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Remarks from the Chairman





Dr. Walid Abanumay



“All roads lead to Riyadh.”

That was the tagline of the inaugural Riyadh International Disputes Week (RIDW), organized by SCCA last year. The event drew remarkable turnout from the international and local ADR community, putting it on a par with major arbitration weeks elsewhere in the world.

We said at the launch of RIDW that it would be a regional destination, attracting ADR professionals and organizations from all over the world. Today, the figures from RIDW are a testament to strong interest in the Saudi economy among business firms generally and the ADR community in particular, further evidence of the unbeatable investment opportunities to be found amid the megaprojects taking place in Saudi Arabia.

RIDW encompassed 92 specialized legal events, all of which were conducted in person in Riyadh in a five-day span. These activities were organized by 105 hosts and attended by 4,900 participants from 79 countries.

The plan is for RIDW to become a fixture on the calendar of major international legal events, held annually by SCCA with the aim of exploring ADR opportunities in MENA largest economy, providing a forum for the exchange of knowledge and experience, and forging relationships and collaboration.

Midway through RIDW, SCCA wrapped up the fifth edition of the SCCA International Arabic Moot (SIAM), which was held in person for the first time in Riyadh. The final stages of SIAM unfolded at RIDW with a wide range of local and international teams who came to Saudi Arabia, fulfilling the vision of SIAM to be the Arab international incubator for future generations of arbitrators and legal practitioners.

It should be emphasized in this regard that this intense activity undertaken by SCCA to advance the ADR environment in Saudi Arabia and the region proceeded in parallel with SCCA's core activity of commercial dispute resolution and case management. New cases filed with SCCA totaled 120 last year, a 30 percent increase compared to 2023 and the highest one-year figure in SCCA's history. SCCA reached this mark in its ninth year in operation, faster than other major international arbitration centers.

SCCA has truly come into its own. This is the reality we are living, so welcome to the pages of SCCA's 2024 report.

A blurred, grayscale image of a person's face, likely a woman, occupies the right half of the slide. The image is out of focus, showing only the general shape of the face, eyes, and hair.

Remarks from the CEO



Dr. Hamed Merah



The main task of any arbitration center is to attract and manage cases. This is a fact no arbitration center would deny, and it is a task SCCA has truly mastered, achieving new records in its caseload.

SCCA, though, treats case management as the starting point for a broader and more impactful mission, which is to advance the arbitration and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) industry in the Middle East and North Africa. Riyadh International Disputes Week (RIDW) is SCCA's latest initiative in pursuit of this goal, launched with the aim of creating an international platform that brings together ADR stakeholders from all over the world in the heart of Riyadh.

The inaugural RIDW last year achieved remarkable success and brought in diverse international attendees representing key actors in the global ADR industry. The cornerstone of RIDW was the SCCA 3rd International Conference and Exhibition (SCCA24), which featured 30 international and local speakers, including dignitaries, experts, and officials, and attracted more than 1,200 attendees. SCCA24 was the site of the signing of an agreement for SCCA to host the Ciarb Saudi Arabia Branch. This is a new initiative in the SCCA portfolio, joining RIDW, the SCCA International Arabic Moot (SIAM), and SCCA Academy. Together, they form an integrated framework through which SCCA is working to develop the pillars of the ADR industry and bolster the practice of

ADR in Saudi Arabia and the region.

On the case management front, SCCA has further integrated digital solutions into the structure of its operations and has employed these solutions to manage its cases and serve its clients. It managed to finish building the Case Management System (CMS) – which will be launched soon – digitalizing 10 ADR services, automating more than 600 workflows, more than 150 communications templates, and aggregating more than 1,500 data points for monitoring and reporting.

SCCA also continued its efforts to build trust with clients who are parties to contractual relationships across various local and international business sectors. Last year alone, it held more than 88 meetings and visits with government agencies, companies, law firms, and international and diplomatic organizations. These efforts by SCCA since its establishment have resulted in increased local and international reach, as well as growth in the number and quality of cases, with an average growth rate of 65 percent over the past four years and 28 nationalities represented among parties to cases.

