



Uzbek Arbitration Week 2023

PROGRAM OF THE UZBEK ARBITRATION WEEK (UZAW) 2023

**September 10-15, 2023
Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

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HIGH LEVEL OVERVIEW OF WEEKLY AGENDA

Sun, Sept 10	TIAC Run in Tashkent Botanical Gardens and UzAW Cocktail Reception in Hyatt
Mon, Sept 11	UzAW Conference Launch of TIAC-HKIAC Cross-Institutional Rules
Tue, Sept 12	UzAW South & Central Asia ADR Symposium
Wed, Sept 13	UzAW South & Central Asia ADR Center Exchange FIDIC Workshop
Thu, Sept 14	Conference of the TIAC Journal of International Dispute Settlement (TJIDS)
Fri, Sept 15	English Law Day

DAY ONE

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Location: *Tashkent Botanical Garden & Hyatt Hotel*

09:00 – 10:00	TIAC Run Venue: Tashkent Botanical Garden
19:30 – 21:30	Opening cocktail and concert of classical music Venue: Hyatt Hotel

DAY TWO

Monday, September 11, 2023

Location: *InterContinental Trilliant hotel* (in person)

Language: English/Russian

09:00 – 10:00	“Putting Uzbekistan on the map of international arbitration as a preferred seat for arbitral proceedings in the CIS region and beyond - latest developments” □ SPEAKERS <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Moderator: <u>Nodira Zikrillaeva</u>, <i>Dean</i>, Tashkent State University of Economics● <u>Islam Jasimov</u>, <i>Deputy Chairman</i>, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan● <u>David Hoffman</u>, <i>Director</i>, USAID Uzbekistan Mission● <u>Mike Freer</u>, <i>Minister</i>, Ministry of Justice, United Kingdom (video address)● <u>Shukhrat Polvonov</u>, <i>Deputy Chairman</i>, Supreme Court of Uzbekistan● <u>Diana Bayzakova</u>, <i>Director</i>, Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (TIAC)
10:00 – 10:30	Networking Break
10:30 – 12:30	“Building for the future - climate change and arbitration” □ SPEAKERS <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Prof. Islambek Rustambekov</u>, <i>Acting Rector</i>, Tashkent State University of Law (TSUL)● <u>Sardor Ruziev</u>, <i>Head of the Legal Department</i>, Ministry of Investments and Trade● <u>Diana Tsutieva</u>, <i>Partner</i>, Foley & Hoag LLP● <u>Dmitry Alaudinov</u>, <i>ESG Consultant</i>, EBRD
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	“Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (TIAC) and Tashkent International Commercial Court (TICC) - building a favorable seat for regional disputes”

	<p>□ SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Marie-Anne Birken</u>, <i>Former General Counsel</i>, EBRD ● <u>Faris Nasrallah</u>, <i>Member</i>, TIAC Court of Arbitration ● <u>Cornel Marian</u>, <i>Member</i>, TIAC Court of Arbitration ● <u>Dmitry Kaysin</u>, <i>Managing Partner</i>, RGD International Central Asia ● <u>Sherzod Abdulkasimov</u>, <i>Partner</i>, Praelegal Uzbekistan
15:30 – 16:00	Networking Break
16:00 – 17:30	<p>“Launch of TIAC-HKIAC Cross Institutional Rules” HKIAC-TIAC Joint event</p> <p>□ SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Mariel Dimsey</u>, <i>Secretary General</i>, HKIAC ● <u>Joe Liu</u>, <i>Member</i>, TIAC Court of Arbitration ● <u>Diora Ziyaeva</u>, <i>Partner</i>, Dentons /<i>Member</i>, TIAC Court of Arbitration ● <u>Yan Kalish</u>, <i>Counsel</i>, Rybalkin, Gortsunyan, Dyakin & Partners (RGD) /<i>Member</i>, TIAC45 Steering Committee

**2nd SCA ADR Symposium
Tuesday, September 12, 2023**

Location: *InterContinental Trilliant hotel* (hybrid)

Language: English/Russian

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:15	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Diana Bayzakova</u>, <i>Director</i>, Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (TIAC)

