A Summary of the Three-Day Workshop on International Commercial Arbitration and Its Regulation under Algerian Law

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An Overview

The Workshops revolved around the following axes:

Axis 1: The concept of arbitration and the relationship between arbitration and other tools of dispute resolution.

Axis 2: International arbitration / International commercial arbitration.

Axis 3: The development of arbitration in Algeria + arbitration in Algerian law.

Axis 4: The arbitral tribunal + the international arbitral award and its nature.

Axis 5: Issuance of the enforcement order + the limits of the judge's powers in issuing the enforcement order.

Axis 6: Methods of appeal against the enforcement order.

More details:

The training workshop, entitled International Commercial Arbitration and Its Regulation under Algerian Law, *was designed for Master's students enrolled in the International Relations programme (English Section).*

The training workshop aimed to provide participants with a thorough understanding of arbitration as an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanism, its legal foundations, practical procedures, and application under Algerian legislation. The workshop also examined the enforcement and judicial supervision of arbitral awards, emphasizing both domestic and international commercial arbitration.

In Fact, the above- mentioned programme was covered in the first two days, whereas the third and final day was devoted to students' teams works.

I- The First day: focused on the following:

1- The Concept of Arbitration and the Relationship Between Arbitration and Other Dispute Resolution Mechanisms: the aim was to enable participants to:

- Define arbitration and identify its legal characteristics.

- Distinguish arbitration from other ADR methods.

- Understand the advantages and disadvantages of arbitration.

- Explain the legal nature of arbitration.

2- International Arbitration / International Commercial Arbitration

Participants were introduced to:

- The concept of international arbitration.

- Distinction between international and domestic arbitration.

- Sources governing international arbitration.

- Major international arbitration institutions.

II- The Second day:

The focus was on:

1- Development of Arbitration in Algeria and Arbitration under Algerian Law

Participants learned about the:

- Historical evolution of arbitration in Algeria.

- Algerian legal framework.

-Analysis of judicial practice.

2- The Arbitral Tribunal and the International Arbitral Award

Participants received training on:

- Formation of the tribunal
- Jurisdiction
- Conduct of proceedings
- Nature of arbitral awards

3- Issuance of the Enforcement Order and Limits of the Judge's Powers

Participants were trained on:

- Recognition of awards
- Enforcement procedure
- Judicial review limitations

4- Methods of Appeal Against the Enforcement Order

Participants understood:

- Available judicial remedies

- Difference between challenging the award and challenging enforcement

III- The third day:

Students were divided into Five teams to perform their assigned roles according to the following themes:

- The Arbitral Clause and arbitral agreement in a chosen Conflict case between a Turkish Company and its Algerian partner, performed as a simulation exercise.

- Presentation of Arbitral Tribunal

- Arbitral award.

- Issuance of enforcement order.

- Appeal against the enforcement order.

By the conclusion of the workshops, participants were able to:

- Explain the legal concept and characteristics of arbitration.

- Distinguish arbitration from negotiation, mediation, conciliation, and litigation.

- Understand the legal framework governing international commercial arbitration.

- Analyze the evolution of arbitration under Algerian law.

- Explain the formation, jurisdiction, and powers of arbitral tribunals.

- Understand the legal nature and effects of international arbitral awards.

- Describe the procedure for obtaining an exequatur (enforcement order) and the limits of judicial review.

- Identify the available methods for challenging enforcement orders and arbitral awards under Algerian procedural law.

- Apply arbitration principles to practical legal and commercial disputes involving international transactions.

The workshop concluded with a closing address delivered by Prof. Messiheddine Tassadit, Director of MEPAL. The closing ceremony was followed by a group photograph and the presentation of certificates of participation to all attendees. The workshop successfully achieved its objectives by equipping participants with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills in international commercial arbitration under Algerian law.



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