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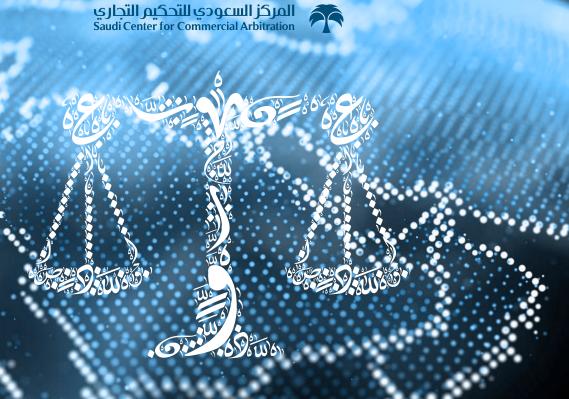
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The Global Arbitration Center... in Saudi Arabia

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Dr. Walid Bin Sulaiman Abanumay



Arbitration continues to take root as the international tool for facilitating global commerce and attracting international investments across borders and continents. It derives its global commercial appeal from the universality of the regulatory framework established with UNCITRAL. Among the 169 State parties to the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, 85 States have fashioned their own national arbitration laws after the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

SCCA embodies the universality of arbitration beginning with its Board of Directors, the third term of which began in March 2021 with member appointments by high order. With all of them leading institutional arbitration experts with diverse backgrounds in terms of specialization, these Board members were brought together to enrich SCCA with their expertise and enhance its international standing in the industry.

SCCA also named new members to its Advisory Committee and its Committee for Administrative Decisions. These new members are high-level international arbitration figures and are part of SCCA's effort to provide ADR services consistent with international standards and best practices. SCCA's Arbitrator and Mediator Roster surpassed 355 arbitrators and mediators encompassing 20 specializations, 24 nationalities, and 19 languages.

The global nature of SCCA Board of Directors, Committees, and Arbitrator and Mediator Roster is also reflected in its caseload and client composition. Since SCCA was founded, the cases registered with it have involved parties with 19 different nationalities.

The ADR industry in Saudi Arabia has not been untouched by the comprehensive efforts to bring industry into line with international standards and best practices. Last year, we witnessed several steps in this regard in the legislative and judicial spheres.

In September 2021, the Judicial Costs Law was enacted, imposing a fee on lawsuits and motions filed in court, with some exceptions. Thereby encouraging parties to consider alternative ways to resolve their disputes and making arbitration more attractive.

More importantly, the law encourages disputing parties to settle amicably in the early stages of a case by reducing or entirely eliminating the fees, which aligns with SCCA's mandate to offer mediation as an ADR option.

Separately, the Council of Ministers also approved the deletion of Article 24(1) of the Arbitration Law, another legislative step that will reinforce institutional arbitration practices in Saudi Arabia that are consistent with international best practices.

In the judicial sphere, figures on the enforcement of local and foreign arbitration awards in Saudi Arabia during 2021 showed promising signs. A total number of enforced awards locally has reached 204 arbitral awards issued in Saudi Arabia and in 12 other countries. The enforced awards total USD 2.1 billion in value, and the enforcement process took an average of 13 days.

Acting in its role of representing Saudi Arabia in arbitration locally and internationally, SCCA announced the results of its study of Saudi judicial caselaw, which showed that of the applications to nullify arbitration awards covered in the study, fewer than 6% were granted. This shows the Saudi Judiciary's commitment to compliance with international practices and the entrenchment of a supportive, arbitration-friendly environment.

All of the above speaks to one clear truth: SCCA is the national beacon for the ADR industry in Saudi Arabia, and year after year it is becoming the preferred international partner in the industry on both a local and regional level.





Dr. Hamed Bin Hassan Merah



If there is a word to describe SCCA in 2021, it is quality. Quality in performance, quality in service.

Of course, any service provided by any organization is inseparable from the framework within which it is provided. Thus, SCCA has worked in the past year to improve and solidify its framework so all our ADR services will be more accessible to all clients, with our work based on the latest industry standards and practices.