Last year alone, 120 cases were filed with SCCA. Arbitration accounts for 73 of the cases, or 61 percent – a 59 percent increase compared to 2023 – while the amounts in dispute rose to 304 million USD, up 58 percent from 2023.



March



Inaugural

Riyadh International Disputes Week



SCCA

3rd International Conference and Exhibition



Expanded collaboration

between SCCA and Jus Mundi to analyze Saudi judicial rulings

2024



May



Visit

by an official delegation from the
Hong Kong government at SCCA
headquarters

August



Launch

of Ciarb Saudi Arabia Branch

October



Discussion

of the recognition of electronic
arbitration awards at UNCITRAL
in Vienna

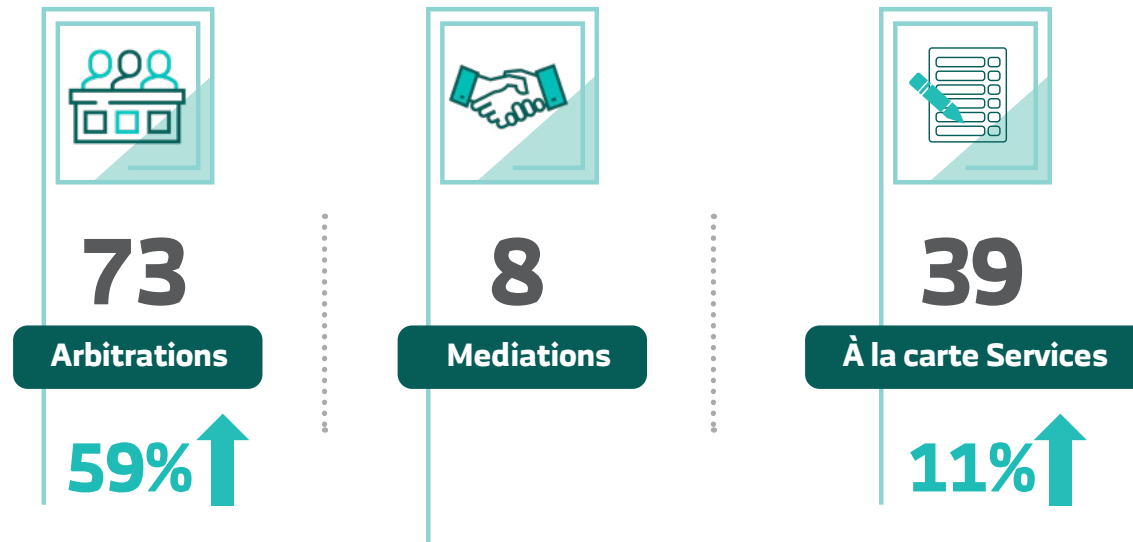
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Caseload

1



Number of Filings



Total appointments made:

Arbitrators:

102

91% Male

9% Female

Mediators:

