



INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: ADVANCING A CULTURE OF MEDIATION IN DUBAI

The world is facing a collection of existential challenges that require the creation of new tools and global partnerships. Mediation is one of these tools.

The Weinstein International Foundation (WIF) is organizing an invitation-only roundtable event in Dubai with select speakers and participants to discuss how global organizations and communities can evolve to ensure the effective and efficient resolution of disputes while helping to develop mediation to address the existential challenges that lie ahead.

Ambassador David Carden (Ret.), a member of WIF's Board of Directors, will address the keynote "Mediating a Better Future: Resolving Cross-Border Disputes". Two-panel discussions will focus on developing mediation capacity for resolving disputes and developing mediation and appropriate ADR in Dubai.

In addition to the best possible local speakers representing public and private mediation stakeholders, the roundtable discussion is honoured by world-class mediators, educators and thinkers, including WIF Board Members Bruce Edwards, Sukhsimranjit Singh and Leonardo D'Urso, WIF Executive Director Ellen Bass and twelve Senior Fellows.



SCHEDULE

Friday, March 10, 2023

2:30PM: Opening Remarks

- **Welcome** - Leonardo D'Urso, CEO/Co-Founder, ADR Center, Italy/WIF Board Member
- **Mediation Champion Keynote** - "Mediating a Better Future: Resolving Cross-Border Disputes" - Ambassador David Carden (Ret.), WIF Board Member

3:00PM: Panel One Discussion

Moderator: Christine Maksoud, Senior Associate, Private Client Services, Al Tamimi and Company, Dubai

- Leonardo D'Urso: "Designing and Developing Mediation Systems Internationally", CEO & Co-Founder, ADR Center, Italy/WIF Board Member
- Ivana Nincic Osterle: "The Importance of International Mediation Standards", Executive Director, International Mediation Institute (IMI)/WIF Senior Fellow (Serbia)
- David Holloway: "Developing Private Mediation Practice for Lawyers", Partner, Head of Advocacy, Al Tamimi and Company, Dubai
- Arun Visweswaren: "Enhancing International Private Mediation Practice in Region", Senior Associate, Clifford Chance, Dubai

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Panel Two Discussion

Moderator: Judge Ahmed Abo Zeid, Ras Al-Khaimah, Court of Cassation/WIF Senior Fellow (Egypt)

- Bruce Edwards: "Importance of Mediation in Resolving Disputes", Experience in Construction and Insurance Mediation, JAMS Panelist/Co-Founder, Edwards Mediation Academy/WIF Board Member
- Judge Mahmoud Mourad: "Government Initiatives in Pioneering Mediation for the Resolution of Disputes", Head of Mediation Panel, Amicable Solutions Committee, Legal Affairs Department of Dubai/WIF Senior Fellow (Egypt)
- Sukhsimranjit Singh: "Perspectives on Conflict and Community Cohesion: Developing Dialogue Processes and Community Mediation", Programs Associate Dean, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine-Caruso School of Law/JAMS Panelist/WIF Board Member
- Ellen Bass: "WIF & Introduction of Participating Senior Fellows", WIF Executive Director/Director, Weinstein JAMS International Fellowship Program

Closing Remarks: Ambassador David Carden (Ret.)

5:30PM-6:30PM: Appetizers/Networking