

# 5 Reasons to attend ICCA 2018 Sydney

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## **Build Your Professional Network**

As the premier biennial global International Arbitration conference, ICCA 2018 offers an unprecedented networking opportunity, attracting up to 1,000 delegates from all around the world, including many of the field's leading arbitrators, academics, and practitioners. ICCA 2018 Sydney will also be attended by leading figures from the Australian judiciary and government. Hosted in Australia for the first time, the ICCA 2018 Congress provides a unique chance to develop your profile, build international contacts and expand your practice within the Asia-Pacific region.

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## **Professional Development: Expand Your Knowledge Base**

The ICCA 2018 Congress promises a stimulating series of talks, symposiums, and panel discussions, with a focus on the conference theme of 'Evolution and Adaptation: The Future of International Arbitration'. Delegates will hear from leading thinkers and discuss up to date information on the most current issues and best practice in international commercial arbitration and investment treaty arbitration. The Congress will canvass current thinking in cutting edge areas such as technology, transparency, and new frontiers in the use of arbitration for climate change, corporate social responsibility, and the protection of indigenous peoples. These topic areas and more will be discussed by the best in the business.

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## **Contribute to the development of dispute resolution theory**

Since the first ICCA Congress was held in 1961, these conferences have made significant contributions to the development of theory and practice in international arbitration by stimulating thought leadership and providing new insights on emerging issues and contentious topics. Be a part of this in-depth discussion at ICCA 2018 Sydney.

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## **Exclusive Sydney**

ICCA 2018 boasts an unrivalled social programme to complement the Congress sessions. The Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception will be held in the magnificent Sydney Opera House, on an exclusive basis for ICCA 2018 Sydney, with a special performance from the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and an evening of Australian wine and food. The Conference Gala Dinner, themed 'Dinner under the Southern Stars', will form the social climax of the Congress, providing an evening of fine dining, Australian entertainment and warm Australian hospitality. This will be an event not to be missed and is only for ICCA 2018 Sydney delegates.

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## **Space for Business**

The conference will be hosted in the heart of the Sydney CBD at the newly-opened International Convention Centre, Sydney, allowing for comfortable conference facilities, purpose-built spaces, networking lounges, and the most up-to-date technology to facilitate your professional needs.

## **What is the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) Congress?**

The International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) is a worldwide nongovernmental organisation (NGO) devoted to promoting the use and improving the processes of arbitration, conciliation and other forms of resolving international commercial disputes. Its activities include convening international arbitration congresses, sponsoring authoritative dispute resolution publications and promoting the harmonization of arbitration and conciliation rules, laws, procedures and standards.

The ICCA Congress is a biennial event held around the world for the presentation and discussion of papers on different aspects of international dispute resolution. It is widely considered the premier International Arbitration Conference in the year which it is held, attracting high delegate numbers from across the globe and making a significant contribution to the development of dispute resolution theory and practice. The first ICCA Congress took place in Paris in 1961.

Hosting the ICCA Congress in Australia will enhance and showcase the benefits and opportunities for international arbitration in the region, the expertise of Australian practitioners and Australia as a neutral venue for international arbitration providing as it does a modern framework for the conduct of international arbitration, a supportive judiciary and premier facilities for the hearing of proceedings.



**ICCA Member Registration AUD \$2,610 incl GST and  
ICCA Non Member Registration \$2,900 incl GST**

# ICCA 2018

## Sydney 15-18 April 2018

[www.icca2018sydney.com](http://www.icca2018sydney.com)



### Location

ICCA 2018 will be hosted in the heart of the Sydney CBD at the newly opened International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour – the Asia Pacific's premier integrated convention, exhibition and entertainment precinct.

### Conference Programme Highlights

The theme for ICCA 2018 draft program is 'Evolution and Adaptation: the Future of the International Arbitration', with key events including:

- A "TED Talk" style luncheon, where leading arbitrators will offer their personal reflections on the past, present and future of their careers and of arbitration itself. Questions and observations from the floor will be encouraged.
- A "hot topics" panel discussing the latest controversies, newest decisions, and boldest proposals of 2018. Congress delegates will be invited in advance to suggest "breaking news" topics for the panel's consideration.
- A panel discussion on the role of public bodies and public interests in arbitration processes which will consider the role of arbitration as a public inquiry that regulates broader norms of fairness.



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### Social Programme

ICCA 2018 promises to provide a vibrant social calendar that makes use of the many harbourside venues and restaurants that define the city of Sydney.

#### ICCA 2018 Opening Ceremony

Sunday 15 April 2018 1700-2000. Sydney Opera House  
Sydney Harbour Symphony

The Opening Ceremony extravaganza will take place at the Sydney Opera House, followed by a Welcome Reception and will be a start to an ICCA Congress like no other. Music by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra will feature a special performance created just for ICCA.

#### ICCA 2018 Gala Dinner

Tuesday 17 April 2018 1800-2100  
Dinner Under the Southern Stars

The ICCA 2018 Gala Dinner will encapsulate the magic of fine dining under the glorious Southern sky. As dusk turns to night, the lights will drop for a grand entrance to tables for a unique dining experience.

The menu will showcase Indigenous Australian and New Zealand flavours and will be carefully paired with premium Australasian varietals to feature the very best of wine producers.

### Accommodation

The ICCA 2018 Congress Secretariat has confirmed rooms at a selection of Sydney hotels for the benefit of Congress delegates.

The hotels have been selected for their proximity to the ICC Sydney (International Convention centre) There is a broad selection and choice to suit your accommodation needs whilst in Sydney.

You are encouraged to secure your accommodation through the Congress secretariat to ensure that you receive the negotiated competitive rates.

### ICCA Membership Benefits

ICCA Members receive an additional 10% discount on Congress rates. Not an ICCA member yet? Annual rates range from 175EUR – 350EUR and benefits include discounts on ICCA publications, being featured in the annual ICCA Membership directory, regular newsletters and more. Visit <http://www.arbitration-icca.org/members.html> for more information and to sign up.

For more information about the ICCA 2018 Sydney Follow-on event in Queenstown visit [www.aminz-iccaqueenstown.org](http://www.aminz-iccaqueenstown.org)