

CRCICA's Activities for the AfAA March 2021 Newsletter

From Third Quarter 2020 until Mid-February 2021

CRCICA is proud to continue showing high levels of excellence under the leadership of its devoted Director Dr. Ismail Selim.

In November 2020, CRCICA's Board of Trustees unanimously voted on the **renewal of Dr. Ismail Selim's mandate as Director of CRCICA for a second 4-year term ends in 2024.**

It is worth saying that, Dr. Selim is a founding member of the AfAA Board of Directors and a frequent speaker and panelist in distinguishes African events.



CRCICA Caseload

On 15 February 2021, the total number of cases filed before the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration ("CRCICA") reached 1467 cases, with 25 new cases filed since 1 December 2020.

The cases related to various sectors, including Construction, Tourism & Hospitality, Oil & Gas, Corporate Restructuring, Telecommunications, Media & Entertainment, Civil Aviation, Real Estate Development and Public Procurement.

Parties involved in these cases came from Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, the UK and the UAE.

The language of the proceedings was Arabic in 22 cases, while English was the language of the proceedings for 3 cases.

Arbitrators appointed during this period hailed from Cameroon, Canada, Egypt, France and Lebanon.

Since 1 December 2020, CRCICA has hosted 19 hearings. Of these 19 hearings, 4 hearings were held with partial in-person attendance and remote attendance, 5 hearings were held via videoconference and the rest of the hearings were held in-person (while respecting the Centre's social distancing measures).



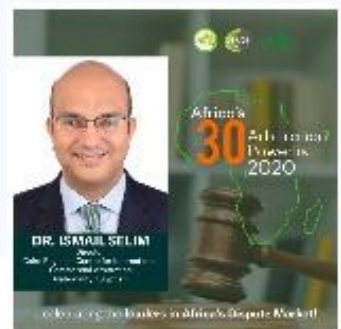
- On 15 February 2021, CRCICA was selected **Featured Member of the Week** by the African Arbitration Association.

Awards and Recognitions



Profession: Arbitration Institution

- In February 2021, CRCICA's Director Dr. Ismail Selim was selected by the Africa Arbitration Academy among **Africa's 30 Arbitration Power list 2020**.



- In December 2020, **CRCICA** was the **Winner of the 2020 AfAA Awards in the Categories of Diversity Champion and African Institution of the year.**



- In December 2020, **CRCICA** was recognized as one of **Africa's 30 Arbitration Power list by the Association of Young Arbitrators (AYA)**



CRCICA's Contributions to Africa

- CRCICA has been exclusively chosen as the arbitral institution in the Headquarters Agreement between the Confederation of African Football (CAF) and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt (ARE). The arbitration clause before CRCICA reflects the core role of CRCICA as the oldest arbitral institution in Africa as well as the privileges of the alternative dispute resolution of sports-related disputes. The Agreement was published in Egypt's Official Gazette on 4 August 2020.



- Within CRCICA’s efforts to support ties with Africa, on 18 January 2021, CRCICA hosted at its premises a top delegation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) headed by H.E. Mr. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General of the AfCFTA as well as representatives of the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs including the Deputy Director of the African Organizations and Groups.



- CRCICA as well was a supporter for the Racial Equality for Arbitration Lawyers (REAL) launched in January 2021 aiming at addressing inequities with respect to racial equality among legal practitioners, with a focus on arbitration practitioners and arbitrators.



CRCICA’s Contributions to International Events

- On 6 January 2021, CRCICA Supported and was represented by Ms. Fatma Ibrahim, CRCICA’s Mediation Special Advisor, at the webinar on “International Settlement Agreement - New Perspectives Post Singapore Convention” organized by Panthéon-Assas University Paris II.





- On 8-12 February 2021, Ms. Rabab Yasseen, Member of CRCICA's Advisory Committee, at the 40th UNCITRAL WG III on Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement, represented CRCICA.

- On 3 November 2020, CRCICA was a media partner for the webinar on: "A GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES TO DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN EGYPT" hosted by HKA, Al Dahbashi Gray, Duane Morris LLP and Roger ter Haar QC. Dr. Ismail Selim, Director of CRCICA, delivered the keynote address.



