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We are pleased to inform you that the next AIA gathering will be held on <u>20 October 2016 at</u> the <u>W Hotel in Doha, Qatar</u>.

The objective of the gathering is for delegates to discuss and exchange the views on the following matters:

Status and development of the network of arbitrators in Qatar and MENA region - Enhancing the arbitrators' expertise and developing trainings for arbitrators in Qatar and MENA region -Latest trends in the practice of arbitration in Qatar and MENA region

Before opening the discussion Mr. Khawar Qureshi QC will tell us about: "Promoting Greater Transparency & Diversity on the Arbitral Tribunal".

Agenda of the event:12:30 pmRegistration1:00 pm to 2:00 pmOpen discussion2:00 pm to 3:00 pmLunch

Registration fees: FREE

Please respond to this message by letting us know whether you will be attending the AIA Gathering. Places are very limited and will be subject to first come first served.

We will be honored to have your presence amongst us.

Best regards,

AIA Team



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PREVIOUS AIA EVENT IN DUBAI

The last AIA event took place on the 1st of June 2016, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel (Dubai, UAE) and it was a fruitful event. It was eccentric to see a large number of arbitrators engaging themselves in the roundtable discussion and enjoying it, moreover, the networking part was cherished the most.

Underpinning the roundtable discussion was the panorama (an imminent prospect some insiders believe) of the new UAE arbitration law, which is believed to be in accordance with the international standards and the adopted best practices.

The discussion covered the following topics/issues:

- Scope of the powers of an arbitrator;
- Enforcement of awards (including some interesting points on how arbitral awards can be enforced in the DIFC courts)

- Capacity to agree to arbitrate and the Power of Attorney (POA) issues (including some good debate on whether a company representative has the authority, under the UAE law, to bind her/his company to arbitration by signing a contract which contains an arbitration clause, if the representative's POA does not expressly grant such right)
- Preconditions to arbitration
- Recognizing e-signatures in arbitration and signing of the arbitral award
- Importance of court support/assistance in arbitration proceedings
- Arbitrators' fees
- Awarding the legal fees and costs in an arbitration

In addition, representatives of the Sharjah Arbitration Centre gave a brief, though, informative and professional presentation to the present members.

To view the photos of the AIA Roundtable which took place on the 1stof June 2016, please click on the following link:

http://www.aia-adr.com/uae-1-june-2016

ABOUT US

We are a group of professionals engaged in the field on international commercial arbitration to promote and develop arbitration and other forms of alternative dispute resolution in the Arab countries and worldwide.

The first Arab and International Arbitrators meeting was held in Dubai on 13 March 2013

One of the most important goals of the AIA meetings is to facilitate establishing close relationships and professional links between the AIA Guests attending the AIA events. It is also a suitable way for introducing the knowledge and experience of each member to the other members.

