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

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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

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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 Houerbi, 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