In the past year we have grown SCCA's caseload in number, size, and variety. In 2021 alone, 82 new cases with a total value of USD 555 million were registered. This 587 % annual increase represents 62 % of the total value of cases registered with SCCA since its establishment. This leads us to say that 2021 was a year to match all previous years combined.

In the technical arena, last year the SCCA Board of Directors adopted several amendments to Appendix I of the Arbitration Rules, in order to further enable businesses in all sectors and segments to benefit from the arbitration services we offer. SCCA also launched an improved version of its Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) service – specifically, a new virtual option, with the best procedures and the latest technology, for resolving small-scale commercial disputes quickly and cost-effectively.

Quality has made the most significant impact in advancing SCCA's standing in the industry, as reflected in the collaborative partnerships it has forged with select local and international partners. Among the most important is our partnership with the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) at the Hague to promote arbitration, mediation and other ADR practices, which commenced with the referral of international arbitration cases to SCCA as an appointing authority under the UNCITRAL rules.

SCCA has been placed on the UNCITRAL list of international arbitration centers as one of three Arab centers, and one of 19 centers worldwide, with arbitration rules based on the UNCITRAL rules and which administers cases and acts as an appointing authority in accordance with those rules.

Last year we regisetred the first SCCA case in which one of the parties is a government entity, a clear sign of confidence in SCCA and its services.

Quality of service and performance is what we rely on, and what we will continue to build on during this year and the years to come in order to make SCCA the preferred regional arbitration partner for all our clients to achieve justice.





SCCA Overview





Launch

Mediation Facilitation Service



February

National
Campaign for

ADR

Awareness

led by SCCA in association with 13 organizations



March

Formation

SCCA Board of Directors, third term, by royal order



June

Restructuring

SCCA
Committees
with new
internationally
recognized
members

Annual Report 2021





June

Publication

2nd book in SCCA publication series



Launch

Enhanced
Online Dispute
Resolution
Service



August

Business Development

expansion with
Saudi
Business
Community



August

Reduction

in arbitration
costs and
launch of
a package of
enhancements



November

Release

findings of SCCA Study of Saudi court judgments related to arbitration



December

Registration at SCCA

1st case with a government entity as a party





Mr. Christian P. Alberti



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Remarks from the Chief of ADR

2021 has been another successful year driven by excellence, far reaching and impactful initiatives, and record breaking numbers in case filings. The SCCA Secretariat started its year with the addition of high-profile international experts to both the SCCA Rules Advisory Committee and the SCCA Committee for Administrative Decisions. As for SCCA offerings, many have been re-evaluated from the ground up and substantially enhanced.

We started with a call for action to address low-value claims more efficiently with the help of SCCA's state-of-the-art ODR platform backed by an updated ODR Protocol inspired by UNCITRAL's Technical Notes on ODR. Both, re-launched on 7 July 2021, drew much attention in the private and public sector, and led to the first three online filings with awards having been issued in under 37 days.

Another milestone has been the much-anticipated new Appendix I on costs and fees, along with more affordable fee schedules, which entered into force on 1 September 2022. After a comprehensive review, we are proud to now provide our users with more flexible and cost efficient solutions.

We also further enhanced and promoted the use of our mediation offerings by actively pursuing cases pending before courts or being registered in the early stages with government. Our Emergency Mediation Program (EMP) has been extended and completely upgraded.

Another highlight of the year was SCCA's initiative to collect and analyze over 540 arbitration-related judgements. The findings have exceeded expectations and will help build trust in the judiciary and Saudi Arabia as a reliable, trustworthy and stable arbitral seat. SCCA has also strengthened its collaboration with the judiciary by assisting with the appointment of arbitrators. Finally, a vital indicator for a successful arbitral institution is – at the end of the day – its caseload. SCCA has again seen an increase in its core caseloads, international parties and amounts in dispute exceeding USD 267 million.

