



# Introduction to International Arbitration

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Registration Deadline:  
15 March, 2026



## **What is the aim of the course?**

To provide an understanding of the general principles of international arbitration and its relationship to other dispute resolution processes. The course will provide candidates with an introduction to the legal framework of, and good practice and procedure in, international arbitration in their jurisdiction.

## **What is covered within the syllabus?**

- Comparison of dispute resolution procedures;
- Fundamental principles of the international arbitration process;
- The UNCITRAL Model Law and Arbitration Rules;
- Arbitration rules: time-limited, institutional, industry standards, industry schemes and ad hoc agreements;
- Arbitration procedures: documents only and oral hearings;
- The legal framework: the importance of the seat, the New York Convention, procedural laws, and procedural rules;
- The arbitration agreement;
- Commencement of the arbitration;
- An arbitrator's jurisdiction and powers;
- The arbitration process: obligations of the tribunal, responsibilities and obligations of the parties; Managing the arbitration process: communications, preliminary meeting, interlocutory matters, dealing with factual and opinion evidence and disclosure of documents including introduction to the IBA Guidelines;
- Presenting the claim and the defence: alternative methods;
- Procedure at a typical hearing, including contrasting common and civil law jurisdictions;
- Costs and interest: alternative approaches in different jurisdictions;
- Essentials of an enforceable award.

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CANDIDATES)**



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## Who should attend?

The course is intended for candidates who:

- are new to the field of international arbitration;
- wish to learn more about international arbitration and its benefits to users;
- wish to become an Associate member of CIArb.

## What is CIArb's policy on cancellation of courses?

CIArb reserves the right to cancel or change the date, venue or content of programmes and the names of speakers, lecturers and tutors. Candidates will be provided with adequate notice of any change. If CIArb has to cancel a course, candidates will be provided with a full refund.

### COURSE TUTORS



#### Mr. Amrit Rajapakse

Mr. Amrit Rajapakse is a dispute resolution counsel, arbitrator and legal consultant with over two decades of experience in litigation and alternative dispute resolution in Sri Lanka. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Director of the CIArb Sri Lanka

Branch and a SIMI Accredited Mediator. Amrit has acted as tribunal chair, sole arbitrator and co-arbitrator in over 40 domestic and international arbitrations spanning construction, finance, agency and commercial disputes and is empaneled with leading institutions including the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center and the Maldives International Arbitration Centre. He has been recognized in the Chambers and Partners Asia-Pacific rankings for dispute resolution and has contributed to national ADR law reform initiatives including the recent Mediation (Civil and Commercial Disputes) Bill. Amrit is an active lecturer and speaker, committed to advancing best practices in arbitration and mediation.



#### Mr. J. Shanaka L. Cooray

Mr. J. Shanaka L. Cooray is an Attorney-at-Law with over twenty years of experience in commercial law, dispute resolution, and arbitration. He has been attached to the Chambers of Dr. J. Romesh De Silva, President's Counsel, since 2003, while also maintaining an independent practice. His work spans advising clients, commercial negotiations, drafting complex documentation, and appearing in the Superior Courts and Commercial High Court of Sri Lanka with a strong focus on intellectual property and commercial arbitration. Shanaka is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Director of the CIArb Sri Lanka Branch and a SIMI Accredited Mediator. He has been appointed as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator, chairperson of arbitral tribunals, and mediator in several commercial disputes, and has served as Convenor of the Ministry of Justice Expert Committee on Arbitration Law Reform in Sri Lanka. Shanaka is an empaneled arbitrator with the Thailand Arbitration Center (THAC) and the Mumbai Center for International Arbitration (MCIA).

## What is my next step when I complete the course?

On successful completion of this course, candidates:

- will be eligible to apply for **Associate grade of CIArb**, and take advantage of a range of educational and professional benefits
- may progress onto **Module 1 of the International Arbitration Pathway**
- will be awarded a **Certificate** by **CIArb Sri Lanka** and **BIAC**

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