

Dubai Arbitration Week 2026

Ciarb UAE Branch Congress



Sponsorship Opportunities

Date	Monday 9 November 2026
Venue	Waldorf Astoria Dubai International Financial Centre

Welcome to the Ciarb UAE Branch DAW 2026 Congress. For 2026, our flagship Dubai Arbitration Week event expands into a full-day congress, bringing together (insert number) Young Members Group (YMG) debates, a joint networking lunch, three main committee panels, and an early evening cocktail reception. This full-day structure offers delegates and sponsors exceptional engagement across all levels of the dispute resolution profession.

Ciarb UAE Branch Congress Overview

Programme	
09:30am – 12:30 pm	Ciarb YMG Debate Series
12:30pm – 01:30 pm	Networking Lunch (Joint Lunch uniting YMG and Main Congress delegates)
01:30pm – 6:00 pm	Main Committee Panels (Panels 1, 2 & 3 with networking coffee breaks)
6:00pm – 7:30 pm	Cocktail Reception

Ciarb UAE Branch Congress Overview

09:30 am – 12:30 pm | Ciarb YMG Debate Series

Sponsorship Slot Available: Ciarb YMG Debate Series Sponsor (AED 5,000 incl. VAT) Featuring sharp, fast-paced debate sessions on cutting-edge arbitration topics led by rising legal talent. Designed for younger practitioners, associates, and future leaders in regional dispute resolution.

Afternoon Programme: Main Committee Panels

12:30 pm – 01:30 pm | Networking Lunch

Exclusive Sponsorship Available: 'The Networking Lunch, sponsored by [Firm]' (AED 12,000) – includes 1 or 2-minute opening remarks by sponsor firm representative.

Joint delegate lunch uniting YMG participants, panellists, and main committee congress delegates in the Waldorf Astoria dining area

Afternoon Programme: Main Committee Panels

01:30 pm – 02:40 pm | Panel 1: The Future of ADR – Adjudication, Mediation and Arbitration

Gold Congress Sponsor Slot Available – Session Association named as 'sponsored by [Firm]', with 2-minutes topic introduction by Firm representative.

As parties seek faster, more commercial and less adversarial ways of managing disputes, this panel will examine whether adjudication, mediation and arbitration are fulfilling their promise. Are adjudication, mediation and arbitration competing for the same disputes, or should they be viewed as complementary tools within a modern dispute resolution framework? Panellists will explore how these processes can work together to deliver earlier and more effective outcomes, whether current dispute resolution clauses remain fit for purpose, how the next generation of dispute resolution clauses should be drafted, and what the future of ADR may look like as technology, AI and evolving commercial expectations reshape how disputes are managed and resolved.

02:40 pm – 03:00 pm | Afternoon Coffee & Networking Break

Coffee Break Sponsor Slot Available – AED 6,000

03:00 pm – 04:20 pm | Panel 2: Proving the Impact: The Expert, the Advocate and the Tribunal

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As regional geopolitical tensions, supply-chain disruptions and increasingly complex giga-projects reshape the disputes landscape, are traditional approaches to proving claims keeping pace? With the potential for a new wave of high-value disputes involving multiple parties, overlapping causes of delay and increasingly complex financial consequences, the role of

expert evidence is becoming ever more critical. Bringing together experts, legal counsel and arbitrators, this panel will explore the challenges of establishing causation and quantifying the impact of major project disruptions, and whether emerging technologies, AI and advanced data analytics are transforming how claims are investigated, substantiated and tested. Can these tools deliver more reliable and persuasive evidence, or do they introduce new challenges for experts, advocates and tribunals?

04:20 pm – 04:50 pm | Refreshment Break

Coffee Break Sponsor Slot Available – AED 6,000

04:50 pm – 06:10 pm | Panel 3: The Future of Ciarb in the UAE: Meeting the Needs of a Changing Profession

Exclusive Sponsorship Available: 'The Cocktail Reception, hosted by [Firm]' (AED 12,000) – includes 2 minutes remarks at close of Panel 3 inviting delegates to reception.

As the UAE continues to strengthen its position as a leading global dispute resolution hub, this panel will explore the evolving value of Ciarb membership and the role of the Institute in supporting practitioners at every stage of their careers. Bringing together voices from Ciarb leadership, the Board of Trustees and the membership community, the discussion will examine what members value most, how expectations are changing, the significance of chartered status in today's ADR market, and how Ciarb and its UAE Branch can continue to foster professional development, engagement and excellence for the future.

06:10 pm – 07:30 pm | Evening Cocktail Reception

Exclusive Sponsorship Available: 'The Cocktail Reception, hosted by [Firm]' (AED 12,000) – includes 1-minute remarks at close of Panel 3 inviting delegates to reception.

The Congress concludes with an exclusive networking cocktail reception hosted at the Waldorf Astoria DIFC for all delegates, speakers, panellists, and sponsors.

Sponsorship Opportunities at a Glance

Package	Price	Availability	Key Sponsorship Benefits & Rights
Gold Congress Sponsor	20,000	1 Law Firm 1 Industry Firm	Afternoon Session Association + 1-min topic intro; 50-word firm profile in programme; website logo link & pre-event emails; slideshow branding; promotional materials space; social media post; 2 front-row reserved seats; premium logo placement; featured newsletter interview.
Silver Congress Sponsor	14,000	Limited to 3	Dedicated programme mention; logo on sponsorship page; email & slideshow branding; promotional materials space; social media post; newsletter article contribution.
Bronze Congress Sponsor	9,000	Limited to 4	Programme mention; logo on sponsorship page & pre-event emails; slideshow signage; inclusion in collective social media thank-you.
Networking Lunch Sponsor	12,000	Exclusive (1)	Naming rights; 1–2 min opening remarks; lunch area signage & table placement.
Cocktail Reception Sponsor	12,000	Exclusive (1)	Naming rights; 1–2 min invitation remarks; drinks station signage; branded cups/napkins option; slideshow logo.
Coffee Break Sponsor	6,000 / break	1 per break	Named break in programme; verbal chair announcement; coffee station signage; branded cups/napkins option; slideshow logo.
YMG Debate Series Sponsor	5,000 incl. VAT	As offered	YMG marketing logo; 3 guaranteed audience places; AED 5,000 credit upgrade option to Congress package.

How to book your sponsorship package or register: To secure a sponsorship package or register for the Congress, please email your selected option to: Jinky Col long – UAE.admin@ciarb.org | jc_ciarb@yahoo.com. Key Confirmation Deadline: Please confirm hospitality packages by 12 October 2026 to ensure venue arrangements and sponsorship recognition can be finalized. Priority booking for Gold and Silver sponsors apply through 9 October 2026. Please provide a high-resolution logo when you confirm. If the event is cancelled or postponed due to circumstances beyond Ciarb's control, sponsors may choose either a full refund or transfer of their sponsorship to the rescheduled or another Ciarb UAE event.