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About MARC

MARC is the autonomous Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) branch of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI). MARC was established exactly 20 years ago as an initiative of the MCCI to provide the business community with neutral, rapid, efficient, flexible and confidential means of resolving disputes, through arbitration and mediation, as alternatives to litigation before national state courts. MARC benefits from the logistics facilities and services of the MCCI, the oldest private sector institution in Mauritius and the Indian Ocean Region, a well-known actor of the world of business and very well-regarded by corporations, governments, legal professions and other private sector stakeholders. The MCCI pioneered institutional arbitration in Mauritius with the setting up of the MCCI Permanent Court of Arbitration in 1996, rebranded as MARC in 2012, and has since then constantly striven, through representations, sensitization campaigns, training to spearhead developments in the field of arbitration and ADR in Mauritius and the region.

As a multicultural and multilingual ADR-service provider, placed in between the African and the Asian continents, MARC has a regional and international outreach unmatched by many comparable institutions. Its network includes hundreds of chambers of commerce and industry across the world as well as the most important ADR centers, including the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Centre of Dispute Resolution (ICDR) and the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the Centre de Médiation et d'Arbitrage de Paris (CMAP), the German Institution of Arbitration (DIS), the Singapore International Mediation Center (SIMC), the Australian Center for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA), the Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA) and the Arbitration Foundation of South Africa (AFSA).

It participates actively in the national and regional development of ADR methods in collaboration with regional organizations such as the Indian Ocean Commission and the Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Indian Ocean Islands. Through its Commission for Strategy and Development, it also strives for excellence in the field of ADR through continuous consultation work with the legal and business community of Mauritius and partners from overseas.

The MARC Arbitration Rules, revised in 2013, are a modern set of rules that have been drafted taking into close consideration international standards, party autonomy, and speed and efficiency of the arbitration proceedings, while retaining a certain flexibility to accommodate the needs of a wide range of users. They can be used for resolving disputes of any size and in any sector of the economy by parties from any part of the world, both through domestic and international arbitration.

MARC also provides mediation services. Mediation under the MARC Mediation Rules in force as from 1st February 2014 is a flexible procedure aimed at achieving a negotiated settlement with the help of a neutral facilitator. In addition to administering arbitration and mediation proceedings, MARC also organizes training programs in arbitration and mediation for lawyers and other professionals. Between 2012 and 2015, a total of 120 professionals have been trained. The services provided by MARC can benefit a wide range of users from large, medium and small businesses to public organizations and professionals from all fields of the economy.

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CAUDAN, PORT-LOUIS, MAURITIUS
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The Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) and the MCCI Arbitration and Mediation Center (MARC) are pleased to host this Conference on the theme: *'Arbitration - It's Time for Africa! A View from the Arbitral Institutions'*. Six years after the first World Cup to have ever taken place on the continent, Mauritius is becoming, at least for a few days and perhaps far beyond, the African capital of international arbitration.

Because we are close to Africa and to Asia and a unique interface between those two continents, and because Mauritius has equally strong ties with Europe and America, MARC as an ADR Center and the MCCI as a prime business institution firmly believe that strengthening best practices in the field of dispute resolution can only promote cross-border trade and investment by making transactions more secure and predictable. This is the fundamental objective of international arbitration and a true need the African continent must meet today.

It is undeniable: there now exists a genuine and concrete "afro-optimism" shared by most Africans and many others and nothing, not even political turmoil, epidemics or security issues, seem to stop this irresistible trend. Of course, demography - Africa will count 40% of humankind by 2100 - explains this dynamism, but not only. With the prospect of becoming the first regional market in the world, the continent is performing extraordinarily well, and not just for its raw materials. Growth - has been sustainable for the past 15 years and the entire planet - not just China - is investing here. But with this economic takeoff come tremendous challenges, especially in terms of security and stability. And arbitration, especially institutional arbitration, hand in hand with the judiciary, has a key role to play to cope with at least these two challenges.

And who better can address them today than a pool of the best arbitration centers worldwide, be it African, regional or international, which MARC has proudly gathered to share their experience about the past, the present and the future of institutional arbitration in Africa? Africa definitely needs to think "institutionally", that is on the long-run. This is why MARC firmly believes in upholding a collaborative spirit amongst ADR organizations throughout the world and in creating solid bonds amongst them. Thus, sharing knowledge and information is of unique value to us and for the ultimate benefit of main users of arbitration - business operators, investors, traders - and eventually of the economy of nations across the world. MARC is honored to partner with prestigious arbitration institutions from around the world on this conference and trust that it will generate interesting debates and ideas on how to better promote ADR best practices in Africa and in Mauritius more specifically.

TOPICS/SPEAKERS/PANELISTS

17h - 17h15

WELCOME ADDRESS

Azim Currimjee,
President, Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI)

17h15 - 18h15
(18h - 18h15: Q&A)

ENFORCEMENT OF ARBITRAL AWARDS IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES – DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHEN THE AWARD IS ISSUED BY A CENTER?

Moderator:

Barlen Pillay,
MCCI Arbitration and Mediation Center (MARC),
Permanent Secretariat, Mauritius

Panelists/Speakers:

Richard Naimark,
American Arbitration Association/International Center
for Dispute Resolution (AAA/ICDR),
Senior Vice-President, New York, USA

Lim Seok Hui,

Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC),
Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC),
Chief Executive Officer, Singapore

Fidèle Masengo,

Kigali International Arbitration Center (KIAC),
Executive Director/Secretary-General (Ag.), Kigali, Rwanda

Roger Wakefield,

Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA),
Member of the Management Committee,
Johannesburg, South Africa

18h20 - 19h20
(19h05 - 19h20: Q&A)

PROMOTING AFRICAN ARBITRATORS AND PRACTITIONERS: WHAT CAN INSTITUTIONS DO?

Moderator:

Jalal El Ahdab,
Esq., GMPV, Paris, France

Panelists/Speakers:

Meg Kinnear,
International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID),
Secretary - General, Washington DC, USA

Andrea Carlevaris,

International Chamber of Commerce International Court of Arbitration (ICC),
Secretary - General, Paris, France

Maria-Krystyna Duval,

Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC),
Managing Counsel, Hong Kong SAR

Marcel Serekoisse-Samba,

Cour Commune de Justice et d'Arbitrage de l'OHADA (CCJA),
President, Abidjan, Ivory Coast

Hicham Zegrar,

Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CIMAC),
Secretary - General, Casablanca, Morocco

19h20 - 19h30

FINAL REMARKS

Neil Kaplan,
CBE QC SBS, Hong Kong SAR

19h30 - 21h00

COCKTAIL RECEPTION