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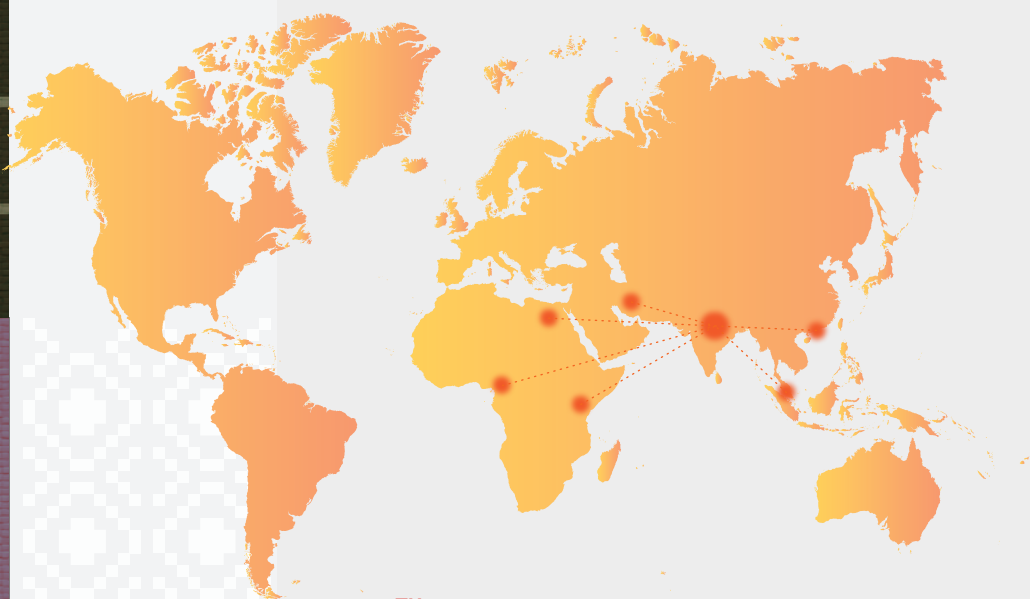
AALCO ANNUAL ARBITRATION FORUM 2025

**EMPOWERING A RESILIENT ADR WORLD:
REIGNITING REGIONAL ALLIANCE**

20TH - 21ST FEBRUARY 2025

Inspired by the spirit of AALCO, the AALCO Annual Arbitration Forum unites thought leaders and practitioners from Asia and Africa to engage in transformative dialogues aimed at shaping a resilient future for alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in the regions. As we embark on this new year, the Forum offers an inclusive space for in-depth discussions, examining the latest trends, opportunities and challenges in ADR. Together, we will explore how regional solidarity and alliance, through the sharing of best practices and innovative solutions, can drive significant empowerment in building a robust ADR framework that meets contemporary global developments.

Join us in this Forum as we champion the vision of strengthening cooperation and justice across borders!



20TH FEBRUARY

- THE MAJESTIC HOTEL KUALA LUMPUR

21ST FEBRUARY

- AIAC, BANGUNAN SULAIMAN

9:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

FREE ADMISSION

9 CPD POINTS
MALAYSIAN BAR

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1 (The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur)

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration

10:10 – 10:15 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks** by YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan
(Director of the AIAC)



10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Special Remarks** by YB Dato' Sri Azalina Othman Said
(Minister in the Prime Minister's Department
(Law and Institutional Reform))



10:30 – 10:55 a.m. **Keynote Address** by H.E. Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol
(Secretary-General, Asian-African Legal Consultative
Organization (AALCO))



10:55 – 11:00 a.m. **Official Launch** of the AALCO Annual Arbitration Forum 2025

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:45 p.m. **Asian-African Horizons: Mapping the Future of Investor-State Dispute Settlement**



MODERATOR
Dato' Mary Lim
Thiam Suan
AIAC



H.E Dr. Kamalinne
Pinitpuvadol
AALCO



Prof. Yuka Fukunaga
School of Social Sciences,
Waseda University Japan



Ms. Kitty Zheng
A&O Shearman



Mr. Rajendra
Navaratnam
Azman
Davidson & Co

12:45 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch



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2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Navigating Multi-Tiered Dispute Resolution Clauses: Regional Perspectives and Challenges from the AALCO Standpoint



MODERATOR

Mr. Nahendran Navaratnam
Navaratnam Chambers



Ms. Caroline Thomas
Hauzen LLP



Ms. Tan Swee Im
39 Essex Chambers



Prof. Elijah Putilin
Independent Arbitrator

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Regional Alliance Leadership: Strengthening ADR in Asia and Africa



MODERATOR

H.E. Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol
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Datuk Almalena Sharmila Johan
AIAC



Mr. Wilfred Ikatari
Regional Centre for
International Commercial
Arbitration Lagos



Mr. Nick Chan
AALCO Hong Kong
Regional Arbitration
Centre



Ms. Joy Maina
Nairobi Centre for
International
Arbitration

5:00 – 7.30 p.m.

Networking Reception

DAY 2 (AIAC, Bangunan Sulaiman)

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Tech-Driven ADR: Where Efficiency Meets Human Insights



MODERATOR

Ms. Heather Yee
AIAC



Mr. Lee Ji En
Chambers Lab



Mr. Abang Iwawan
Abang & Co.



Mr. Huang Guoyong
Shenzhen Court of
International Arbitration



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11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

In Conversation with the Veterans: Empowering the Rising Generation



MODERATOR

Mr. Lee Kai Jun
AIAC YPG's Co-Chair;
Wayne Siang, Kai & Co



Tan Sri Cecil Abraham
Cecil Abraham &
Partners



Dato' Mah Weng Kwai
MahWengKwai &
Associates



Prof. Robert Volterra
Volterra Fietta

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Lunch

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Crossing Borders: The Recognition and Enforceability of Arbitral Awards in the AALCO Region



MODERATOR

Mr. Zhu Yong
AALCO



Prof. Emilia Onyema
SOAS Arbitration and Dispute
Resolution Centre (SADRC)



Ms. Kamilah Kasim
Rahmat Lim &
Partners



Mr. KC Lye
Breakpoint LLC

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Coffee Break

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Bridging Cooperation: The Influence of Arbitration in Shaping Regional Investment Dynamics



MODERATOR
Mr. Andrea Carlevaris

AIAC Board of Directors;
Bonelli Erede



Mr. Anirudh Krishnan
AK Law
Chambers



Mr. Khoo Guan Huat
Khoo Chambers



Ms. Crystal Wong
Lee Hishammuddin
Allen & Gledhill



Mr. Avinash Pradhan
Rajah & Tann
Singapore LLP



Mr. Diyorbek Kimsanov
Tashkent Mediation
Center

6:00 – 6:15 p.m.

Concluding Remarks by YBhg. Datuk Almalena
Sharmila Johan (*Chief Executive Officer of the AIAC*)



6:15 p.m. onwards

Networking Reception