



Programme

8.30: Networking breakfast and registration hosted by 4 New Square

9.00: Chairs' opening remarks

Erin Miller Rankin, *Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer*
Hassan Arab, *Al Tamimi & Company*

9.15: Session one: The use of Guerrilla tactics in Middle Eastern arbitration

Touching on:

- What tactics are people using?
- What is the cause: lack of law, inconsistent law, issues in local courts?
- Are the problems in UAE the same as in Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain – and other seats, or unique to the UAE's federal structure?
- To what extent do DIFC and Abu Dhabi Global Markets help? Does the UAE still need a federal arbitration law?

Moderator:

Mohamed ElGhatit, *Director and Registrar, DIFC-LCIA*

Panel:

Björn Gehle, *Reed Smith*
Melissa Quai Currie, *Hadef & Partners*
Tim Chelmick, *4 New Square*
Hassan Ali Radhi, *Hassan Radhi & Associates*
Celine Abi Habib Kanakri, *Baker & McKenzie*

10.45: Coffee break hosted by Herbert Smith Freehills

11.15: Session two: GAR Live symposium

Our espresso version of the famous Tylney Hall format.

Moderators:

Alec Emmerson, *Clyde & Co*
Caroline Kehoe, *Herbert Smith Freehills*



12.45: Networking lunch hosted by the Dubai International Arbitration Centre

13.30: Lunchtime address

Networking lunch welcome address:

Tarek Riad, *Chairman, Dubai International Arbitration Centre Executive Committee* and
Kosheri, *Rashed & Riad*

Lunchtime speaker:

Nassib Ziadé, *Chief Executive Officer, Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution*

14.00: Session three: Oil and gas disputes in the region

Topics the panel are expected to discuss include:

- An overview of the types of disputes that typically arise in the oil and gas industry in the Middle East
- The evolving nature of energy disputes in the MENA region: Have things changed since the *Abu Dhabi Arbitration 1951*?
- The current context: impact of the low oil price on the oil and gas industry in the Middle East
- Territorial / political disputes over oil and gas supplies in the Middle East
- End of life issues under Production Sharing Contracts
- Benefits of third party funding for claimants and their lawyers in oil and gas disputes

Moderator:

Noradèle Radjai, *Lalive*

Panel:

Sami Tannous, *Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer*
Lara Hammoud, *Senior Legal Counsel, Abu Dhabi National Oil Company*
Mark King, *Director, Harbour Litigation Funding*
Nasser Ali Khasawneh, *Eversheds*

15.30: Coffee break hosted by Herbert Smith Freehills



16.00: Session four: GAR Live debate

Motion: *"This house believes that disputes between Arabs should be decided only by Arabs."*

Moderator:

Alain Farhad, *Squire Patton Boggs*

Debaters:

Karim Youssef, *Youssef & Partners*

Sheila Shadmand, *Jones Day*

Mohamed Abdel Wahab, *Zulficar & Partners*

Mireille Rached, *Rached Law Firm*

Judges:

Nagla Nassar, *Nassar Law*

Habib Al Mulla, *Baker & McKenzie and Chairman, Dubai International Arbitration Centre*

Sami Huerbi, *Director, ICC International Court of Arbitration*

17.30: Chairs' closing remarks

Erin Miller Rankin, *Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer*

Hassan Arab, *Al Tamimi & Company*

17.40 onwards: All delegates are invited to attend a cocktail reception hosted by Clyde & Co at the No 5 Bar, Ritz-Carlton DIFC