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## DIAC concludes specialised training course on commercial arbitration

Three-day interactive workshop teaches lawyers and non-lawyers practical techniques of handling international arbitration cases

**Dubai, UAE:** Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), an initiative of Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry, concluded its three-day intensive training course on "Practical Techniques for Handling International Commercial Arbitration Cases", held at the Chamber premises from September 23 to 25.

Organised in collaboration with the Centre for the Transnational Law (Central) Cologne University, Germany, for the fifth consecutive year, the highly specialised training course was attended by lawyers and non-lawyers who honed their skills in both the law and the practice of alternative dispute resolution means as the course consisted of highly practical and interactive teaching concepts, including practical exercises, interactive workshops and mock cases.

Conducted by Professor Dr. Klaus Peter Berger, Centre for Transnational Law, University of Cologne and President of the German Institution of Arbitration; and Victor Leginsky, Chartered Arbitrator and



CEDR-certified Mediator, Dubai, the workshops familiarised the participants with the latest practices in international commercial arbitration while contributing towards their self-development in becoming a prospective arbitrator or expert witness.

This year's training was updated with a new focus on interim measures, including emergency arbitrator provisions, the challenge of arbitrators and guidance on written and oral advocacy as well as case management techniques, including the use and legal effect of Terms of Reference which was much appreciated by the participants.

It also included staging of a real international arbitration case scenario where the participants got the chance to play different roles of representing claimants, respondents, and arbitrators as well as the opportunity to practice oral pleadings and the examination of witnesses, framing and drafting written pleadings and submissions including the arbitration decision and the verdict.

The specialised training was part of DIAC's efforts to promote the use of alternative dispute resolution, such as commercial arbitration, amongst Dubai's business community and came in line with the Centre's objective of updating the participants with the changes and advances in arbitral issues and procedures as well as to promote DIAC as a reputed Centre for resolving commercial disputes based on best global arbitration standards.



Created in 1994 as the "Centre for Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration", DIAC is an autonomous, non-profit institution. With its team of international arbitrators, DIAC seeks to provide a flexible and impartial mechanism for resolving and settling international disputes. It oversees the procedures of arbitration in commercial disputes, appointment of arbitrators, fixing the place of arbitration and the arbitrators' fees.

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***Editor's note***

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