<p>10:15 – 11:30</p>	<p>Session 1: Regional Perspectives on Climate Change-Related Disputes and Alternative Dispute Resolution</p> <p>☐ PRESENTATION (20 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Natalia Alenkina</u>, <i>Associate Professor</i>, American University of Central Asia (AUCA), Kyrgyz Republic <p>☐ PANELISTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Justice Arif Hussain Khilji</u>, <i>Managing Director</i>, Musaliha International Center for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (MICADR), Pakistan ● <u>Hussain Siraj</u>, <i>Vice Chairman</i>, Maldives International Arbitration Center (MIAC), Maldives ● <u>Shehara Varia</u>, <i>Secretary General</i>, IADR Center Sri Lanka, Partner at F.J & G. de Sara, Sri Lanka
<p>11:30 – 11:45</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>11:45 – 12:05</p>	<p>Session 2: Mediation as a Building Block for Resilience and Sustainability in the Region</p> <p>☐ SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Siddharth Jha</u>, <i>Counsel</i>, Singapore International Mediation Center (SIMC), Singapore ● <u>Cristen Bauer</u>, <i>Legal Advisor</i>, U.S. Department of Commerce, Commercial Law and Development Program (CLDP) <p>☐ Q&A AND DISCUSSION</p>
<p>12:05 – 12:45</p>	<p>Session 3: Adapting for the Future – Cooperation Between Arbitral Institutions</p> <p>☐ PANELISTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: <u>Elijah Putilin</u>, <i>Arbitrator & Counsel</i>, Putilin Dispute Management ● <u>Shehara Varia</u>, <i>Secretary General</i>, IADR Center Sri Lanka/<i>Partner</i>, F.J & G. de Sara, Sri Lanka ● <u>Mariel Dimsey</u>, <i>Secretary General</i>, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Hong Kong ● <u>Diana Bayzakova</u>, <i>Director</i>, Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (TIAC), Uzbekistan ● <u>Sarha Rasheed</u>, <i>Senior Manager</i>, Musaliha International Center for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (MICADR), Pakistan ● <u>Mr Danesh Chandran</u>, <i>Assistant Director</i>, Asian International Arbitration Centre, Malaysia

12:45 – 13:30	<p>Session 4: Adapting for the future: raising local talent, diversity and technology disputes</p> <p>☐ SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Sherzod Abdulkasimov</u>, <i>Partner</i>, PraeLegal Uzbekistan ● <u>Eugene Thong</u>, <i>Arbitrator</i>, The Arbitration Chambers ● <u>Diana Tsutsieva</u>, <i>Partner</i>, Foley & Hoag LLP <p>☐ Q&A AND DISCUSSION</p>
13:30 – 14:00	Networking Coffee

DAY FOUR

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Location: *InterContinental Trilliant hotel, Tashkent*

Language: English

9:00 – 9:30	Registration
10:00 – 13:00	SCA ADR Center Institutional Exchange (closed session for arbitral institutions)
10:00 - 10:15	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>☐ SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Diana Bayzakova</u>, <i>Director</i>, Tashkent International Arbitration Center (TIAC) ● <u>Cristen Bauer</u>, <i>Legal Advisor</i>, U.S. Department of Commerce, Commercial Law and Development Program (CLDP)
10:15 – 11:00	<p>Session 1: Updates from Regional Arbitration, Mediation, and ADR Centers</p> <p>☐ PRESENTATION – MICADR (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Justice Arif Hussain Khilji</u>, <i>Managing Director</i>, Musaliha International Center for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (MICADR), Pakistan ● <u>Sarha Rasheed</u>, <i>Senior Manager</i>, Musaliha International Center for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (MICADR), Pakistan <p>☐ AD-HOC UPDATES (~5 MIN EACH)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Sayf Eddine Essadik</u>, <i>Senior International Case Counsel</i>, Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) ● <u>Hussain Siraj</u>, <i>Vice Chairman</i>, Maldives International Arbitration Center (MIAC) ● <u>Diana Bayzakova</u>, <i>Director</i>, Tashkent International Arbitration Center (TIAC) ● <u>Siddharth Jha</u>, <i>Counsel</i>, Singapore International Mediation Center (SIMC) ● <u>Damithri Welikala</u>, <i>Assistant Secretary General</i>, IADR Center
11:00 – 11:15	Break
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 3: Case Study from TIAC: Online Platform for Case Management System</p> <p>□ SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Diana Bayzakova</u>, <i>Director</i>, Tashkent International Arbitration Center (TIAC) ● <u>Vishwam Jindal</u>, <i>CEO & Co-Founder</i>, Webnyaya
12:30 – 12:50	<p>Session 4: Updates on Regional SCA ADR Center Collective</p> <p>□ SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Damithri Welikala</u>, <i>Assistant Secretary General</i>, IADR Center
12:45 – 13:00	Key Takeaways and Closing Remarks