2 Males

2 Females



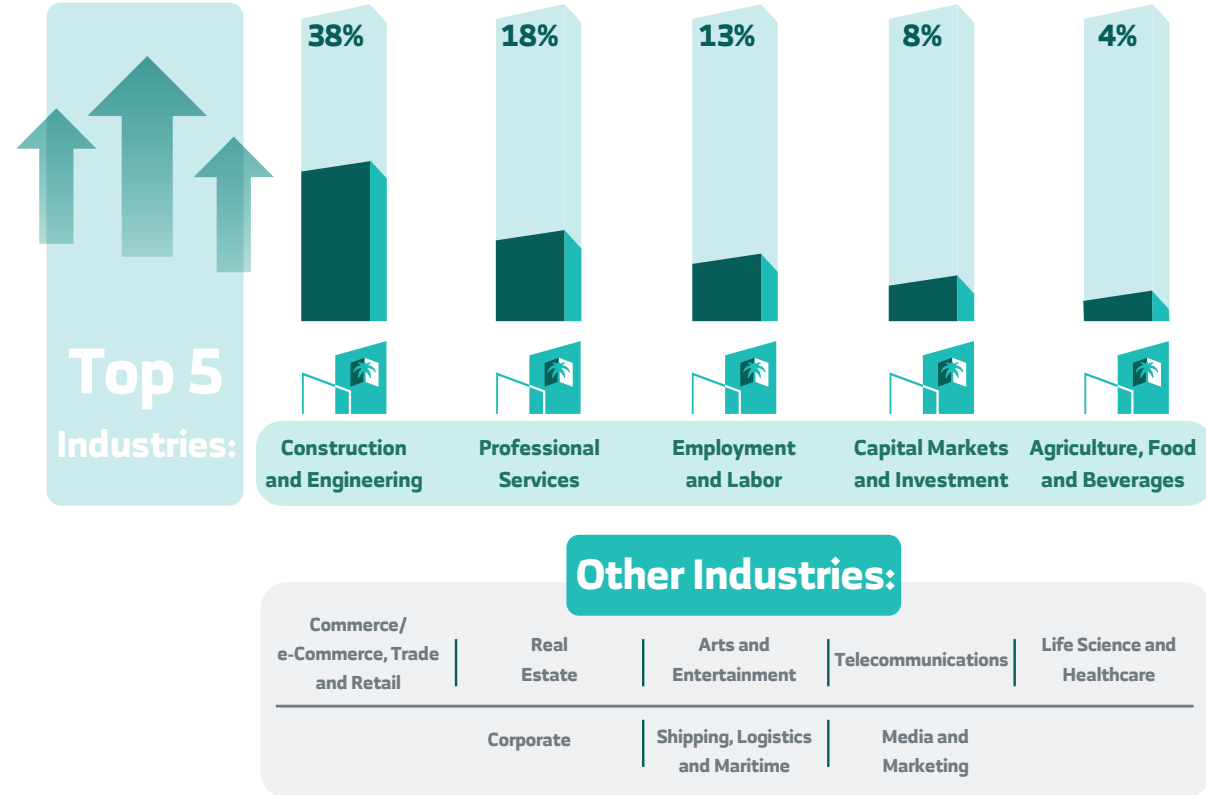
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Average days to disposal of all arbitrations



Industries and Nationalities

13 Industries
represented in SCCA
caseload



13

represented
in SCCA
caseload

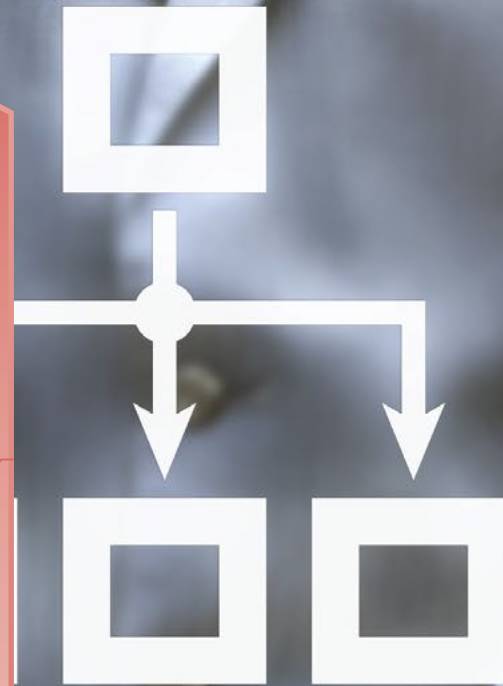
Nationalities



**Total of 28
nationalities
across cases
registered
with SCCA
since launch**

Business Development

2





Tireless efforts

to raise the profile of SCCA and the commercial dispute resolution environment in the Kingdom

SCCA continued its series of meetings with stakeholders in the field of commercial dispute resolution, both within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and abroad. The aim of these meetings was to familiarize the dispute resolution community with SCCA and the quality services it provides, as well as to highlight the Kingdom's efforts to transform its judicial environment into one that is safe and supportive for commercial dispute resolution.



