



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE



**RESOLUTION – AN OVERVIEW OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
BEST PRACTICES**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

DATE: SATURDAY, 13TH APRIL, 2019

VENUE: BALL ROOM 'C', MÖVENPICK HOTEL KARACHI

REGISTRATION: 09:00 A.M. – 09:30 A.M.

Time	Session		Speaker
09:30 am – 09:35 am	Welcome		Ms. Tayba Khalid Senior Program Officer – Legal Aid Society
09:35 a.m. – 09:45 am	Opening Note		Mr. Justice Nasir Aslam Zahid Former Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan (Chairperson – Legal Aid Society)
09:45 am – 11:00 am	Panel 1: Advances in ADR in Pakistan		
09:45 am – 10:05 am	Formal and Semi-Formal ADR in Pakistan	Mr. Omar Maniar Legal Reforms Specialist	
10:05 am – 10:25 am	LAS's Initiatives on ADR in Sindh	Barrister Haya Emaan Zahid Executive Director- Legal Aid Society	
10:25 am – 10:45 am	SJA's Initiatives on ADR in Sindh	Mr. Justice Khilji Arif Hussain Former Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan (Director General – Sindh Judicial Academy)	
10:45 am. – 11:00 am	Salient Features of the Sindh Civil Procedure Code Amendment Act 1 of 2019	Barrister Murtaza Wahab Advisor for Law to Chief Minister Sindh	
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Tea Break		
11:30 a.m. – 01:00 p.m.	Panel 2: Taking Stock of Successes from ADR Practitioners		
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Successes and Challenges	Field	Mr. Zahid Ali Messo & Ms. Sumreen Ali, Advocate Field Officer & Field Lawyer – Legal Aid Society
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon		Courts	Mr. Khalid Hussain Shahani District & Sessions Judge Karachi West
12:00 noon – 12:15 p.m.		Saalis	Mr. Saqib Awan Advocate Sindh High Court
12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.		Mediation Expert	Ms. Navin Merchant Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan

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12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.		Mediation Expert	Mr. Jawad A. Sarwana Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan
12:45 p.m. – 01:00 p.m.	Question & Answer Session		Moderated by Mr. Shahid Shafiq Senior Faculty Member, Sindh Judicial Academy
01:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch		
02:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Panel 3: National and International Experiences		
02:00 p.m. – 02:20 p.m.	Best Practices from the Punjab Judicial Academy		Ms. Jazeela Aslam Director Programs – Punjab Judicial Academy
02:20 p.m. – 02:40 p.m.	Best Practices from the Khyber Pakhtoon Khaw Judicial Academy		Mr. Ahmed Iftikhar Director instructions – KPK Judicial Academy
02:40 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.	ADR Best Practices		Justice Ghulam Rabban Former Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan
03:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	ADR Initiatives in Turkey and the Role of the Government		Mr. Umut İlhan Durmusoglu Head of Department of Mediation, General Directorate of Law and Legislation, Ministry of Justice, Istanbul, Turkey
03:20 p.m. – 03:40 p.m.	Scope and Working of Private Mediation Centre in Turkey		Ms. Asiyan Suleymanoglu Accredited Mediator Turkey
03:40 p.m. – 04:00 p.m.	Question & Answer Session		Moderated by Mr. Shahid Shafiq Senior Faculty Member, Sindh Judicial Academy
04:00 p.m. – 04:15 p.m.	Closing Note		Honorable Mr. Justice Ahmed Ali M. Shaikh Chief Justice of Sindh High Court
04:15 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.	Tea and Networking followed by Certificate Distribution for Certified Saalis Members		

CONCEPT NOTE

The Sindh Judicial Academy (SJA), in collaboration with the Legal Aid Society (LAS), is organizing an international conference on ADR in Karachi, Pakistan with a focus on Mediation, specifically including regional advances from around Asia. In recent times, 98 Saalis members have been trained as accredited and trained professional mediators in the province of Sindh. It is hoped that this conference will provide these newly trained Saalis committee members with a shared and common platform whereby they could benefit from the exchange of ideas and discuss opportunities which would enhance the utilization of the saalis mechanism and most importantly promote an organized and coordinated efforts in the area of mediation. Such a need has been identified by the Saalis Committee members during the trainings and it is endorsed by SJA and LAS.

We are of the view that congregating some of the trained saalis members on this platform will reap multiple benefits in motivating them as a newly formed cadre of ADR practitioners and that this may also yield cross referrals amongst them. The concept of mediation through formal mechanisms is new while its introduction in Sindh is at a preliminary phase. This underlines the need to create a serious and critical discourse on the concept and agency of court-annexed mediation so that it could come on the agenda of main stakeholders.

In addition, a range of success stories of formal ADR mechanisms from both the national and international level shall be shared so that the newly trained saalis members of Sindh can benefit in terms of enhancing their understanding and interest in mediation.

It is expected that the Sindh Government will be passing the Code of Civil Procedure (Sindh Amendment) Bill, 2019 which will further expand the scope of ADR and this will be an opportunity to discuss implementation of the amendments with all key stakeholders.

Keeping these recent developments needs and considerations in mind, LAS in collaboration with SJA is organizing a one-day international conference in Karachi, Pakistan on 13th April 2019.