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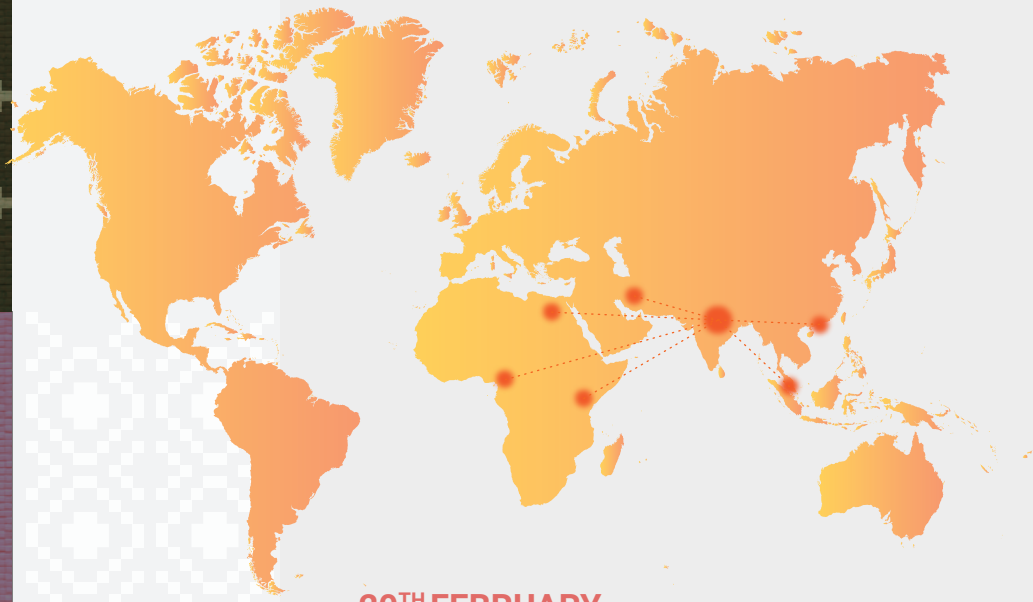
# AALCO ANNUAL ARBITRATION FORUM 2025

**EMPOWERING A RESILIENT ADR WORLD:  
REIGNITING REGIONAL ALLIANCE**

**20<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

Inspired by the spirit of AALCO, the AALCO Annual Arbitration Forum unites thought leaders and practitioners from Asia and Africa to engage in transformative dialogues aimed at shaping a resilient future for alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in the regions. As we embark on this new year, the Forum offers an inclusive space for in-depth discussions, examining the latest trends, opportunities and challenges in ADR. Together, we will explore how regional solidarity and alliance, through the sharing of best practices and innovative solutions, can drive significant empowerment in building a robust ADR framework that meets contemporary global developments.

Join us in this Forum as we champion the vision of strengthening cooperation and justice across borders!



**20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

- THE MAJESTIC HOTEL KUALA LUMPUR

**21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY**

- AIAC, BANGUNAN SULAIMAN

**9:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**9 CPD POINTS**  
**MALAYSIAN BAR**

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## PROGRAMME

### DAY 1 (The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur)

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration

10:10 – 10:15 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks** by YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan  
(*Director of the AIAC*)



10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Special Remarks** by YB Dato' Sri Azalina Othman Said  
(*Minister in the Prime Minister's Department  
(Law and Institutional Reform)*)



10:30 – 10:55 a.m. **Keynote Address** by H.E. Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol  
(*Secretary-General, Asian-African Legal Consultative  
Organization (AALCO)*)



10:55 – 11:00 a.m. **Official Launch** of the AALCO Annual Arbitration Forum 2025

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:45 p.m. **Asian-African Horizons: Mapping the Future of Investor-State Dispute Settlement**



**MODERATOR**  
Dato' Mary Lim  
Thiam Suan  
AIAC



H.E. Dr. Kamalinne  
Pinitpuvadol  
AALCO



Prof. Yuka Fukunaga  
School of Social Sciences,  
Waseda University Japan

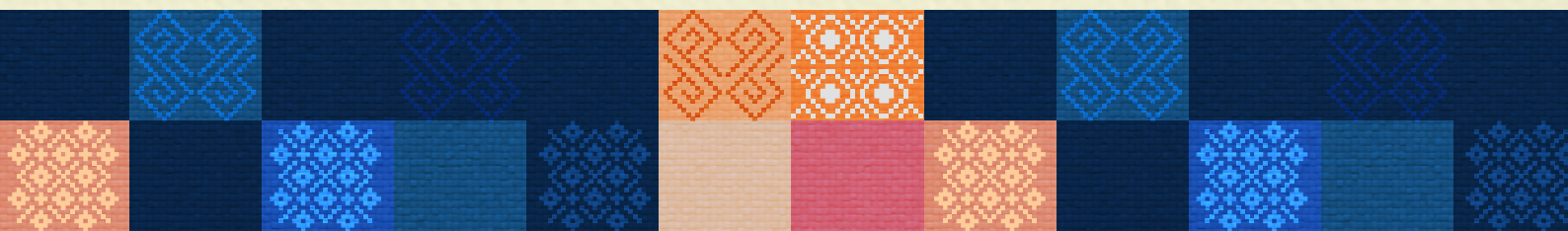


Ms. Kitty Zheng  
A&O Shearman



Mr. Rajendra  
Navaratnam  
Azman  
Davidson & Co

12:45 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch





**2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Navigating Multi-Tiered Dispute Resolution Clauses: Regional Perspectives and Challenges from the AALCO Standpoint**