More than **88** Business Meetings



28
Public Sector



42
Private Sector



19
Law firms



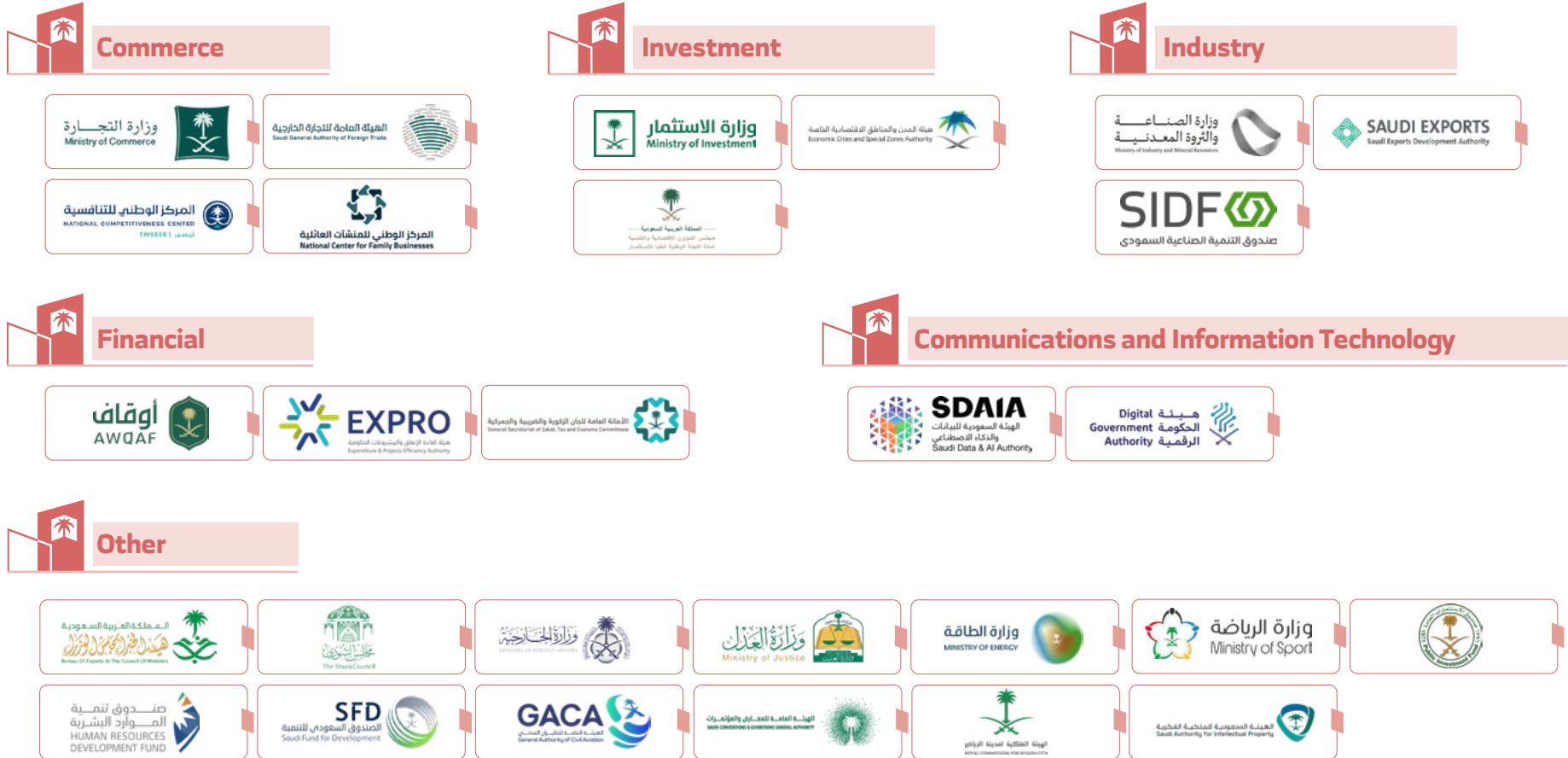
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International and Non-profit
Organizations



Business Meetings



Public Sector





Private Sector





Business Meetings



Law Firms



International and Non-profit Organizations



Memorandums of Understanding & Cooperation Agreements



SCCA's outreach efforts resulted in the signing of cooperation agreements with several organizations connected to the **dispute resolution** industry, which aim at building strategic partnerships to advance the growth of the industry and enhance the level of practice both locally and internationally.

