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The COVID-19 pandemic has altered the way the world functions. As businesses and corporations grapple with the effect of the virus and reduced workforce to manage costs, job opportunities traditionally available to young practitioners can be expected to be impacted. However, with the change comes new opportunities. Fresh graduates and young practitioners often try to fit into the existing frameworks and opportunities rather than gaining an eclectic set of knowledge and skills to build niche practices. To increase awareness about specialised areas of law and alternative dispute resolution (ADR), the AIAC YPG introduces its new initiative "CAREERS 2.0: FIND YOUR NICHE", a series of monthly webinars. This project is aimed at providing a platform to connect with experienced practitioners from all over the world who can share their success stories and give tips on building careers in those specialised areas of ADR.

Please join us for the first webinar, titled **"TO INFINITY AND BEYOND: A CAREER IN AIR AND SPACE** LAW" on Friday, 28th August 2020 at 4.00 p.m. MYT (GMT +8). To register, please click: <u>bit.ly/AIACYPGCareers2</u>

Opening Remarks on behalf of the AIAC YPG



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Welcoming Remarks on behalf of the ICDR Y&I



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