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Mediation and Energy Transition:

How mediation, which is now booming, can contribute to the evolution of the practices of States and companies at the time of the energy transition and reduce its related conflicts?

Seminar presented by the UIA Mediation and Conflicts Prevention Commission in collaboration with the Kuwait Bar Association

**MONDAY,
APRIL 14
& TUESDAY,
APRIL 15, 2025**



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Introduction

In response to the climate challenge and its imperative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the transition process (environmental, energy, etc.) at work is disrupting societies and economies. This is due to the power and irreversibility of the transformations it implies, particularly in hydrocarbon-exporting countries forced to rethink their economic and social model.

The challenges to be met are immense to carry out the transition, within a tight timetable given the worsening of climate change and its dramatic consequences. In this perspective, it is imperative to anticipate and manage the broad-spectrum conflict of the transition as best we can, in the interest of States, companies and citizens.

Dialogue between stakeholders is essential and is at the heart of sustainability policies, whether international, regional or local. The place of mediation, in this context, is central.

The conference, jointly organised by the Mediation and Conflict Prevention Commission and the Kuwaiti National Committee of the UIA, aims to explain – by adopting a multidisciplinary and transnational approach – the complexity of the transition and how mediation can support it.

Mark your diaries now, save the date and make sure to register!
We are looking forward to welcoming you to Kuwait City!

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Monday, April 14, 2025

13:30 – 14:00	REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS KUWAIT BAR ASSOCIATION Bnaid Algar, Block 3, Alsoor Street, Lawyers Building, Kuwait City
13:30 – 14:00	NETWORKING SESSION <i>During this session, the participants will give a presentation of themselves. The aim is to extend their network internationally for future engagements, to meet lawyers from around the world and to share their experience of managing law firms.</i>
14:00 – 14:30	WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR
DAY 1 – MEDIATION: AN ESSENTIAL INSTRUMENT FOR PREVENTING AND RESOLVING CONFLICTS OF ALL KINDS, WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP BY MOST STATES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACTORS AT THE INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS.	
14:30 – 16:30	SESSION I: Mediation, an Essential Instrument for Preventing and Resolving Conflicts of all Kinds <i>Moderator & Speakers to be confirmed.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notion of conflict / cost and opportunities of conflict / evolution of the contemporary approach to conflict, more solution-oriented: preventing and resolving a conflict issue effectively and quickly in its multiple dimensions - Mediation: definition, contextualization, spirit of mediation, logic, advantages and added-value, process - The different types of mediation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depending on the degree of maturation of the conflict: project mediation (prevention, defusing of a potential or germinating conflict, support/fluidification of a change/transformation process) and mediation for the resolution of an existing conflict • Depending on the types of conflicts and the issues involved: mediation in armed conflicts (inter and intra-state), commercial, investment, environmental, social, family mediation, etc. <p>The protagonists of mediation and their respective roles depending on the context (judicial, extrajudicial, etc.) in which the mediation takes place: parties (States, companies, NGOs, individuals), lawyers, mediators, experts, judges, arbitrators, stakeholders in the broad sense</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on the role of the mediator and the usefulness of the presence of a neutral third party to organize and facilitate discussions by creating the conditions for a constructive dialogue allowing the identification of structuring issues and their solution • Focus on the role of the lawyer in mediation: before mediation (choice to use it and preparation), during mediation (assistance to the client, negotiation, strategy, formalization of the agreement, etc.), after mediation (monitoring of the execution of the agreement, possible recourse, etc.) - The place of mediation in the landscape of dispute resolution methods / illustration of the different methods / the articulation of mediation with arbitration
16:00 – 16:30	COFFEE BREAK

16:30 – 17:30	<p>SESSION II: State of Play (Legal and Institutional) of Mediation at the International and Regional Levels</p> <p><i>Moderator & Speakers to be confirmed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most of the States of the world have legislated on mediation, to organize its insertion into the domestic legal order and to give its effectiveness to the agreement resulting from it: illustrations (legislation and appropriation of mediation by institutions, courts, the judicial community, economic actors and litigants in general): Europe, United States, China, Africa (OHADA Uniform Act on Mediation) - Focus on the Middle East: state of play of mediation legislation in the main countries of the region (including Kuwait) and practices - The Singapore Convention on Mediation: towards the emergence of transactional justice at the international level - The offer of mediation (commercial, investment) at the international and regional levels: institutions, type of disputes, economic sectors concerned, issues involved. Comparison with arbitration and articulation of the arbitration/mediation offer by the main arbitral institutions; hybridization of procedures (see arbitration and mediation rules)
17:30 – 19:00	WORKSHOP: Practical case of mediation
19:00	DINNER at the Kuwait Bar Association - Kindly offered by the Kuwait Bar Association

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

13:30 – 14:00	<p>REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS</p> <p>KUWAIT BAR ASSOCIATION - Bnaid Algar, Block 3, Alsoor Street, Lawyers Building, Kuwait City</p>
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DAY 2 – MEDIATION IN SUPPORT OF THE TRANSITIONS – ECONOMIC AND ENERGY – IMPOSED BY THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND THE MITIGATION OF THEIR RELATED HUMAN IMPACTS