Memorandum of Understanding With the Saudi Ministry of Investment



Areas of Cooperation:

- SCCA will offer advisory services and specialized technical support to the Ministry.
- SCCA will provide training services in the field of ADR.
- Strengthening the incorporation of the arbitration clause under SCCA's administration in the Ministry's contracts and its ecosystem.

Cooperation Agreement With the Saudi General Authority of Civil Aviation



Areas of Cooperation:

- Establishing a representative office for SCCA in the special logistics areas under the Authority's supervision.
- SCCA will provide training services in the field of ADR.
- Strengthening the incorporation of the arbitration clause under SCCA's administration in the Authority's contracts.



Memorandum of Understanding With SIAC

SIAC



Areas of Cooperation:

- Facilitating the utilization of alternative dispute resolution services provided by both institutions.
- Enabling the administration of arbitration and mediation sessions at each other's facilities by the respective institutions.
- Providing support for any major event organized by the two parties in Saudi Arabia and Singapore.



Agreement With Ciarb to Host the Saudi Arabia Branch

ciarb



Areas of Cooperation:

- SCCA shall support the Saudi Arabia Branch of Ciarb in cooperating with Ciarb.
- The parties shall collaborate in relation to the Branch activities.



Agreement on General Arrangements with ICSID

ICSID | International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes
WORLD BANK GROUP



Areas of Cooperation:

- Facilitating the utilization of ADR services provided by both institutions.
- Enabling the administration of arbitration and mediation sessions at each other's facilities by the respective institutions.
- Cooperating in disseminating knowledge about arbitration, conciliation, mediation, etc.

Events

3





Platforms for dialogue

to promote
collaboration
and innovation

SCCA pursues active participation in international and local gatherings connected to dispute resolution, whether in the role of organizer, speaker, or supporter. These events provide a chance to raise the profile of SCCA and its operations, explore opportunities, and establish partnerships with influential institutions in the industry.



52
Events

Workshops

17

Seminars

22

Conferences

13



Exploring opportunities for the industry in MENA's largest economy



Riyadh International Disputes Week 2024 (RIDW24) was a standout international event that brought together major players in the dispute resolution industry, along with various government bodies, companies, and relevant international organizations. They all gathered in the heart of Riyadh to explore opportunities in the largest economy in MENA, exchange knowledge and experiences, and establish collaborations and partnerships through a series of specialized legal activities held in-person in Riyadh.

92
Specialized
Legal Events

105
Event Hosts

4.9K+
Attendees

26K+
Attendance
Requests

From
79
Countries

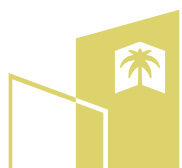
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Sponsors and
Supporting
Entities





Riyadh International Disputes Week 2024





Projecting the growth prospects of the industry

As the centerpiece of RIDW24, the SCCA 3rd International Conference and Exhibition (SCCA24) presented a unique opportunity for leaders, decision-makers, and stakeholders in Saudi Arabia, the Middle East, and around the world to explore growth prospects and international trends in the dispute resolution industry.

1,200
Attendees

30
Speakers

7
Subtopics

5
Panel discussions





SCCA 3rd International Conference and Exhibition





Attendance at International Arbitration Weeks

SCCA continued to attend international arbitration weeks in London, Paris, China, and Dubai, to meet leaders and pioneers in the industry from around the world and to showcase SCCA's work to advance its pillars in Saudi Arabia and the region.



