

The Hottest Seat in International Arbitration Debate



About the event

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Thailand Branch and the Thailand Arbitration Center are pleased to invite you to the second edition of "The Hottest Seat in International Arbitration Debate."

Each speaker will represent a leading seat of international arbitration and make the case for why their seat is the most desirable. Participants will vote at the end, and the in-person session will be followed by a cocktail reception, courtesy of Rajah & Tann (Thailand).

The choice of seat is one of the most important decisions parties make in any arbitration agreement. The seat determines the *lex arbitri*, the supervisory court, the grounds for setting aside an award, and the nationality of the award for purposes of the New York Convention. Three years on from the first edition, the competitive landscape has evolved – and so has the debate.

Date & time

23 June 2026

Hybrid event

Registration: 18:00 BKT (GMT+7)

Debate: 18:30 – 20:00 BKT, hybrid

Cocktail Networking: 20:00 BKT onwards (in-person attendees)

In-Person at Rajah & Tann (Thailand)

Venue

Rajah & Tann (Thailand) 973 President Tower, 14th Floor, Ploen Chit Road Lumpini, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330

Venue and cocktail Sponsor

Rajah & Tann (Thailand)

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Thailand**

Registration

To book your place, please click [here](#)
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Speakers



Nicky Balani

*Director of the Arbitration
& Mediation, Thailand
Arbitration Center*

Opening Remarks



Dr Roland Amoussou

*Vovan & Associés,
Author. The Seat is King*

Moderator



Anita Natalia

Independent Arbitrator

Jurisdiction: Kuala Lumpur



James Rix

Nishimura & Asahi

Jurisdiction: London



Wichitta Taveekitsopon

Rajah & Tann (Thailand)

Jurisdiction: Bangkok



Gerard Kwek

PDLegal

Jurisdiction: Singapore



Ian Johnston

Wotton Kearney

Jurisdiction: Hong Kong



Tim Meng

GoldenGate Lawyers

Jurisdiction: Beijing



Dr Vanina Sucharitkul

Rajah & Tann (Singapore)

Jurisdiction: Paris