



The Role of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Intellectual Property (IP) Protection, and Innovation in Advancing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for Sustainable Development

September 1 - 2, 2025

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Day 1 Monday, September 1, 2025

08:00 - 08:30	Breakfast and Networking
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:10	Conference Chair Welcome Remarks Ahmed Essa Al-Sulaiti President International Law Association GCC Branch Lecturer College of Law, HBKU
09:10 - 09:20	Opening Remarks Ignacio de Castro Llamas Director of the Arbitration and Mediation Center IP & Innovation Ecosystems Sector World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Dr. Susan L. Karamanian Dean College of Law, HBKU
09:20 - 09:35	Keynote Speech HE Dr. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Sayed Minister of State for Foreign Trade Affairs Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI)
09:35 - 09:45	Photo Session / Short Break



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09:45 - 10:45

Session 1

Aligning Intellectual Property (IP) Rights with Economic Governance and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): International and Comparative Perspectives

Moderator

Dr. Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN

Professor and UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development
College of Law, HBKU

Speakers

Dr. Aniruddha Rajput

Distinguished Professor of Law
National Law University, Delhi
Barrister and Consultant
Withers LLP, London

Iain Sandford

Partner
Foley Hoag, Paris and Geneva

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Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria

Fatma Ali Al-Khater

Co-founder and CEO
Torba Market
Head
Qatar Africa Business Forum



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Session 2

Efficiency of Mediation and Arbitration in Resolving
IP and Technology Disputes: Examples from WIPO
Arbitration and Mediation Center and the Region

Moderator

AlAnoud Al-Mosleh

Head of Economic Research and Policy Advocacy
Investment Promotion Agency (Invest Qatar)

Speakers

Ignacio de Castro Llamas

Director of the Arbitration and Mediation Center
IP & Innovation Ecosystems Sector
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Ahmed Essa Al-Sulaiti

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Myriam Eid

Head of Arbitration and ADR Practice
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Dr. Zain Al Abdin Sharar

Senior Legal Counsel
Qatar International Court (QICDRC)

11:45 - 13:00

Lunch Break



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13:00 - 14:00

Session 3

Advancing Intellectual Property and Sustainable
Development Policies in Qatar and the Region

Moderator

Dr. Georgios Dimitropoulos

Professor and Associate Dean for Research

College of Law, HBKU

Chairholder

World Trade Organization Chair, HBKU

Speakers

Dr. Susan L. Karamanian

Dean

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Sidra Medicine

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Day 2 Tuesday, September 2, 2025

08:00 - 08:30	Breakfast and Networking
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:05	Conference Chair Welcome Remarks Ahmed Essa Al-Sulaiti President International Law Association GCC Branch Lecturer College of Law, HBKU
09:05 - 10:00	Session 4 Litigation in Intellectual Property (IP) Disputes and Court-referred Mediation Moderator Ahmed Essa Al-Sulaiti President International Law Association GCC Branch Lecturer College of Law, HBKU Speakers Faisal Rashid Al Sahouti Chief Executive Officer Qatar International Court (QICDRC) Ignacio de Castro Llamas Director of the Arbitration and Mediation Center IP & Innovation Ecosystems Sector World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Honorable Judge Dr. Nehad Alhusban Judge The Supreme Court of Jordan Mohammed bin Lahdan Al Hassan Al Mohannadi Chairman Qatar Experts and Arbitrators for Awareness and Culture Association



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10:00 - 11:00

Session 5

Innovating for the Future: Strengthening Research and IP Frameworks to Achieve Qatar's National Development Strategy (NDS3) Goals

Moderator

Mohammed Ahmed AlSheraim

Second Legal Researcher

Intellectual Property Rights Protection Department

Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI)

Speakers

HE Sheikha Hanouf Abdulrahman Al-Thani

Director of International Organizations Department

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Director of Research and Advocacy

Qatar Research, Development, and Innovation Council (QRDI Council)

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Secretary of the Board and Legal Advisor

Qatar Foundation

Elena Athwal

S.J.D. Candidate

College of Law, HBKU

Founder and CEO

ICELIS Global

Chair of the Energy Transition Working Group

ICC Qatar Environment and Energy Commission and Al Attiyah Foundation

11:00 - 12:15

Lunch Break



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12:15 - 13:15

Session 6

Intellectual Property, Sports Law (including e-Sports), and ADR:
Insights from Qatar's Relationship with FIFA and Going Beyond

Moderator

Mohammad ElSaid

Director of MENA Legal Affairs

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Speakers

Ignacio de Castro Llamas

Director of the Arbitration and Mediation Center

IP & Innovation Ecosystems Sector

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Dana bint Mohammed Al Nuaimi

Executive Director of Legal Affairs and General Counsel

Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy

Member of the Dispute Resolution Chamber

FIFA Football Tribunal

13:15 - 13:30

Closing Statements

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