Professional Development

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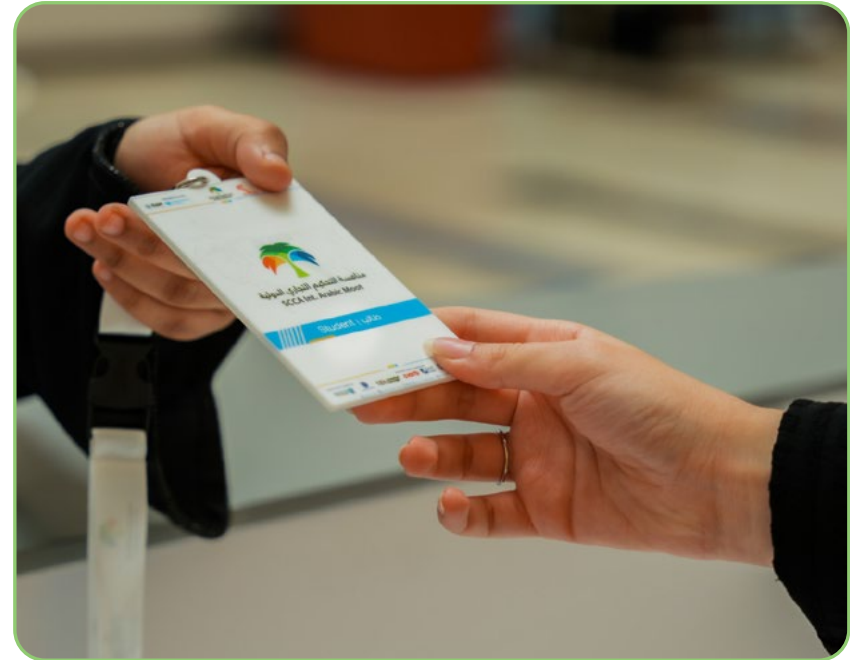
SCCA International Arabic Moot



The 5th Edition of the SCCA International Arabic Moot (SIAM5)

Featuring extensive international participation, the fifth edition of the SCCA International Arabic Moot (SIAM5) concluded during (RIDW24). The competition gives law students an opportunity to gain practical experience in international commercial arbitration, enhancing their practical skills and reinforcing their legal knowledge, thus shaping a skilled generation of legal practitioners in the Arab world.







Shaping future generations of ADR practitioners

Through its training arm, SCCA Academy, SCCA offers a suite of training programs in two main forms, long-term programs (fellowships) and short-term programs, put on in partnership with selected international institutions involved in the development of the industry.

International Fellowship in Commercial Arbitration

In 2024, **286 candidates**, making up **12 classes**, enrolled in the program. The program enables successful candidates to attain Ciarb membership and to join an elite class of international arbitrators.

Enrollment by module

Module 1
212

Module 2
21

Module 3
53



Mediation in Commercial Disputes

SCCA organized three rounds of the Mediation in Commercial Disputes program in Riyadh and Jeddah with the aim of providing those enrolled with the necessary knowledge and skills to practice commercial mediation in accordance with the latest international practices.



78

Trainees



50
Riyadh



28
Jeddah

Arbitral Tribunal Secretary Preparation

The Arbitral Tribunal Secretary Preparation training program was implemented with the aim of providing trainees with knowledge and skills related to the role and duties of an arbitral tribunal secretary, using model arbitral disputes.



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Trainees



ADR Clause Drafting

The ADR Clause Drafting Program was created with the aim of familiarizing participants with the essential elements of drafting a sound clause leading to the resolution of disputes.



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Trainees







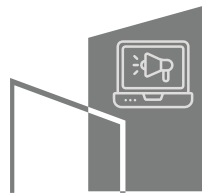
Publishing and Awareness-Raising

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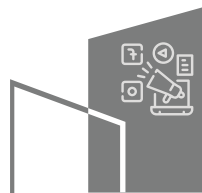
Spreading SCCA's message and publicizing its initiatives

As an extension of its presence on the ground, SCCA maintained an active communications presence to publicize its services and initiatives and communicate SCCA's message to industry practitioners and institutions, with the aim of creating a positive perception of SCCA and its role in developing the dispute resolution system in KSA and the region.



120
Communications
Campaigns

through various media channels



1,200
Posts

on SCCA social media channels

in

X

f

Impressions: **1.4** million



Notable Campaigns



Campaign Name:

**Riyadh International Disputes Week 2024
(RIDW24) Coverage**

Campaign
Date:

March
3-14, 2024

Number of
Coverage
Items:

314
items

Media Engagement



Notable Campaigns

المركز السعودي للتحكيم التجاري @Sadrorg ٦٠ مارس ٢٠٢٤
يشهد المؤتمر الدولي الثالث لـ #المركز_السعودي_للتحكيم_التجاري حضور عدد من أصحاب السمو والقيادات من قطاع الأعمال والبيئة القانونية والمؤسسات الدولية.

