

PROGRAMME

4th Annual Regional Conference on Arbitration and ADR

Construction Projects Disputes

9-10 October 2026

Dubrovnik

DAY 1: Friday 9 October 2026

9:00 – 9:30

Registration

9:30 – 9:45

Welcome Address by Conference host

- **Marina Rožić**, Vice-President, Croatian Chamber of Economy; Secretary General, ICC Croatia, Croatia

9:45 – 10:15

Keynote Address

- **Marion Smith KC**, Barrister, Arbitrator, Adjudicator, Mediator, 39 Essex Chambers, UK

10:15 – 11:45

Panel Discussion 1: Hot Topics in Construction

Panellists:

- **Andrea Chao**, Partner, Bird & Bird LLP; Chair, FIDIC Task Group 17, Netherlands
- **Shelly L. Ewald**, Senior Partner, Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald, Virginia, USA
- **Christopher R. Seppälä**, Independent Arbitrator; Expert and Legal Consultant, France
- **Dr. Hélène van Lith**, Secretary, ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, ICC International Court of Arbitration; Associate Professor, University Paris Dauphine, School of Law, France
- Prof. Dr. **Mladen Vukomanović**, Full Professor, Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Zagreb; President, International Project Management Association (IPMA), Croatia

Moderator:

- **Jasminka Čorda Truhar**, MSc, Partner, Hanžeković & Partners; Member, ICC Court of Arbitration; President, ICC Croatia Commission on Arbitration and ADR, Croatia

11:45 – 12:05

Coffee break

12:05 – 13:35

Panel Discussion 2: Different Models of Contracting in Construction (Including Cooperative Contracting)

Panellists:

- **Lyda Bier**, Legal Consultant, dr. L. Bier B.V., Netherlands

	• Luka Krištović-Blažević, Partner, Dispute Resolution – Head of ME Arbitration, Baker McKenzie LLP, UAE • Emma Niemistö, Partner and Head of the Projects & Construction Team, Borenius Attorneys Ltd, Finland • Leonardo Toledo da Silva, Lawyer, Professor and Arbitrator; Partner, Toledo Marchetti Advogados, Brazil • Marijana Zvonar, Senior Consultant, Exstructa, Croatia Moderator: • Arent van Wassenaer, International construction lawyer, Arbitrator, and Dispute Board Member, Author, Netherlands
13:35 – 15:05	Lunch
15:05 – 16:35	Panel Discussion 3: Oxford Type Debate – Standing DAB vs ad hoc DAB Panellists: • John Bishop, Arbitrator, Mediator, Dispute Board Member, UK • Leo Grutters, Arbitrator, Adjudicator; Member, Dispute Board Chambers, Germany • Aisha Nadar, Senior Consultant, Runeland Law AB; Member, Dispute Board Chambers; Vice Chair, ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, Sweden • Evgeny Smirnov, Associate Director, Policy Advisor, Procurement Policy and Advisory Department, EBRD, UK Moderator: • Nicholas Gould, Partner, Fenwick Elliott LLP; Visiting Professor, King’s College London, UK
16:35 – 16:55	Coffee break
16:55 – 18:25	Panel Discussion 4: Construction Arbitration Panellists: • Lydia B. Bunni, Barrister at Law, Ireland • Živa Filipič, Managing Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, France • James Hope, Partner, Advokatfirman Vinge KB, Sweden • Erin Miller Rankin, Partner, Freshfields LLP, UAE • Alan Uzelac, PhD, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia Moderator: • Aisha Nadar, Senior Consultant, Runeland Law AB; Member, Dispute Board Chambers; Vice Chair, ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, Sweden
18:25 – 18:40	Closing remarks
19:00 – 20:30	Cocktail reception

DAY 2: Saturday 10 October 2026

9:30 – 9:45	Welcome Address by Conference host • Marina Rožić, Vice-President, Croatian Chamber of Economy; Secretary General, ICC Croatia, Croatia Introduction to the Workshop • Jasminka Čorda Truhar, MSc, Partner, Hanžeković & Partners; Member, ICC Court of Arbitration; President, ICC Croatia Commission on Arbitration and ADR, Croatia • Aisha Nadar, Senior Consultant, Runeland Law AB; Member, Dispute Board Chambers; Vice Chair, ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, Sweden
9:45 – 10:05	Overview of ICC Rules and Tools • Davor Babić, PhD, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia
10:05 – 10:35	The 2026 ICC Arbitration Rules: Presentation and Commentary • Borna Dejanović, Attorney-at-law, in cooperation with Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwälte GmbH & Co KG – Zagreb Branch, Croatia • Hrvoje Kurelec, Attorney-at-law, Croatia • Alina Leoveanu, Group Deputy Head of Litigation, Dispute Resolution, Risk Management and Insurance, Atos, France
10:35 – 10:55	Coffee break
10:55 – 11:25	The 2026 ICC Arbitration Rules: Presentation and Commentary (<i>continuation</i>) • Asst. Prof. Petar Ceronja, PhD, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb; Vice-President, ICC Croatia Commission on Arbitration and ADR, Croatia • Zrinka Mustafa Prelić, Attorney-at-law, Law office Zrinka Mustafa Prelić, Croatia • Fran Pelicarić, Attorney-at-law, Partner, Law firm Pelicarić and Smerdel LLC, Croatia
11:25 – 11:45	ADR and Settlement in Arbitration • Fatma Ibrahim, Senior Consultant, World Bank Group, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Egyptian Personal Data Protection Centre, Egypt
11:45 – 12:45	Dialogue and practical lessons learned
12:45 – 13:00	Closing Session