DAY FOUR
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
PARALLEL WORKSHOP
 Venue: *InterContinental Trilliant* hotel
 Language: English/Russian/Uzbek

10:00 – 18:00	Workshop: FIDIC contracts - dispute resolution and prevention (open in-person workshop)
09:30 – 10:30	<p>Session 1: Introduction to Arbitration, FIDIC Contracts and Their Importance in International Projects</p> <p>□ SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Dr. Sherzodbek Masadikov</u>, <i>International Arbitration Expert</i>, ADB ● <u>Mr. Ignacio Torterola</u>, <i>Partner</i>, GST LLP/ <i>arbitrator</i>; ICSID
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45	<p>Session 2: Understanding FIDIC Dispute Resolution Mechanisms</p> <p>□ SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Mr. Carmine Pascuzzo</u>, <i>Counsel</i>, GST LLP
11:45 – 12:45	<p>Session 3: The Arbitration Process under FIDIC Contracts</p> <p>□ SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Mr. Ignacio Torterola</u>, <i>Partner</i>, GST LLP/ <i>arbitrator</i>, ICSID
12:45 – 14:00	Group photo and lunch
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Session 3: Best Practices in FIDIC Arbitration: Tips for Success</p> <p>□ SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Mr. Ignacio Torterola</u>, <i>Partner</i>, GST LLP/ <i>arbitrator</i>, ICSID
15:00 – 16:00	<p>Session 4: Avoidance of Disputes: Practical Tips for Project Management</p> <p>□ SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Mr. Carmine Pascuzzo</u>, <i>Counsel</i>, GST LLP
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 – 17:15	<p>Session 5: Q&A Session and Interactive Discussion</p> <p>□ SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Mr. Carmine Pascuzzo</u>, <i>Counsel</i>, GST LLP ● <u>Mr. Ignacio Torterola</u>, <i>Partner</i>, GST LLP/ <i>arbitrator</i>, ICSID
17:15 – 18:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>□ SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Mr. Carmine Pascuzzo</u>, <i>Counsel</i>, GST LLP ● <u>Mr. Ignacio Torterola</u>, <i>Partner</i>, GST LLP/ <i>arbitrator</i>, ICSID
19:30	Networking Cocktail (Maqom) hosted by RGD International Central Asia - first come first served basis, please inquire availability

DAY FIVE

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Location: *Tashkent State University of Law*

09:00 – 09:20	Registration Tea and Coffee
09:20 – 09:30	Inaugural Conference of the TIAC Journal of International Dispute Settlement (TJIDS) - “Dispute Settlement: The Past, Present and Future dimensions” Opening Remarks <input type="checkbox"/> SPEAKERS <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Prof. Islambek Rustambekoy</u>, <i>Acting Rector</i>, Tashkent State University of Law (TSUL)● <u>Dr Nasiruddeen Muhammad</u>, <i>Editor-In-Chief</i>, TJIDS, Assistant Professor, University of Dubai
09:30 – 10:45	Plenary Session 1 (hybrid) <input type="checkbox"/> SPEAKERS AND TITLES OF PAPERS SUBMITTED <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Begaim M. Kaibyldaeva</u>, <i>Deputy Chairman</i>, International Court of Arbitration, Bishkek (BICAMC) - “I, Robot: The Rise of Artificial Intelligence and Robots in International Arbitration”● <u>Anselmo Reyes & Adrian Mak</u>, <i>Associates</i>, Singapore International Commercial Court of Justice - “The Problem Of Taking Online Evidence From A Willing Witness Abroad In Civil And Commercial Matters: A Challenge For International Commercial Courts”● <u>Temur Samarov</u>, <i>Praelegal Uzbekistan</i> - “Use Of Blockchain In Dispute Resolution Platforms” <input type="checkbox"/> Q&A AND DISCUSSION
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:40	Session 2: (In-person) <input type="checkbox"/> SPEAKERS AND TITLES OF PAPERS SUBMITTED

