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# Fourth International Conference for a Euro-Mediterranean Community of International Arbitration

Including Training Sessions

Manama (Kingdom of Bahrain)

19 November 2017



By bringing together experts in international arbitration and investment, the conference aims at promoting a sustainable Euro-Mediterranean arbitration community as part of a broader agenda for securing investments, key for stabilization and economic growth in the South and the East of the Mediterranean.

# PROGRAMME\*

UNCITRAL / OECD / BCDR Joint Conference

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*\*\*For registration please proceed to <https://goo.gl/UYPtkV> \*\* For further information, please contact: [events@bcd-aaa.org](mailto:events@bcd-aaa.org)\*\**

## Opening Ceremony

## Morning Sessions

### **I. The impartiality and independence of arbitrators and the need to avoid conflicts of interest in international commercial arbitration**

The following speakers will be presenting on the subject. Time for debate will allow the audience to share its views or ask questions on the topic.

### **II. Practical aspects of investment arbitration procedure and transparency**

The following speakers will be presenting on the subject. Time for debate will allow the audience to share its views or ask questions on the topic.

### **III. Concluding Remarks for Morning sessions**

## Business Lunch

## Afternoon training sessions

	Training in Room 1	Training in Room 2
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Impartiality and independence of arbitrators</b>	<b>Investment arbitration procedure</b>
<b>Targeted audience</b>	Judges and Lawyers	Government Officials
<b>Goal</b>	<p>This training session aims at informing the audience about the importance of the principle of impartiality and independence of arbitrators as contained in UNCITRAL Model on commercial arbitration (article 12) and UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules (articles 11 to 13).</p> <p>It will address procedural aspects relevant to the judiciary and to Lawyers acting as arbitrator but also as party representative.</p>	<p>This training session aims at informing the audience about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the recommendations when facing a claim from an investor,</li> <li>- the issues to consider when preparing/signing an investment treaty or reforming a domestic legislation as regards the dispute mechanism</li> <li>- the impact of multilateral investment treaties on the general framework for investments</li> </ul> <p>The key provisions and benefits of UNCITRAL instruments on transparency in treaty based investor-State arbitration (the UNCITRAL Rules on transparency and the Mauritius Convention on Transparency) will be presented during this session.</p>

*\*Programme subject to changes*

*The Conference will be held in English and Arabic with simultaneous interpretation.*

*Translation into French may be provided depending on sufficient demand. Please inform the organisation when registering.*