CRCICA's physical and virtual Events

CRCICA organized co-organized, hosted and supported vital physical and virtual events; inter alia:

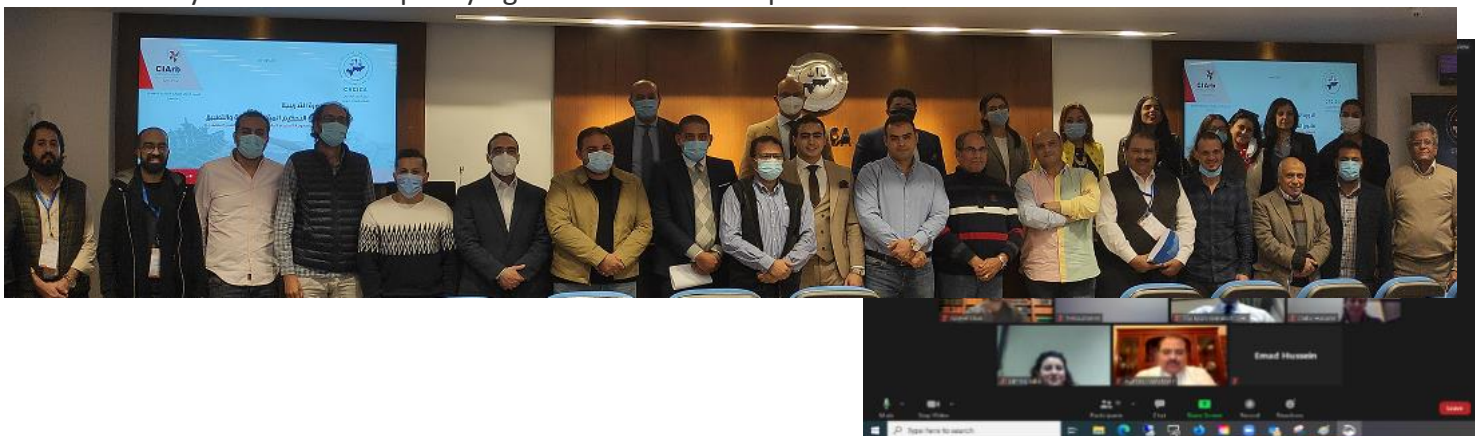
- On 27 January 2021, CRCICA organized the second episode of CRCICA-Macchi di Cellere Gangemi webinar Series on the international protection of Foreign Investors between Contract and Treaty.



- On 18-20 January 2021, CRCICA organized and hosted the first Round of International Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH Training course.



- On 15 February CRCICA hosted CCI Francaise en Egypte - Alexandria Branch webinar on : The Future of E-Commerce
- On 5-12 December 2021, CRCICA organized a Training Course on “Comparative Commercial Arbitration – Theory and Practice” qualifying for the membership of the CI Arb.



- During late November 2020 and early December 2020, CRCICA organized jointly with Arbitrate University the virtual course on Online Arbitration: Best Practices and Avoiding Pitfalls.

- On 14 Dec 2020, CRCICA co-organized the AUC virtual Course on Principles of International Contracts & Arbitration.



- CRCICA was a Media partner for interesting Tag Time Season 3 webinars



Events co-organized and hosted by CRCICA jointly with the CIArb Egypt Branch focusing on the following topics:

- Investment treaty reform in times of COVID-19: a policy perspective, on 3 February 2021



- Withdrawal of a Court of Cassation decision, an exception on Res Judicata, on 13 January 2021



- DABs v DRBs - Answers to Frequently Asked Questions, on 19 December 2020 (jointly with the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF))

 A promotional poster for a webinar. At the top, it features logos for CI Arb, CICCICA, and DRBF, along with a '40 YEARS 1979-2019 ANNIVERSARY' badge. The title is 'Webinar DABs v DRBs - Answers to Frequently Asked Questions'. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text describing the event, mentioning speakers Dr. Ahmed Waly and Ms. Elizabeth Tipin, and a moderator Ms. Ann Russo. It also includes a deadline for questions: 'Please submit your questions by December 15 to aruno@ciarb.org'. At the bottom, there are two columns: 'SPEAKERS' with photos and names of Dr. Ahmed Waly and Ms. Elizabeth Tipin, and 'MODERATOR' with a photo and name of Ms. Ann Russo.

- Private-Public Arbitration, with Special Reference to PPP Contracts in the MENA Region, on 13 December 2020

