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# CASABLANCA ARBITRATION DAYS

# 2018

29 - 30 | NOVEMBER  
2018

Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Casablanca, Morocco

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The New York Convention at 60 :  
Has it Worked for Africa?"

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# Programme

Thursday 29 November

**9:30-10:00 : OPENING CEREMONY**

**10:00-10:30 : KEYNOTE SPEECH**

Juan Fernandez-Armesto (Member of the CIMAC Arbitration Court and Partner Armesto & Asociados)

**10:30-11:00** : coffee break

**11:00-12:30 : PANEL 1 ("60 YEARS OF THE NEW YORK CONVENTION"):**

- **moderator** : Thomas Clay (Member of the CIMAC Arbitration Court)
- **speaker 1** : Marike Paulsson (Director, International Arbitration Institute & Lecturer in Law, University of Miami School of Law)
- **speaker 2** : Guy-Hervé Kam (Partner SCPA Kam & Associés, Ouagadougou)
- **speaker 3** : Mohamed Abdel Wahab (Member of the CIMAC Arbitration Court and Founding Partner and Head of the International Arbitration, Zulficar&Partners, Cairo)

**12:30-14:00** : Lunch

**14:00-15:30 : PANEL 2 ("THE NEW YORK CONVENTION IN AFRICA" - WITH A FOCUS ON OHADA):**

- **moderator** : Paul-Jean Le Cannu (Team Leader and Legal Counsel, ICSID)
- **speaker 1** : Mamadou Konate (Member of the CIMAC Arbitration Court and former Minister of Justice, Mali)
- **speaker 2** : Jacob Grierson (Vice-President of the CIMAC Arbitration Court and Partner, McDermott Will & Emery, Paris)
- **speaker 3** : Achille Ngwanza (Legal Consultant, JUS AFRICA SARL)

**15:30-16:00** : tea / coffee break

**16:00-17:30 : PANEL 3 ("MOROCCO AND THE NEW YORK CONVENTION"):**

- **moderator** : Tarik Mossadek (Member of the CIMAC Arbitration Court and Partner, Mossadek law Firm)
- **speaker 1** : Mohamed El Mernissi (Member of the CIMAC Arbitration Court and Founding Partner FIGES, Casablanca)
- **speaker 2** : Azzedine Kettani (Member of the CIMAC Arbitration Court and Founding Partner, Kettani Law Firm, Casablanca)
- **speaker 3** : Hassan Arab (Member of the CIMAC Arbitration Court and Partner, Al Tamini, Dubai)

**17:30-19:00 : PANEL 4 ("ARBITRAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE NEW YORK CONVENTION") - WITH A FOCUS ON CIMAC:**

- **moderator** : Nikolaus Pitkowitz (Member of the CIMAC Arbitration Court and Founding Partner, Graf & Pitkowitz, Vienna)
- **speaker 1** : Stefan Kröll (Honorary Professor and Director of the Center for International Dispute Resolution, Bucerius Law School, Hamburg)
- **speaker 2** : Ina Popova (Member of the CIMAC Arbitration Court and Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton, New York)
- **speaker 3** : Ziva Filipic (Managing counsel, International Court of Arbitration, ICC)

Friday 30 November

**9:30-10:00 : SPEECHES BY MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

**10:00-11:30 : PANEL 5 ("DO WE NEED A NEW NEW YORK CONVENTION?") :**

- **moderator** : Jalal El Ahdab (Vice-President of the CIMAC Arbitration Court and Partner, Bird & Bird, Paris)
- **speaker 1** : George Bermann (Professor of Law, and the director for the Center for International Commercial and Investment Arbitration, Columbia Law School, New York)
- **speaker 2** : Maxi Scherer (Member of the CIMAC Arbitration Court and Special counsel, Wilmerhale, London)
- **speaker 3** : Michael Black QC (Member of the CIMAC Arbitration Court and Barrister, XXIV Old Buildings, London)

**11:30-12:00 : CLOSING REMARKS BY LAURENT LEVY (PRESIDENT OF THE CIMAC ARBITRATION COURT AND PARTNER, LEVY KAUFMANN KOHLER, GENEVA)**