



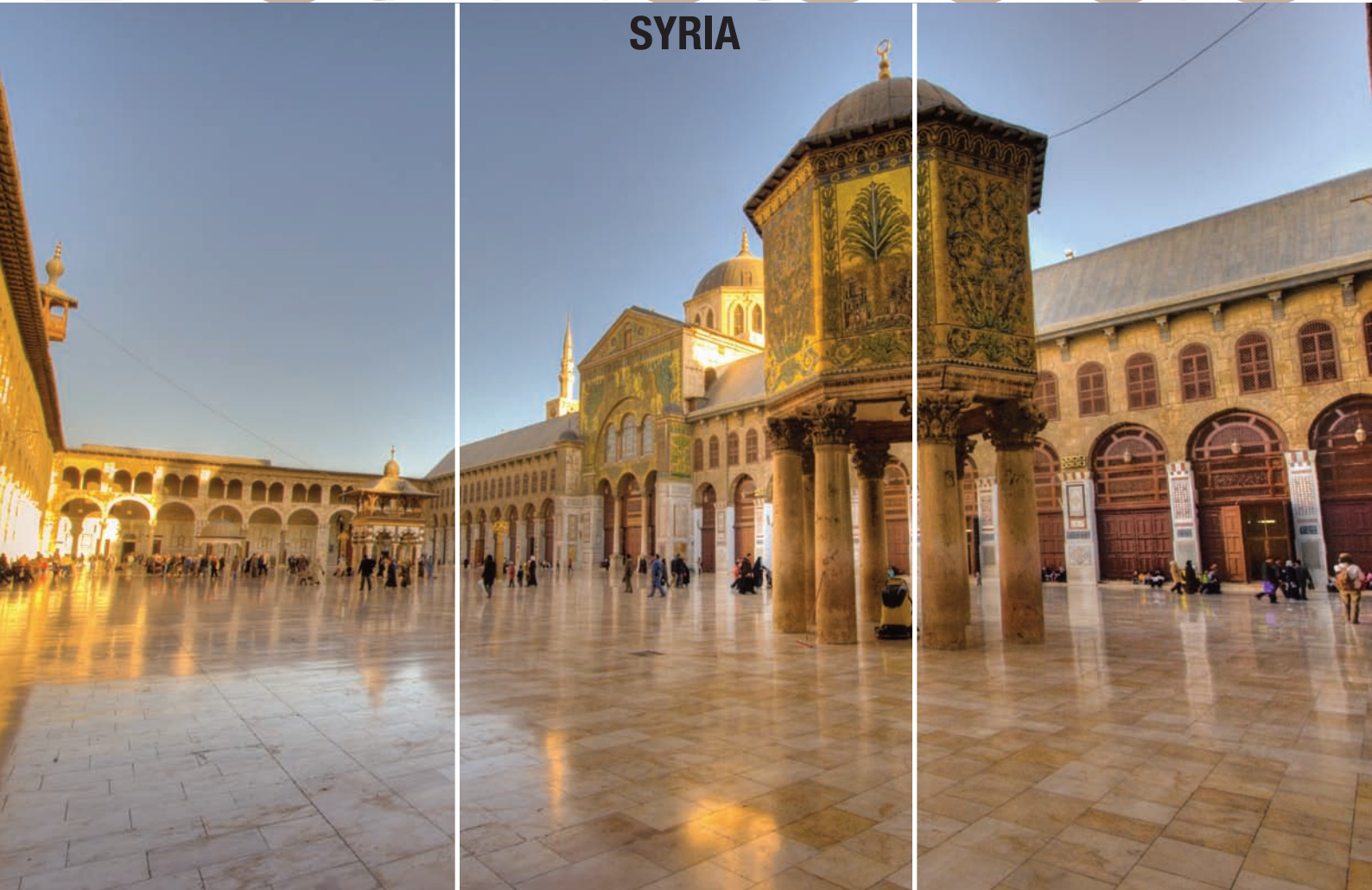
Union Internationale des Avocats  
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# Damascus

Wednesday, March 31 & Thursday, April 1, 2010

SYRIA



**How to Effectively Resolve International Commercial Disputes through  
Mediation and Arbitration**

**Seminar jointly organised by the  
UIA-International Association of Lawyers and the Syrian Bar Association**

# Introduction

The UIA is proud to present its first international seminar organised in Syria, jointly with the Syrian Bar Association.

