



ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM FOR
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Press Release

The Asia-Pacific Forum for International Arbitration (AFIA) provides young arbitration practitioners with a forum to discuss issues and developments in international arbitration, with particular focus on the Asia-Pacific. AFIA provides an important opportunity for the forging of professional relationships amongst young practitioners across the Asia-Pacific region and globally. It also offers opportunities for its members to benefit from AFIA's cooperation with similar organisations around the world. Since its inception, AFIA has held over 50 symposia in the Asia-Pacific region and around the world. AFIA currently has over 500 members from 45 countries.

New AFIA Committee Appointed for 2019-2020

AFIA is pleased to announce its new Committee elected in January 2019.

The new Committee, with increased representation in the region and globally, includes:

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<i>Co-Chair</i>	Jonathan Lim (Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, UK)
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<i>AIAC (formerly KLRCA)</i>	Tatiana Polevshchikova (Malaysia)
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<i>Africa</i>	Leah Njoroge Kibe (JMiles & Co, Kenya)
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Recent Highlights and Upcoming Events

2017-2018 was an eventful term for AFIA, and 2019-2020 looks to be no different.

Some highlights in AFIA's 2017-2018 events calendar include:

- A Joint Symposium on *Emerging Issues in International Arbitration* with the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators on 23 March 2017 in Manila followed by a Mock Arbitration on 24 March 2017 as part of the 2017 National Convention of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines.
- An International Arbitration Symposium jointly sponsored by AFIA, ICC-YAF and HK-45 on 28 March 2017 in Hong Kong. The Keynote Session focused on *Guerrilla Tactics in International Arbitration*.
- A Joint ICDR-YSIAC-AFIA Panel Discussion on *Recent Developments in Emergency & Expedited Arbitration Procedures* on 30 May 2017 held in London.
- AFIA's 48th International Arbitration Symposium held on 9 June 2017 in Singapore. The Keynote Address focused on *Ethical & Cultural Issues in International Arbitration*.
- A joint Symposium on *Third Party Funding and Selection of Arbitrators* with the Young Japan Association of Arbitrators (YJAA) on 29 September 2017 in Tokyo.
- AFIA's London Symposium and Winter Social on 29 November 2017 in London. The event featured two panel discussions on *Latin America – Asia Pacific Trade Flows and Disputes*.
- AFIA's Symposium on *Efficiency and Economy in International Arbitration: Are We Getting it Right?* on 13 April 2018 in Sydney, in the lead up to the Sydney ICCA Congress.
- A joint AFIA-ICC YAF International Arbitration Symposium on *Top Tips for your 1st Arbitrator Appointment* on 10 May 2018 in Singapore.
- A Symposium on *Third Party Funding, Expedited Proceedings and Investor-State Dispute Resolution Reform* on 18 October 2018 in Melbourne, in conjunction with the Australian Arbitration Week.

- A Symposium focusing on emerging trends in investment treaty arbitration involving Asian parties, held on 29 November 2018 in London. The Symposium was followed by a Winter Social.

Further details of AFIA's upcoming and future symposia will be available on [the AFIA website](#).

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