As for a brief 2022 outlook, the SCCA Secretariat is particularly excited to finalize – in close cooperation with SCCA's Rules Advisory Committee – its revision of the SCCA Arbitration Rules embracing international best practices. Another highlight will be the implementation of a custom-made software that will benefit clients and personnel alike in even further expediting processes and facilitating the interaction between all stakeholders. Finally, more à-lacarte services will be launched in 2022, including fund holding and management.



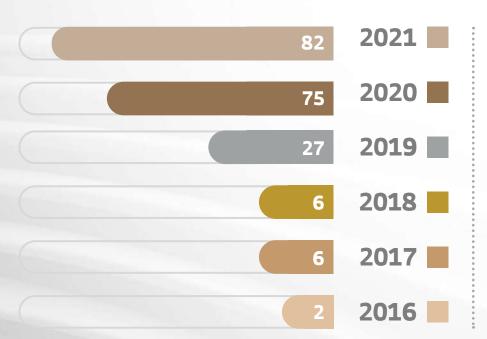
filings registered in 2021

198
total filings registered since establishment



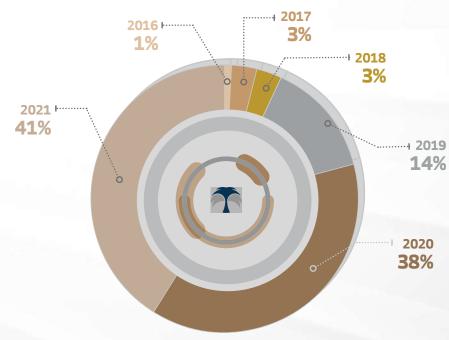


Growth of Registered Filings Since Launch





% Total of Filings by Year Since Launch





555 million USD Total value of filings registered in 2021 587%

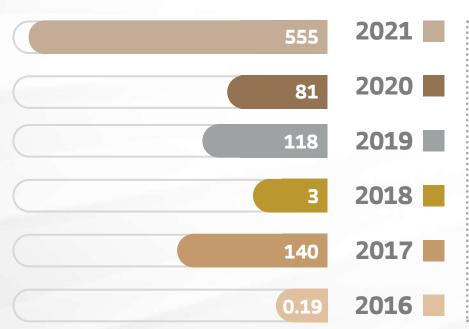
increase over 2020



USD 897 million total value of filings registered since launch

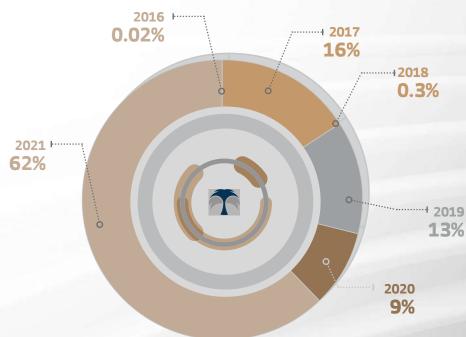


Growth of Amount in Dispute Since Launch (USD Million)





% of Total Amount in Dispute by Year Since Launch





Sectors & Nationalities



11

11 different sectors in 2021

21 different sectors since launch





Real Estate



Life Science & Healthcare





Professional Services



Capital Markets & Investment





Technology



Sport and eSport



Corporate





Banking & Finance



Education



Automotive



Energy

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LATER

Arts & Entertainment



Hospitality & Tourism



Aviation, Aerospace & Space





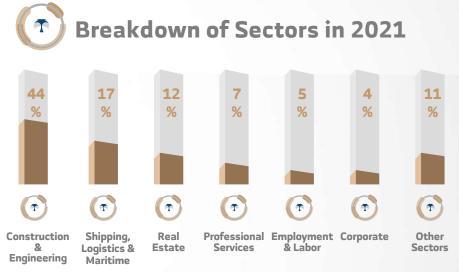
Insurance and Reinsurance



Commerce/e-Commerce, Trade and Retail









Committee for Administrative Decisions

The Committee is a neutral authority, drawing

from the leadership of top institutional arbitration centers, that offers

extensive experience to decide
disputes arising during arbitration
proceedings, both in cases
administered by SCCA and those
that are not but where the parties
submit their issue to resoved by
thecommittee.