Mediation enables parties to reach a solution to their dispute amongst themselves, a creative solution suited to their needs, a "WIN/WIN" situation that helps parties to a dispute to restore communication on a non-confrontational level, and at the same time saves considerable time and money. The Mediation part of the programme (Day 1) will be highly interactive, it will start off with a mock mediation followed by a "de-briefing", and the panellists and "actors" will endeavour to actively involve the audience. Special emphasis will be given to ADR as a means for resolving disputes related to distribution contracts.

Day 2 will be dedicated to Arbitration as the preferred means for resolving international commercial disputes: business enterprises operating internationally and their advisors cannot afford to ignore this reality. The panellists will at first discuss the pitfalls of drafting arbitration clauses (since drafting an inadequate arbitration agreement has proven to result in a disaster when a dispute arises) and will

address the issue of combining mediation and arbitration. The subsequent panels will address four of the most topical and critical issues relating to international arbitration: **arbitration in the public sector, interim measures, the role of State Courts when confronted with arbitration agreements** as well as **setting aside proceedings and the enforcement of arbitral awards** (in particular the role of public policy).

On all such issues experts of international arbitration will provide invaluable advice to those attending the seminar. The speakers and panellists are all top experts from the UIA and the Syrian Bar Association and the approach will be essentially practical, allowing for questions and debate.

A CD-ROM with the presentations and additional material will complete the information offered to the participants. This seminar will also allow participants to establish new valuable contacts as well as to visit beautiful sites and to experience the fascinating local culture.

Join us in Damascus: we look forward to welcoming you here!

## Wednesday, March 31

**14:00 - 14:30**

### **REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS WELCOME TO PARTICIPANTS**

Cham Palace Hotel, Damascus City Centre  
Maysaloun Street  
P.O. Box 33555 Damascus

**14:30 - 15:00**

### **WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR**

Syrian Bar President  
Corrado DE MARTINI, UIA President, Rome, Italy

**15:00 - 16:00**

### **Mock Mediation**

**"Actors":**

Helena DE BACKER, DS De Backer & Bastin, Brussels, Belgium  
Marie-Anne BASTIN, DS De Backer & Bastin, Brussels, Belgium  
Lotfi EL AJERI MOHAMED, El Ajeri Lawyers, Tunis, Tunisia  
Jorge VERISSIMO, BFV Sociedade de Advogados, Lisbon, Portugal  
Birgit SAMBETH GLASNER, Altenburg, Geneva, Switzerland

**16:00 - 17:00**

### **Debriefing the Mock Mediation: Mediation and ADR**

**Panellists:**

Marie-Anne BASTIN, DS De Backer & Bastin, Brussels, Belgium  
Jorge VERISSIMO, BFV Sociedade de Advogados, Lisbon, Portugal

**17:00 - 17:15**

### **COFFEE BREAK**

**17:15 - 18:00**

### **Mediation in Commercial Disputes: Why does it work?**

**Panellists:**

Helena DE BACKER, DS De Backer & Bastin, Brussels, Belgium  
Lotfi EL AJERI MOHAMED, El Ajeri Lawyers, Tunis, Tunisia

**18:00 - 18:45**

### **A Syrian Perspective on Mediation**

Dr. Mousa METRY, Attorney at law and Professor of law at Damascus University, Damascus, Syria

**18:45 - 19:30**

### **Mediation in Disputes related to Distribution Contracts**

**Panellist :**

Birgit SAMBETH GLASNER, Altenburg, Geneva, Switzerland

**20:30**

### **COCKTAIL**

Hosted by the Syrian Bar

Cham Palace Hotel, Damascus City Centre  
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**Thursday, April 1**

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**09:00 – 09:20**  
**REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

**09:20 – 09:30**  
**Introduction**

**Xavier FAVRE-BULLE**, *President of the UIA International Arbitration Commission, Lenz Staehelin, Geneva, Switzerland*

**09:30 – 10:30**  
**How to draft efficient ADR Clauses: Mediation and Arbitration Clauses; combining Mediation and Arbitration: does it work? Two Models for Discussion: ICC and Swiss Rules**

