

## **Event Programme**

# THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE: HOW AND WHY IS IT STILL RELEVANT FOR AFRICA IN GENERAL AND MOROCCO IN PARTICULAR?

4 DECEMBER 2019 FROM 4:30PM to 5:30PM, Kenzi Tower Hotel

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#### **Description:**

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), initiated by the Chinese government in 2013, has been active in the field of international investment, particularly, the field of construction and infrastructures. Dispute resolutions are inevitably of inherent to such trillions-of-dollars projects, even though BRI itself does not seem to be as a popular term as it was, in the medias at least, in the past two years, notably in the context of Sino-America trade conflicts.

It is arguable that BRI continues to be of significant relevance. But how is it relevant, in particular, to the African continent and its dispute resolution methods? Can Morocco play any role in that respect? Does it bring in some new cultural and economic elements to the current framework of dispute resolutions for practitioners which they should be prepared for, while the first BRI-related disputes are already coming up in Asia?

#### **Panelists:**

Dr. Jalal El Ahdab, Patner, Bird & Bird AARPI, Chair of the CIArb European Branch, Paris

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