The #SCCA International Conference features the attendance of Multiple Excellencies, international organizations, and business administrators from the legal field.

#RIDW24

المركز السعودي للتحكيم التجاري @Sadrorg ٥٠ مارس ٢٠٢٤
امتداداً للنجاح المتحقق في النسخ السابقة ينطلق هذا المؤتمر الدولي الـ 3 لـ #المركز_السعودي_للتحكيم_التجاري، الحدث الرئيس في أسبوع الرياض الدولي لتسوية المنازعات 2024.

#RIDW24

مناقسة التحكيم التجاري الدولية @SCCAArabicMoot ٧٠ مارس ٢٠٢٤
قدّمت #مناقسة_التحكيم_التجاري_الطلابية 5 فرصة تدريب نوعية من خلال التنافس في الترافع تحريرياً وشفهياً في قضية معقدة تحاكي واقع قضايا التحكيم التجاري الدولي، وتفتح لهم فرصة الاحتكاك بنخبة محكمين، بالإضافة إلى فرص أخرى مميزة.

#RIDW24

أسبوع الرياض الدولي لتسوية المنازعات @Ridworg ٥٠ مارس ٢٠٢٤
| عدد من المواضيع المؤثرة تم تناولها ضمن فعالية "انضمام المملكة لاتفاقية البيع الدولي للبضائع"، التي عُقدت بالشراكة مع #الأونسيترال و#جامعة_الأمير_سلطان ضمن فعاليات أسبوع #الرياض_الدولي لتسوية المنازعات 2024.

Several Influential topics were discussed during the "Saudi Arabia's Accession .@PSU_RUH to CISG Convention", held in partnership with #UNCITRAL and

#RIDW24

أسبوع الرياض الدولي لتسوية المنازعات @Ridworg ٢٠ مارس ٢٠٢٤
ينبع أسبوع #الرياض_الدولي لتسوية المنازعات 2024 الفرصة لتبادل المعارف والخبرات، وتوسيع العلاقات، واستكشاف فرص الصناعة في الاقتصاد الأكبر شرقاً وأوسطاً.

سجل حضورك: ridw.org/ar/events

#RIDW24

أسبوع الرياض الدولي لتسوية المنازعات @Ridworg ١٢٠ مارس ٢٠٢٤
| حضور عالمي.. وأرقام استثنائية ✨ شهدت النسخة الأولى من أسبوع #الرياض_الدولي لتسوية المنازعات 2024.

Global presence.. and exceptional figures
#RIDW24 Witnessed by the inaugural



Notable Campaigns



Campaign Name:

ADR and the Saudi Updated Investment Law

Campaign
Date:

August
11, 2024

Number of
Coverage
Items:

21
items

المركز السعودي للتحكيم التجاري @Sadrorq ١١ أغسطس ٢٠٢٤

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has an integrated legislative system that makes arbitral awards enforceable in the business sectors.

#SCCA
#Updated_Investment_Law

Arbitral Awards Binding and Enforceable

Local and foreign arbitral awards are enforceable in Saudi Arabia in accordance with the following statutory documents:

Local arbitral awards	Foreign arbitral awards
The Arbitration Law	New York Convention (1958) Ratified by KSA in 1994
"An arbitration award rendered in accordance with this Law shall have the authority of a judicial ruling and shall be enforceable."	Wiyath Arab Convention for Judicial Cooperation (1983) Ratified by KSA in 1983
"Each Contracting State shall recognize arbitral awards as binding and enforce them in accordance with the rules of procedure of the territory where the award is relied upon."	"Arbitrators' awards shall be recognized and enforced by any contracting party subject to the legal rules of the contracting party requested to enforce it."

