation, contract drafting, oral advocacy and arbitration. 9 volunteering arbitrators ran the Arbitration Moot organized at the end of the course. Attendees were junior practicing lawyers, contract administrators, contract coordinators, legal researchers, legal interns, and fresh graduates.

Support to Students and Internships:

On 27 March 2019, signed two cooperation agreements with the Faculty of Law, British University in Egypt (“BUE”) and the Faculty of Law, Cairo University. The agreements provide for cooperation in the field of arbitration, holding training programs, and exchanging experience and research.

From December 2018 to February 2019, Ms. Foluke Akinmoladun, Managing Solicitor of Trizon Law Chambers (Nigeria), arbitrator, mediator and a trainee accountant under the auspices of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA UK) has accomplished her internship programme at CRCICA.

CRCICA Institutional Visits:

On 18 March 2019, a senior delegation of the Shanghai Municipal Bureau of Justice at People's Republic of China, a department of the municipal government carrying out guidelines, policies, laws, rules and regulations concerning the judicial administration work in the municipality visited CRCICA. The delegation was headed by its Director General, Mr. Lu Weidong.