

ICCA-KIAC CONFERENCE

5 JUNE 2025 | KIGALI, RWANDA

Young ICCA skills training workshop on 6 June 2025

THEME:

**"AFRICA&INTERNATIONAL
ARBITRATION: UNTOLD STORIES"**



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INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

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KIGALI INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE

Efficiency in Disputes Resolution



INTRODUCTION

Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC) is the premier arbitral institution in Rwanda, established in 2010 and officially launched in 2012 as an autonomous and non-profit making institution mandated to provide institutional infrastructure for administering Arbitration, Mediation and other Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Services. The establishment of KIAC was an initiative of Rwanda's Private Sector, which met the political support of the Government of Rwanda given the Centre's contribution to the Government of Rwanda's investment and business climate reforms.

The International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) is a worldwide membership-based organisation devoted to promoting the use and improving the processes of arbitration, conciliation and other forms of dispute resolution. ICCA activities include convening congresses and conferences, sponsoring authoritative dispute resolution publications, and promoting the harmonization of arbitration and conciliation rules, laws, procedures and standards.

We are delighted to announce that ICCA and the Kigali International Arbitration Centre will host a 2025 ICCA-KIAC Conference themed **“AFRICA & INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION: UNTOLD STORIES”** on 5th to 6th June 2025 at the Kigali Convention Centre/Kigali-Rwanda. This will see the gathering of around 500 preeminent arbitration practitioners, judges, lawyers, academics and other professionals from across the world. The ICCA-KIAC Conference taking place on Thursday the 5th June 2025 will be followed by a Young ICCA workshop on Friday, 6 June, with additional side-events taking place on 4 and 6 June 2025. The Conference will feature discussions and workshops at which the theory and practice of international arbitration is explored at the highest level. We expect the Conference and related events to attract global attention from the legal profession and industry, and to receive extensive coverage in the specialist press and wider media.

This is a must-attend event for the business community, policy and decision makers on ADR and legal professionals interested in current legal frameworks, debates and developments in international arbitration in Rwanda, Africa and beyond.

ABOUT THE HOST COUNTRY, RWANDA

Rwanda is a country known for its breathtaking scenery, often referred to as the land of a thousand hills. The International Congress and Convention Association ranks Rwanda as the second most popular country, and Kigali as the second most popular city in Africa for hosting international conferences and events (2023).

Rwanda's popularity as a preferred MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) destination streams from its simplified visa process that allows nationals of every country in the world to get a visa on arrival in addition to its easy accessibility, due to the multitude of flight options offering connectivity to Kigali and the rest of Africa. Furthermore, the presence of the range of world-class MICE venues continues to enhance Rwanda as a top MICE destination.

KEY FACTS TO KNOW ABOUT RWANDA

One of the Greenest destinations on Earth – 15th out of the 20 world's greenest destinations on earth (WTG, 2020)

Ranked best in the region (1st out of 34 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa) & 41st globally in the 2023 Rule of Law Index by World Justice Project WJP)

High level of safety and security (2nd safest place in Africa and 5th safest country to walk at night worldwide)

2nd fastest growing economy in Africa (7.5% p.a. since 2007)

2nd for doing business in Africa

9th Best place to be a woman globally – (Global Gender Gap Index – 2020)

Perfect weather throughout the year (between 14°C and 28°C annually)



KIGALI CITY

Ideally positioned in the Centre of Rwanda, Kigali is a relatively new city. It was founded as an administrative outpost in 1907, and became the capital of the country at independence in 1962. The verdant capital city is pleasantly dynamic and progressive, with around 1,3 million inhabitants.

There is a burgeoning art scene, as well as a growing number of options to dine out and have a few drinks, many with charming panoramic views.

Kigali is developing rapidly, with new shopping malls, office buildings and of course, the Convention Centre which lights up the night sky a top one of the many hills.

Kigali offers delegates a unique Africa experience guaranteeing classic modernity, exceptional cleanliness and safety.



THE VENUE

The iconic Kigali Convention Centre (KCC), is the premium events venue in Rwanda since its opening in 2016 and a hugely popular MICE destination in the East African region.

KCC's multi-functionality and various facilities assist in hosting major exhibitions, conferences, summits, sports and social occasions, or the most cozy boardroom meetings.

With a net floor area of 32,200 m², KCC can host more than 5,000 delegates at a time and contains facilities for business, leisure and events.

A wide variety of gastronomical facilities are offered to the guests such as Auditorium Club, the exclusive Business Class Lounge, Piazza Bar & Filini Restaurant, a passionately Italian restaurant that provides a unique mix of sophistication and casual design.



REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registration Rates By 31st March 2025

\$200 - ICCA Members	\$200 - KIAC Members
\$130 - Judges - Academics & Students	\$235 - Others (None Members)

Regular Registration Rates From 1st April 2025 onwards

\$250 - ICCA Members	\$250 - KIAC Members
\$180 - Judges - Academics & Students	\$285 - Others (None Members)

NOTE:

- The Registration fee amount is tax inclusive
- Registration fees shall be paid online through our online payment portal/link <https://kiac.org.rw/pop.php>; or
- Bank transfer to Bank and Bank Account: i&M Rwanda Plc **25042751002 (US Dollars)** For Kigali international arbitration center (KIAC); **swift code: IMRWRWRW**

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