**MODERATOR**  
**Mr. Nahendran Navaratnam**  
Navaratnam Chambers



**Ms. Caroline Thomas**  
Hauzen LLP



**Ms. Tan Swee Im**  
39 Essex Chambers



**Prof. Elijah Putilin**  
Independent Arbitrator

**3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Regional Alliance Leadership: Strengthening ADR in Asia and Africa**



**MODERATOR**  
**H.E. Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol**  
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**Datuk Almalena Sharmila Johan**  
AIAC



**Mr. Wilfred Ikatari**  
Regional Centre for  
International Commercial  
Arbitration Lagos



**Mr. Nick Chan**  
AALCO Hong Kong  
Regional Arbitration  
Centre



**Ms. Joy Maina**  
Nairobi Centre for  
International  
Arbitration

**5:00 – 7.30 p.m. Networking Reception**

## DAY 2 (AIAC, Bangunan Sulaiman)

**9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Breakfast**

**10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Tech-Driven ADR: Where Efficiency Meets Human Insights**



**MODERATOR**  
**Ms. Heather Yee**  
AIAC



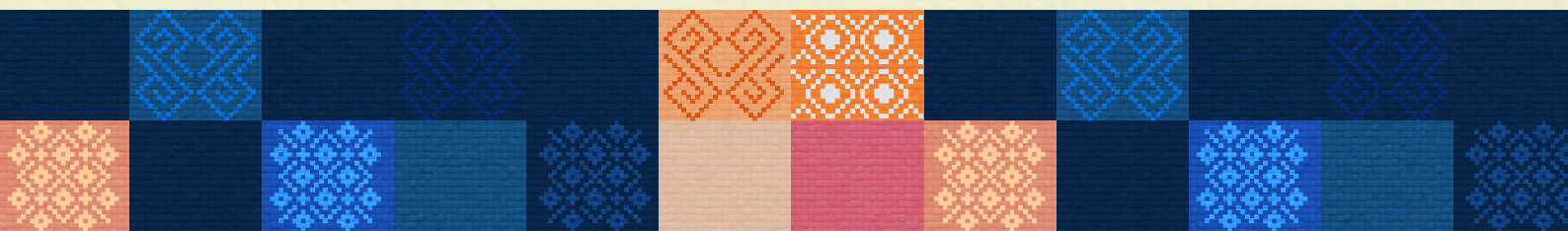
**Mr. Lee Ji En**  
Chambers Lab



**Mr. Abang Iwawan**  
Abang & Co.



**Mr. Huang Guoyong**  
Shenzhen Court of  
International Arbitration





**11:30 – 1:00 p.m. In Conversation with the Veterans: Empowering the Rising Generation**



**MODERATOR**  
**Mr. Lee Kai Jun**  
AIAC YPG's Co-Chair;  
Wayne Siang, Kai & Co



**Tan Sri Cecil Abraham**  
Cecil Abraham &  
Partners



**Dato' Mah Weng Kwai**  
MahWengKwai &  
Associates



**Prof. Robert Volterra**  
Volterra Fietta

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch

**2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Crossing Borders: The Recognition and Enforceability of Arbitral Awards in the AALCO Region**



**MODERATOR**  
**Mr. Zhu Yong**  
AALCO



**Prof. Emilia Onyema**  
SOAS Arbitration and Dispute  
Resolution Centre (SADRC)



**Ms. Kamilah Kasim**  
Rahmat Lim &  
Partners



**Mr. KC Lye**  
Breakpoint LLC

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Coffee Break

**4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Bridging Cooperation: The Influence of Arbitration in Shaping Regional Investment Dynamics**



**MODERATOR**  
**Mr. Andrea Carlevaris**  
AIAC Board of Directors;  
Bonelli Erede



**Mr. Anirudh Krishnan**  
AK Law  
Chambers



**Mr. Khoo Guan Huat**  
Khoo Chambers



**Ms. Crystal Wong**  
Lee Hishammuddin  
Allen & Gledhill



**Mr. Avinash Pradhan**  
Rajah & Tann  
Singapore LLP



**Mr. Diyorbek Kimsanov**  
Tashkent Mediation  
Center

6:00 – 6:15 p.m. **Concluding Remarks** by YBhg. Datuk Almalena Sharmila Johan (*Chief Executive Officer of the AIAC*)



6:15 p.m. onwards Networking Reception