

**INVITATION ROUNDTABLE GCILA/CICA/FNTP
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**The benefit of modern dispute avoidance and alternative dispute
resolution techniques in international construction and
infrastructure projects**

***How to negotiate and implement efficient partnering, structured mediation
and dispute boards in different legal systems?***

Which trends with the World Bank?

The ever-growing complexity of construction and infrastructure projects around the world, evolving laws in different jurisdictions, and the globalization of the economy all combine to increase the risk of disputes. Those risks often limit the ability of the stakeholders to conclude contracts to their satisfaction and frequently increase the costs of the project. This dilemma is not limited to sizable claims upon contract completion, but also can be seen in the alarming trend of renegotiations occurring shortly after contract signature.

In the meantime, the costs of litigation, especially international arbitrations, continue to rise due to several factors and show no signs of decreasing in the foreseeable future.

As a result, the need for efficient dispute avoidance through an effective alternative dispute resolution process has become an essential focal point in contract negotiations. This often requires stakeholders to consider the nuances of dispute resolution in different legal cultures.

The Gcila member firms collectively possess a large practical experience of dispute avoidance and alternative dispute resolution techniques on many projects around the world (www.gcila.org). Gcila is pleased to introduce through its state-of-the-art Knowledge Center relevant examples of contractual clauses that members have negotiated and /or implemented over the years and which are representative of the most modern trends and best practices in the industry. This information is offered to friends and clients as part of the **Gcila main objective** to contribute internationally to projects successfully being completed on time and within budget. **This objective is widely shared with the development world and it is a major leverage for sustainable global growth as demonstrated by the recent G20 in Brisbane.**

Partners of the Gcila firms having a long practice of dispute avoidance and alternative dispute resolution will present selected projects in different jurisdictions and related dispute avoidance and ADR clauses, their practical implementation and lessons learned with a particular focus on different type of dispute boards.

The objective is to exchange with an audience made of practitioners and industry players on many issues which remain to a large extent to be better understood in all their dimensions by the project participants.

AS A RESULT THE AUDIENCE WILL BE LIMITED TO 25 on the basis of first come first serve.

Some Addresses from Gcila will be made in French and others in English: the exchanges with the audience will be made either in French or in English

PROGRAM

Introduction : current issues, the concept of well prepared project.

Roger Fiszelson, General Manager of the Confederation of International Contractors Association (CICA).

The Different types of modern dispute avoidance and alternative dispute resolution techniques and the implementation in Civil Countries

Marc Frilet, Managing Partner, Frilet Lawfirm/ Gcila , Vice-President IFEJI, Representative for France of the Dispute Board Review Foundation (DRBF).

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Best practices in ADR in a Common Law environment.

John Tieder, Senior Partner, Watttieder LLP / Gcila

Timothy Hefferna , Senior Partner, Watttieder LLP / Gcila

Shelly Ewald, Senior Partner, Watttieder LLP / Gcila

www.watttieder.com/

How to optimize the benefits of Dispute Boards and future trends?

James Perry, Senior Partner, PS Consulting Société d'Avocats / Gcila, Former President of the Dispute Board Foundation, Region 2.

www.psconsulting.fr/

The Situation in France.

Laurent Karila, Avocat Associé, Karila Société d'Avocats / Gcila

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