SCCA 37,053 followers 8mo

تنوع أشكال #تسوية منازعات الاستثمار. وتتفق جميعها على هدف واحد: إمامة العدالة الناجزة... more

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أهم أشكال آليات تسوية منازعات الاستثمار

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توافقي	تخصصي
الطراف يتوصلون في صياح الإيجابيات ويتبررون بالمنازعات	شخص محدد يتحكم في صياح الإيجابيات ويتبررون بالمنازعات
غير رسمي	رسمي

with Ministry of Investment

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المركز السعودي للتحكيم التجاري @Sadrorq ١١ أغسطس ٢٠٢٤

مصدر #نظام الاستثمار المحدث حافة جديدة في سلسلة الدعم الحكومي لتمكين بيئة الاستثمار بالمملكة: من خلال تعزيز الأجواء إلى #بدائل تسوية المنازعات، بصفتها إحدى الإمكانيات الاستثمارية، وأدوات يسهل ممارسة الأعمال التجارية.

وزارة الاستثمار @MISA ١١ أغسطس ٢٠٢٤

بمهد #نظام الاستثمار المحدث الطريق لمستقبل الاستثمار في المملكة العربية السعودية، ويهدف إلى جذب الاستثمارات العالمية من خلال حقوق واضحة، وتعزيز للمنافسة العادلة، وتيسير البيئة التنظيمية في ظل #رؤية السعودية 2030

عرض المزيد

نظام الاستثمار المحدث

بناءً على الإصلاحات المعلنة مسبقاً بموجب رؤية السعودية 2030 ولائحة الجيزة الوطنية للاستثمار، وافق مجلس الوزراء على نظام الاستثمار المحدث، والذي يجمع بين حقوق وواجبات المستثمرين تحت إطار موحد، مما يرفع مراداً من الشفافية ونسوية وتلك



Notable Campaigns

Campaign
Date:

August
22, 2024

Number of
Coverage
Items:

13
items

Campaign Name:

Coverage of the launch of the Ciarb Saudi Branch

٢٢٠٠ أغسطس ٢٠٢٤ Ciarb KSA Branch @ciarbksabrmach

يؤمّن فرع المجمع الملكي البريطاني للمحكمين في السعودية فرصاً للتعلّم والتواصل، وبناء المعرفة والعلاقات مع ممارسي صناعة #بدائل تسوية المنازعات بالمملكة.

إطلاق فرع
المجمع الملكي البريطاني للمحكمين في السعودية

تأمين الوصول إلى:

- ١ شبكة من ممارسي المنازعات محلياً
- ٢ إتراء الخبرة والممارسة
- ٣ أنشطة معرفية لنسج العلاقات والمعارف

ما هو المجمع الملكي البريطاني للمحكمين؟

منظمة دولية مرموقة، عريقة غير هادفة للربح، يتجاوز عمرها ١٠٠ عام، وأعلى يتميّز بمكانة بدائل تسوية المنازعات على المستوى الدولي، والنهوض بها معرفياً من خلال طرح البرامج التأهيلية التي يقدمها عبر سلسلة فروعها المنتشرة في شتى أنحاء العالم.

امتداداته:

- ١٠٠+ دولة في العالم
- ١٧,٥٠٠+ عضو
- ٤٠٠+ فرعا حول العالم

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| Ciarb Saudi Arabia Branch launches its work with the aim of enriching the #Saudi #arbitration and ADR community, fostering the exchange of knowledge, and forging relationships and collaborations. ...more

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لجنة فرع
المجمع الملكي البريطاني في السعودية

م. سعود بن محمد الأحمد رئيس اللجنة	د. خالد بن حسن ميرزة رئيس اللجنة	د. هبة السمو الملكي الأميرة هالة بنت خالد بن سلطان نائب الرئيس
أ. أحمد ياديشي عضو	أ. محمد الشوي أمين الصندوق	أ. منيف باجميل أمين السر
أ. روزانا الحجار عضو	د. بدر البصيص عضو	د. أحمد الخليلي عضو
أ. مسعد الخوي عضو	د. ماجد الرشيد عضو	أ. سعد المنصور عضو



Notable Campaigns

**Campaign
Date:**

**Throughout
the year**

Campaign Name:

Promotion of the SCCA Academy Programs 2024







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