

HKAW 2026 Calendar

Monday, 19 October

15:00 **HK45 Cruise at Victoria Harbour**

17:00 Central Pier

17:30 **HKAW Welcome Reception**

20:30 Popinjays, The Murray

Tuesday, 20 October

07:00 **Green Arbitration Morning Peak Hike**

09:00 Peak

09:00 **Emergency Arbitration in Asia: The Evolving Landscape**

10:30 HKIAC

11:00 **Arbitration in the Asian Century [Registration approval required]**

12:30 Centricity

13:00 **Distressed, Disputed, and Divided: Private Credit and How to Prepare for a Crisis**

14:30

Davis Polk office

Bridging Markets: Legal Perspectives on Russia–China Business and Disputes

HKIAC

The Expedited and Highly Expedited Arbitration Procedure (HEAP) in the 2026 ICC Rules; The Evidentiary Standard for Proving Corruption in International Arbitration

Skadden office

15:00 16:30	The Shifting Frontier: Super-Enforcement, Seat Strategy, and New Judicial Activism in the Multipolar Arbitration Era TBC The Lawyer Advocate Hong Kong 2026: Connecting Asia and the Middle East Through Law, Investment, Innovation & Legal Leadership The Hong Kong Club Facilitating Settlement in Arbitration - Practice, Pitfalls and Potential Nexus Hub
17:00 18:30	A Fractured World: Emerging Trends in International Dispute Resolution HKIAC Code, Clay, and Claims: Navigating Transactional Frontiers and Arbitral Disputes in Real-World Assets Fangda Partners office Anticipating the Fault Lines: Compressed Arbitrations, Parallel Proceedings, and Expert Evidence Pinsent Masons office
18:30 20:30	The 20th Kaplan Lecture by Anselmo Reyes The China Club

Wednesday, 21 October

07:30 09:00	Mindful Disruption: The Quiet Influence of Women in Arbitration HKIAC
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10:30

Expedited Arbitration and Generative AI: A Gateway to Efficiency or a Disaster Waiting to Happen?

A&O Shearman office (TBC)

Broken Dreams and Exit Wounds: Asian Private Capital Disputes Revisited

The American Club

Where Does the State End? Attribution, State-Owned Entities, and Sovereign Liability in ISDS

HKIAC

11:00

12:30

Confidentiality, Cybersecurity and Cross Border Transfer of Evidence and Data: Current Issues for Parties, Counsel, Arbitral Institutions and Arbitrators in International Arbitration

Rede Chambers

13:00

14:30

HKIAC China Session

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Protecting Investment for Chinese Companies in South-east Asia - The Role of Hong Kong and Singapore

HKIAC

When the Road Gets Rough: Disputes Arising from Chinese Infrastructure Investment in Europe and Beyond

Dentons office

15:00 16:30	Mind the Gap: Bridging Local Practice and International Standards in Arbitration BIAC HK office Arbitrating in the Digital Asset Era: Jurisdiction, Enforcement and Regulatory Risks Han Kun office AI, Analytics, and Authenticity: Managing Digital Evidence in Modern Arbitration HKIAC
17:00 18:30	Bordeaux Blunders [Registration approval required] King & Wood office Fast-Track and Expedited Arbitrations: Which Disputes Fit, What Challenges Arise, and Who Really Wants It? Skadden office Party Appointed Arbitrators - A Recipe for Bias? JSM office
19:30 21:00	Dine-Around TBC

Thursday, 22 October

08:45 16:30	ADR in Asia Conference 2026 - Arbitration: Recalibrating for the Future Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong
18:30 23:00	Hong Kong Arbitration Charity Ball Grand Ballroom, Regent Hotel

Friday, 23 October

09:00 **GAR Live Women in Arbitration Asia**

17:00 HKIAC

09:00 **Mah Jong of Arbitration: The Arbitrator's Hand – Playing the Winning Tiles in International Arbitration (TBC)**

10:30

JSM office

The Silk Net of Disputes: Weaving Patterns between Southeast Asia and Central Asia

HKIAC

11:00 **M&A Disputes and Criminality**

12:30

HKIAC

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13:00 **Young ICCA Debate**

14:30

TBC

Anatomy of Africa-Asia business and disputes trends

HKIAC

15:00 **Iteration and Assurance: Cross-Border Arbitration Practice under the New PRC Arbitration Law and the Amendment to the Hong Kong Arbitration Ordinance**

16:30

SHIAC HK office

Clash and Convergence: Legal Differences in International Arbitration

HKIAC

17:00

ELWI & Resolution Chambers

18:30

TBC

BITs & FTAs to the Rescue: Tips, Tricks, and War Stories of Investment Protection & Arbitration Worldwide

K&L Gates office (TBC)

18:00

HK45 Annual Pub Quiz

20:00

Clifford Chance office