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## PARIS ARBITRATION WEEK

*5th edition*



- Code Name: **#PAW2021**
- Dates: **from 28 June to 2 July 2021**
- Sign: **hybrid event accessible from anywhere in the world**

**No more barriers, no more borders: the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of PAW will take place in Paris and virtually to allow access to as many international arbitration practitioners as possible.**

The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of PAW which has become a major international arbitration event, will be organized in such a way as to meet the requirements and challenges imposed by the global health situation and to facilitate access to the programme's content. To the extent possible, events will take place physically in Paris and/or will be broadcasted virtually through webinars. Most of the events will be recorded and shared on our *Youtube* channel or our partners' websites. This will allow them to be viewed remotely on a replay basis.

**#PAW2020:** The last edition was a great success despite the challenges raised by the pandemic. **More than 4,300 participants from around the world connected to the 43 events organised during the week by our partners** (law firms, financial experts, universities, associations...).

### **For 2021, new ambitions, new challenges...**

"Our ambition for 2021 is to draw from our previous experiences including a fully virtual edition in 2020, to propose a flexible and hybrid version of PAW that is accessible to the greater number whilst rekindling with as much social physical interaction as the sanitary situation will permit", says Yasmin Mohammad, President of the Paris Arbitration Week association.

At the end of 2020, **the Paris Arbitration Week Association was created to institutionalise the event, create good governance and ensure continuity through the annual renewal of one third of Board members through a transparent selection process. Any member of the Parisian arbitral community can run for election.**

The current Board is made up of the individual founding members and original organising committee (Marie Danis, Alexander Fessas, Jose Feris, Clément Fouchard, Yasmin Mohammad and Peter Rosher), broadened to welcome three additional members as of December 2020: Raphaël Kaminsky, Ioana Knoll-Tudor and Marily Paralika, arbitration practitioners based in France. Their diverse profiles and their dynamic commitment to PAW are both a testament to the association's outreach and a key factor in its success.

"For this 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Paris Arbitration Week, we wish to offer, once again, high quality events on key issues in international arbitration. We also wish to showcase PAW's commitment to values such as diversity and sustainability and bring these at the heart of #PAW2021 by taking a concrete stand. As such, we have asked our Partners, the events' organisers, to commit to diversity and environmental sustainability in the organization of their events. We all know a diverse panel when we see one and we will all be watching" say the Board members of the PAW Association.



Find all the events and news of #PAW2020 on:     
[www.parisarbitrationweek.com](http://www.parisarbitrationweek.com)



- **To become a partner of PAW 2021 and organize an event**, please contact the Board of PAW association: [contact@parisarbitrationweek.com](mailto:contact@parisarbitrationweek.com)

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- **PAW at a glance:**

**PARIS ARBITRATION WEEK** is an annual event that takes place over a week in Paris, a major hub for international arbitration. Created in 2017, Paris Arbitration Week has fast become a key event for arbitration practitioners from around the globe.

Its objective is to bring together practitioners from all over the world to discuss issues and developments in the field, whether they concern investment or commercial arbitration, the impact of national legislation or international trade agreements on arbitration, and the evolution of practices in international arbitration. This week is also an opportunity to create a series of informal opportunities to meet and exchange during the various cocktails and evening gatherings.