**Panellists:**

**Laurence KIFFER**, *Teynier, Pic & Associés, Paris, France (coordinator)*

**Asma BENELMOUFFOK**, *Mediale, Geneva, Switzerland*

**Dr. Mohanad NOUH**, *Attorney at law and Professor of law at the Damascus University, Damascus, Syria*

**10:30 – 11:00**  
**COFFEE BREAK**

**11:00 – 12:00**  
**Arbitration in the Public Sector**

**Panellists:**

**Lara HAMMOUD**, *Shearman & Sterling LLP, Abu Dhabi, UAE (coordinator)*

**Ahmad HADAD**, *Attorney at law, Damascus, Syria*

**Jacques AL-HAKIM**, *Hakim Law Firm, Damascus, Syria*

**12:00 – 13:00**  
**Interim Measures in Arbitration**

**Panellists:**

**Roland ZIADE**, *Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Paris, France (coordinator)*

**Xavier FAVRE-BULLE**, *Lenz Staehelin, Geneva, Switzerland*

**Ryad GHALI**, *Ryad Ghali, Damascus, Syria*

**13:00**  
**LUNCH**

**15:00 – 16:15**  
**The Role of State Courts in Arbitration: when and how to interpret, implement or disregard an Arbitration Clause?**

**Panellists:**

**Andrea CARLEVARIS**, *Bonelli Erede Pappalardo, Rome, Italy (coordinator)*

**Saama HARIDI**, *Crowell & Moring, New York, USA*

**Michael BÜHLER**, *Jones Day, Paris, France*

**Judge Tawfik NACHEF**, *Vice Chairman of the Syrian State Council, Damascus, Syria*

**16:15 – 16:45**  
**COFFEE BREAK**

**16:45 – 18:00**  
**Setting aside and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards – The Role of Public Policy**

**Panellists:**

**Félix J. MONTERO**, *Perez-Llorca, Madrid, Spain (coordinator)*

**Mohammed CHEMLOUL**, *Chemloul & Associées, Algerian member of the ICC Court, Algiers, Algeria*

**Raëd FATHALLAH**, *Bredin Prat, Paris, France*

**Judge Nael MAHFOUZ**, *Chairman of the Syrian Supreme Court, Damascus, Syria*

**18:00**  
**CONCLUSIONS AND END OF SEMINAR**

**20:30**  
**DINNER**  
**Hosted by the Syrian Bar**

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# General Information

## VENUE OF THE SEMINAR

**Cham Palace Damascus**

(Damascus City Centre)

Maysaloun Street

PO Box 33555 Damascus Syria

## REGISTRATION FEES

	UIA Members	Non Member
Standard Registration	€ 350	€ 400
Young Lawyers (<35)	€ 300	€ 350
Local Lawyers*	6000 SP	
Accompanying Persons	€ 100	

\* Local lawyers are to register at the Syrian Bar Association.

These fees cover participation in the seminar, coffee breaks, lunch on Thursday, April 1, 2010, as well as seminar papers on CD-Rom. The Welcome Reception on Wednesday night, March 31 and the dinner on Thursday night are complimentary as they are sponsored by the Syrian Bar. Accompanying persons can join the Welcome Cocktail on Wednesday night and the dinner on Thursday night after registering for 100€. Please note that the number of places at the seminar is limited. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registrations in the event of excess applications.

## CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Every participant attending the seminar will receive a "Certificate of Participation" at the end of the event, that may be used for obtaining "Credits" for "Continuing Legal Education" - "Continuing Professional Development" purposes, depending on national rules. For more information, please contact the UIA Paris office.

## LANGUAGES

The working language will be English and Arabic. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

## HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION

A limited number of rooms have been pre-booked at a preferential rate at the hotels listed below. Reservations should be made directly through the hotel. Credit card details must be given in order to secure your reservation. Please note that room numbers are limited, we recommend that you proceed with your reservations as soon as possible.

Hotels	Double Room for single use
<b>Cham Palace Damascus 5*</b> Maysaloun Street P.O. Box 33555 Damascus Syria T + 963-11 2232320 F + 963-11 2212398 – 2226180 E chamresa@net.sy sales@champalaces.org	Single Room Classic: 123,75 € Single Room Business: 136,13 € Double Room Business: 148,5 €  Breakfast and Taxes included
<b>Fardoss Tower Hotel 4*</b> Fardoos Street P.O. Box 30996, Damascus, Syria T + 963 112232100	Single Room: 66,25 € Double Room: 72, €  Breakfast and Taxes included
<b>Omayad Hotel Damascus 4*</b> Maysaloun St.   Brazil Av. P.O. Box : 7811 Damascus, Syria T + 963 11 221 7700	Superior Single Room: 126 € Executive Single room: 138 € Superior Double Room: 146 € Executive Double Room: 158 € Breakfast and Taxes included

## NOTE

The organisers may at any time, with or without giving notice, in their absolute discretion and without giving any reason, cancel or postpone the seminar, change its venue or any other published details.

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