Meetings

6 meetings have been held since its inception in 2020



Decisions

Within its scope of work, it decided 4 challenges with differing outcomes.



Institutional Actions Taken

SCCA, on its own initiative, dismissed an arbitrator in one of the cases it administered last year.

Article 14(2): "The Administrator, on its own initiative, may, by final decision, remove an arbitrator for failing to perform his duties."



Achievements





Restructured committees

SCCA added new members to its Rules Advisory Committee and its Committee for Administrative Decisions, reinforcing the two committees with local and international arbitration experts, and strengthening the independence and governance of SCCA committees.

Meet the members of these committees:





Launched updated Online Dispute Resolution service



Updated version features Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) platform and an update to the ODR Protocol that embraces international best practices.

Read more about our service:







Reduced arbitration costs and more flexible payment options

SCCA reduced arbitrator fees by up to 30% and replaced the filing fee with a new registration fee that is now credited towards the administrative fee. Further, parties can now agree to alternative fee arrangements.

Read more about SCCA's enhancements to arbitration accessibility:







Released findings of study of Saudi judgements on arbitration-related matters

Our study covered 540 arbitration-related decisions issued by Appeal Courts between 2017 and 2021.

Read more about our latest study and its findings:







Launched Mediation Facilitation Service

A service to facilitate the agreement to mediate between parties with no prior arrangement to resolve disputes through mediation in accordance with SCCA Rules.

Read more about our latest service:





Horizontal and vertical engagement

with business sectors,
the legal community,
and relevant
governmental and
international bodies

SCCA met with a wide range of relevant government and private-sector actors to introduce its latest ADR services and foster a positive image of Saudi Arabia as a safe and reliable place for arbitration.



137+ Business Meetings







Government sector



Regional Development







Financial System

























Professional Bodies





الهيئة السعودية للمقاولين Saudi Contractors Authority



Communications and AI





هيئة الاتصالات وتقنية المعلومات Communications & Information **Technology Commission**



Commerce and Investment















Sport and Entertainment









Higher Authorities





Justice System









Industry







Private sector



State-owned Companies































Saudi and Foreign Companies























Business Meetings



Diplomatic and international organizations



International Legal Organizations



United Nations
UNCITRAL







中国国际经济贸易仲裁委员会 CHINA INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE ARBITRATION COMMISSION



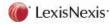


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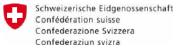


Embassies



















Business community













Memorandums of Understanding & Cooperation Agreements





Collaboration

to further the ADR industry and serve **business sectors**

To promote institutional arbitration and mediation while enhancing the role that these practices can play in business growth, SCCA signed 7 cooperation agreements and MOUs with leading international ADR institutions and key Saudi organizations.



Saudi Institutions













Areas of cooperation:

- awareness-raising
- Improved drafting of dispute resolution clauses
- ADR facilitation

- Training and awareness-raising
- Workshops and periodic meetings

Skill-building for arbitrators and mediators



International Arbitration Institutions







Areas of cooperation:

- Provision of arbitration and mediation services
- Logistical support in arbitration cases
- Training and events 3
- Exchange of arbitrator and mediator recommendations and nominations



Memorandum of Understanding & Cooperation Agreements















Engagement with... -

the arbitration community and business sectors

In the past year, SCCA has organized, participated in, and sponsored of a series of outreach events to introduce itself and its services, and to promote provisions for SCCA-administered dispute resolution in contracts and agreements.

