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Dispute Resolution Through the Lense of Those Affected by it: London Principles Revisited by the Hawar Circle

Sunday, 12 April 2026 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | Universidad San Pablo CEU, Madrid

The Hawar Circle – a group of leading stakeholders in arbitration – looked to the so-called London principles – the CIArb centenary principles on what makes a safe seat. The group of Hawar revisited the idea of what makes a safe seat resulting in the Hawar principles now open for consultation.

Today the original drafters of the CIArb London principles and the drafters of the Hawar principles sit together to discuss pathways forward to successful execution of some of these key principles.

The drafters and the Secretary of UNCITRAL will in celebration of UNCITRAL’s 60th anniversary look to future ways to safeguard arbitration in modern times.

4:00 Registration

4:30 Welcome remarks by Dr. Alfonso Martínez-Echevarría y García de Dueñas – Dean of Law School – Universidad San Pablo CEU

4:35 Conversation: Safeguarding Arbitration

Anna Joubin-Bret, Kevin Nash, Mohamed Abdel Wahab, and Reza Mohtashami KC join Professor Marike Patrani Paulsson in a conversation about the evolution of the safe seat, the newly drafted Hawar principles, and future pathways to safeguard arbitration in modern times.

5:20 Closing by Cesar Pereira – President of CIArb



Anna Joubin-Bret
Secretary of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)



Kevin Nash
Director General of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)



Mohamed Abdel Wahab
Partner at Zulficar & Partners and Court Council Member at the Bahrain International Commercial Court (BICC)



Reza Mohtashami KC
Partner at Three Crowns and Board Member at the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR)



Professor Marike Patrani Paulsson
Secretary General for the Council for International Dispute Resolution of the Kingdom of Bahrain



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