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Shakhzoda Tuychieva</u>, <i>Doctoral Candidate</i>, University of Pittsburgh - “Evolution Of BITs And Their Impact On The Alternative Dispute Settlement Between Investors And States: Is An Investor A Fully Recognized Subject Of International Law With The Right To Bring The Claim Against Sovereign?” ● <u>Abubakar Isa Umar</u>, <i>Dean of Law</i>, Bayero University Kano - “Trade Dispute Settlement System In Africa: Is The African Continental Free Trade Area (Afcfta) Dispute Settlement Mechanism Responsive To The Realities Of Africa” ● <u>Ajay Kumar</u>, <i>Lecturer in law</i>, University of Bradford - “Arbitrating Tax Disputes” ● <u>Leah Field</u>, <i>Vanderbilt University Law School</i>, The Due Diligence Dilemma: When Should States be Held Liable for FPS Violations? <p>□ Q&A AND DISCUSSION</p>
<p>11:00 – 12:40</p>	<p>Parallel Session 2 (hybrid)</p> <p>□ SPEAKERS AND TITLES OF PAPERS SUBMITTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Elbek Iskandaroy</u>, <i>University of Sussex</i> - “Usage of AI in Dispute Settlement” ● <u>Charles Ho Wang & Joseph Mante</u>, <i>Robert Gordon University UK</i>- The Impact of Blockchain and Smart Contracts on Dispute Settlement: A Case for Mediation ● <u>Jaba Gvelebiani</u>, <i>Georgian Association of Arbitrators</i> - “Certain aspects to consider for the prospects of Uzbekistan to emerge as a new preferred seat for international arbitration” ● <u>Olukemi Somoye</u>, <i>Key Solicitors & Advocates Nigeria</i>, Dispute Resolution in Nigeria & Its Future Dimensions in Relation to Emerging Technologies; Including AI and Others <p>□ Q&A AND DISCUSSION</p>
<p>12:40 – 13:40</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>13:40 – 15:20</p>	<p>Session 3 (Hybrid)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SPEAKERS AND TITLES OF PAPERS SUBMITTED ● <u>Apoorva Dixit, Smriti Panjwani, Deevanshu Shrivastava</u>, <i>Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal, India</i> - “Multi-tier Dispute Resolution Agreement: A Prospective Resolution Mechanism” ● <u>Akshith Sainarayan & A. Prateek</u>, <i>School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore, India</i> - “Multi-Tiered Dispute Resolution Stemming From Emergency Arbitration: Evolving A Model To Further Party Autonomous Interests And Commercially Viable Solutions” ● <u>Sai Narayan & Khushal Garg</u>, <i>Bar Council of India</i> - “Mediation as a Method of Resolving International Investment Disputes”

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Pavel Kvashnin</u>, Université Toulouse Capitole - “The Possibility to Use International Commercial Arbitration to Solve Cross-Border Insolvency Disputes” <p>□ Q&A AND DISCUSSION</p>
13:40 – 15:20	<p>Parallel Session 3 (Hybrid)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SPEAKERS AND TITLES OF PAPERS SUBMITTED ● <u>Avinash Kumar Babu & Tanya Singh</u>, Amity University, India - “Expanding Dimension of ADR: A Study from the Perspective of Environmental Disputes” ● <u>Daniel Nicholas Pakpahan</u>, Leiden University - “Appraising the Effectiveness of Compulsory Conciliation to Settle Future Disputes under Multilateral Environmental Agreements” ● <u>Fatima Bello</u>, University of Dundee; <u>Nasiruddeen Muhammad</u>, University of Dubai; <u>Diana Bayzakova</u>, Tashkent International Arbitration Center - “Arbitration and The Resolution of Climate Change and Sustainable Development Related Disputes” ● <u>Arya Hartalkar</u>, Maharashtra National Law University - “Hague Rules On Business And Human Rights Arbitration: An Unexplored Nexus -Codified And Way Forward” <p>□ Q&A AND DISCUSSION</p>
15:20 – 15:35	Tea Break
15:35 – 16:55	<p>Session 4 (Hybrid)</p> <p>□ SPEAKERS AND TITLES OF PAPERS SUBMITTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Ranchun Wang</u>, Leiden University - “TIAC: A Promising Future International Dispute Resolution Center: From A Comparative Perspective of Central Asia And Hong Kong” ● <u>Aditya Himachal Pradesh</u>, National Law University, Shimla - “From East To West: The Rise Of Central Asia And India As Global Arbitration Hubs For Cross-Border Dispute Resolution” ● <u>Ruchira Kaur Bali</u>, Luiss University, Rome, Italy - “Investment Arbitration Interaction with Emerging Technologies: A Contextual Analysis” <p>□ Q&A AND DISCUSSION</p>
15:35 – 16:55	<p>Parallel Plenary Session 4</p> <p>□ SPEAKERS AND TITLES OF PAPERS SUBMITTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Juan Pablo Gomez Moreno</u>, Universidad de los Andes and Universidad El Bosque (Bogotá, Colombia) - “The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on