16 partners



145,000 participant and viewers



22 events













Events in Detail





Participantion



















ADR and Its Impact on the Telecom and IT Sector: Saudi Arabia and International Practice

















Webinar





The National ADR

awareness campaign











70th Islamic Banking & **Finance Discussion Series**









هيئة الاتصالات وتقنية المعلومات **Communications & Information Technology Commission**





Webinar



YMG World Tour - Middle East and Turkey











Online Conference



Saudi Law Conference (3)













Webinar



CISG@40 Celebration Conference





















Communications & Information

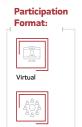
Technology Commission







Events in Detail









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The Saudi ADR Industry: Latest Reforms and Developments















Developments in Arbitration and Mediation in Saudi Arabia



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Workshop



Meeting of the Saudi-Czech Business Council

















ReedSmith

Seminar

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Quinn Emanuel Seminar with the Business & Legal Communities in Saudi Arabia







quinn emanuel trial lawyers



















Symposium

2021 Arbitration In, With and Around Saudi **Arabia**







In order to strengthen ties with the arbitration community and business sectors at the regional and international levels, SCCA held an international symposium at Dubai Arbitration Week in November 2021 featuring dignitaries from the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Commerce. The symposium was held in partnership with six international law firms and attended by a large number of business leaders, general counsels, and lawyers for a discussion of the latest developments and future of the commercial arbitration industry in Saudi Arabia and the region.



































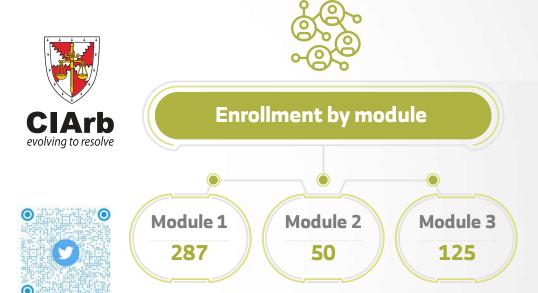


Professional Development Programs



International Fellowship in Commercial Arbitration

462 candidates enrolled in fellowship program across three cohorts in January, June, and October. The program enables successful candidates to attain CIArb membership and to join an elite class of international arbitrators.





Mediation

in Commercial Disputes program

SCCA wrapped up the sixth edition of the program in Riyadh and Jeddah providing those enrolled with the necessary knowledge and skills to practice commercial mediation in accordance with the latest international practices.









Conclusion of the SCCA Arabic Moot (2)

In April 2021, SCCA wrapped up the GCC edition of the Arabic Moot in Commercial Arbitration. The moot involved 54 teams with 294 students in a seven-month journey, from the filing of claimant and respondent memoranda to oral proceedings.





















26 Cities



Universities



























































































National Campaign for ADR Awareness



Campaign slogan

#نزاعك_التجاري_لايعيقك

This campaign implements High Order No. 15697 of 20/3/1442H, corresponding to 6/11/2020CE, which directed a number of relevant ministries and entities from the public, private, and professional sectors to "prepare a campaign to inform individuals and businesses about the effectiveness of alternative dispute resolution, and urge parties to make use of it."



12

newspapers covered the campaign



14

participants



Duration

One week, from 20/2/2021



144,000

viewings of campaign Webinar



1,563

tweets using campaign hashtag



4

television channels covered the campaign



Campaign Topics

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Present the business advantages and benefits of using ADR



Publicize ADR and its role in achieving justice and economic prosperity



Encourage and promote the use of ADR



Explain how parties can access ADR



Present Saudi Arabia's leadership and its legislative and regulatory readiness in ADR



participants























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Given its mandate to represent Saudi Arabia internationally in the arbitration industry, SCCA published analytical articles in specialized ADR media to highlight Saudi Arabia's quantum leap in the development of ADR industry.







The article highlights the evolution of commercial arbitration in Saudi Arabia and the pioneering role played by SCCA in advancing the industry's growth in Saudi Arabia. It also highlights the package of enhancements the SCCA launched last August to facilitate access to its services for businesses.

Saudi Arabia - the story continu

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