14:00 – 16:00	<p>SESSION III: The Climate Crisis and the Transition Imperative</p> <p><i>Moderator & Speakers to be confirmed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The climate crisis: nature, manifestations, impact, environmental, economic and social consequences - The imperative of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to contain warming and minimize the impacts of climate change / prevention and adaptation approaches - Presentation of major international texts on environmental and climate issues. Focus on the Paris Agreement, the COP / Review of the COP 28 in Dubai + COP 29 in Bakou, the European Green Deal - The energy transition to respond to the climate crisis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition concept and its declination: climate transition, ecological transition, energy transition, economic transition • Focus on the energy transition: reducing the consumption of fossil fuels, developing non-fossil fuels (nuclear and renewables), decarbonizing economies • Focus on the economic transition, applied to the member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC): preparing for the post-oil era, diversifying economies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Breakdown of the main plans put in place by the GCC countries and structuring measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Saudi Arabia (Vision 2030) ▪ Qatar (Qatar National Vision 2030) ▪ United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi Vision 2030) ▪ Oman (Oman Vision 2040) ▪ Bahrain (Economic Vision 2030) ○ Focus on Kuwait's plan (Kuwait Vision 2035): guidelines, priority sectors, main achievements at the institutional, industrial, energy and societal levels.
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16:00 – 16:30	COFFEE BREAK
16:30 – 18:30	<p>SESSION IV: Transition-Induced Conflicts and Ways to Prevent and Manage Them</p> <p><i>Moderator & Speakers to be confirmed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impact of the energy transition for the global economy and for the economy of the Middle East: - Changes in trade flows: reduced demand for fossil fuels, increased demand for renewable energy technologies... - Changes in financial flows: evolution of Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) according to investment opportunities and FDI reception capacities at the local level (infrastructure, legislation – including in terms of ADR/mediation, etc.), abandonment of certain sectors (polluting and high-carbon industries, etc.) ... - Geopolitical dynamics: redefinition of alliances (energy, military, technological, etc.), access to resources, etc. - Maps of the main conflicts related to the climate crisis and the transition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A broad-spectrum conflictuality, both at the macro and micro levels: conflicts of economic interests (competition between industries), territorial conflicts, environmental conflicts related to the deployment of transition infrastructure, geopolitical conflicts related to the capture of the resources necessary for the transition, financial conflicts (earmarking of public subsidies, investment decisions at the intra-company level, etc.), social conflicts, internal and international migration • Conflict within the commercial economic ecosystem of companies: resistance to change (governance, management, etc.), investment conflicts, conflicts with business partners (upstream and downstream) and customers, strategic conflicts (diversification, profit vs. sustainability) • The challenge of decarbonizing the value chain - Mediation: an essential instrument to make the transition process more fluid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The promotion of dialogue at the heart of policies in favor of sustainable development: Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria, duty of vigilance, the concept of stakeholders, the necessary multidisciplinary and holistic approach, identification and reconciliation of common and opposing interests in complex environments... • The argument of efficiency and speed in a constrained climate calendar • The argument of the response to the massiveness and complexity of the measures (political, economic, social, environmental) imposed by the transition and their deployment
18:30 – 19:00	CLOSING REMARKS
19:00	<p>DINNER at the Kuwait Bar Association</p> <p><i>Kindly offered by the Kuwait Bar Association</i></p>

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Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Seminar documentation on the UIA Website www.uianet.org
- Coffee breaks on April 14 & 15
- Dinners on April 14 & 15

Please note that the number of places at the seminar is limited. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registrations in the event of excess applications.

In order for your name to appear in the **list of participants**, which will be distributed during the seminar, your registration form must be received by **April 7** at the latest. An updated electronic list will be sent by email to all the participants after the seminar.

HOTEL RESERVATION

A limited number of rooms have been pre-booked at a preferential rate. Reservations should be made directly through the hotel. Credit card details must be given in order to secure your reservation. Please note that the number of rooms is limited. We recommend that you proceed with your reservations as soon as possible.

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UIA CANCELLATION CONDITIONS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

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All cancellations will be subject to a 20% processing fee and must be sent in writing to the UIA (Union Internationale des Avocats) **no later than March 14, 2025**. No refund will be made for cancellations received after this date.

Participants who have paid the total registration fee and who are unable to attend the seminar personally may send a colleague as a substitute after informing the UIA. A €50 processing fee will be charged.

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Anyone who requires a visa invitation letter in order to attend the seminar should register and pay their registration fees **no later than March 14, 2025** to ensure there is enough time to obtain a visa.

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If you register after this date, only 50% of the amount paid minus €50 + VAT to cover administrative costs will be refunded for cancellations due to visa refusals. All cancellations due to a visa refusal must be sent in writing and reach the UIA **before the seminar**. Cancellations must be accompanied by **a proof of visa refusal**. If your visa is issued after the seminar date or if you do not have proof of visa refusal, you will not be entitled to a refund.

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It is the responsibility of participants to ensure compliance with police, customs and health formalities for their journey. Participants unable to take part in the seminar because of their inability to take a flight or any other means of transportation due to being unable to provide the documents required (passport, visa, vaccination certificate, etc.) cannot claim any reimbursement.

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“Force majeure” means any events external to the parties, of both an unforeseeable and insurmountable nature, that prevents either the client or the participants, or the agency or service providers involved in organising the seminar, from executing all or part of the obligations provided for in the present agreement. By express agreement, “force majeure” includes but is not limited to of a strike affecting the means of transport, hotel staff, air traffic controllers; an insurrection; a riot; an epidemic or pandemic; or any prohibition whatsoever decreed by governmental or public authorities.

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B. SEMINAR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Please indicate below whether you plan to attend the following events **included** in the cost of your registration.

Dinner – Monday, April 14

Dinner – Tuesday, April 15

C. TOTAL

Total (A) – Registration Fees	€.....
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