	<p>Arbital Decision-Making: Opportunities and Challenges The Impact of Blockchain”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Harald Sippel & Vishnu Vijandran</u>, <i>Skrine Advocates & Solicitors</i>, - “Smart Contracts on Dispute Settlement: A Case for Mediation” ● International Commercial Arbitration and Technology – An Authors’ Interview with Generative Artificial Intelligence <p><i>Dr. Piotr Wilinski & Dr. Maciej Durbas</i></p> <p>□ Q&A AND DISCUSSION</p>
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English Law Day
Friday, September 15, 2023
Location: *Westminster International University in Tashkent*

09:00 – 09:45	Registration
09:45 – 10:00	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Rupert D’Cruz KC</u>, <i>Partner</i>, Littleton Chambers
10:00 – 10:45	Latest developments: English law and dispute resolution <p>□ PANELISTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: <u>Benjamin Wells</u>, <i>Executive Committee Member</i>, British-Kazakh Law Association (BKLA) /<i>Chairman</i>, Eurasian CIS Legal Professionals’ Forum (CIS Forum) ● <u>Steffen Kaufmann</u>, <i>Partner</i>, DENUO LEGAL LLC ● <u>Mikhail Sokolov</u>, <i>Solicitor</i>, IMD Corporate ● <u>Timur Abushakhmanov</u>, <i>Senior Associate</i>, Rybalkin Gortsunyan Dyakin ● <u>Rupert D’Cruz KC</u>, <i>Partner</i>, Littleton Chambers
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:45	Impact of latest developments on commercial contracts – panel discussion

	<p>□ PANELISTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: <u>Rashid Gaissin</u>, <i>Partner</i>, Eldwick Law ● <u>Mikhail Bychikhin</u>, <i>Legal Director</i>, DENUO LEGAL LLC ● <u>Peter Jeydel</u>, <i>Counsel</i>, Steptoe & Johnson LLP ● <u>Igor Kuznets</u>, <i>Managing Partner</i>, ITSWM ● <u>Farrukh Abdullakhanov</u>, <i>Partner</i>, KPMG
11:45 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:30	<p>International Arbitration – Jurisdiction</p> <p>□ PANELISTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: <u>Rupert D'Cruz KC</u>, <i>Barrister</i>, Littleton Chambers ● <u>Anthony Walker</u>, <i>Partner and Head of English Law practice</i>, Rybalkin Gortsunyan Dyakin & Partners (RGD) ● <u>Anastasia Simonova</u>, <i>Head of International law practice</i>, K&P Group Dubai ● <u>Anton Kubasov</u>, <i>Manger</i>, KPMG ● <u>Alexander Muksinoy</u>, <i>Counsel</i>, Ogier
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Challenging arbitral awards under English Law</p> <p>□ PANELISTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: <u>Gani Abaidildinoy</u>, <i>General Counsel</i>, Eldwick Law ● <u>Andrey Panov</u>, <i>Counsel</i>, Allen & Overy ● <u>Alex Studholme</u>, <i>Partner</i>, Mantle Law ● <u>Grigory Balashov</u>, <i>Head of Legal department</i>, TerraLink ● <u>Elijah Putilin</u>, <i>Professor</i>, Tashkent State University of Law
16:00 – 16:15	<p>Closing speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Benjamin Wells</u>, <i>Executive Committee Member</i>, British-Kazakh Law Association (BKLA) /<i>Chairman</i>, Eurasian CIS Legal Professionals' Forum (CIS Forum)

16:15 – 19:00	DRINKS RECEPTION (venue - TBC)
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