

4th ICC Italia Arbitration Forum

New Rules, New Challenges, New Opportunities

Milan, October 7th, 2026

Programme

14:00 – 14:30 | Registration & Welcome coffee

14:30 – 15:30 | Opening Remarks

Barbara De Donno, Secretary General, ICC Italia - Head Department of Business and Economic Law, Luiss Guido Carli

Ettore Pietrabissa, President, ICC Italia
Intesa Sanpaolo Representative

The 2026 ICC Arbitration Rules: First Lessons Learned – a conversation with Claudia Salomon, President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration

The 2026 ICC Arbitration Rules entered into force on 1st June 2026. Four months in, what is working in practice, what lessons can already be drawn, and what should businesses and in-house counsel know before drafting their next clause or filing their next case?

On stage with the President

Małgorzata Surdek-Janicka, Vice-President, ICC International Court of Arbitration

15:30 – 16:30 | New Challenges in Traditional Arenas: Managing Complexity through the New ICC Rules

The 2026 ICC Arbitration Rules introduce new procedural tools — early determination, the revised Expedited Procedure Provisions and the new Highly Expedited Arbitration Provisions (HEAP). This panel will put these tools to a practical test: in which disputes arising from traditional industries are parties most likely to use them, and what should they consider before opting in? Drawing on the perspectives of in-house counsel, practitioners and arbitrators, the discussion will explore how these mechanisms can be deployed to best effect — from managing due process considerations in early determination to weighing the trade-offs of an award without reasons under HEAP — and what more users are looking for from arbitration in terms of cost and time.

Introduction and Debate

Franco Ferrari, Professor of Law, NYU School of Law

Panelists

Barbara Benzoni, Head of legal of the International Mid-Downstream and Chemicals activities, Eni

Anna Biasiolo, Managing Associate, BonelliErede

Gian Paolo Coppola, Equity Partner, LCA Studio Legale

Kai-Uwe Karl, Global Chief Litigation Counsel, GE Vernova

Q&A

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16:30 – 17:00 | Coffee break

17:00 – 18:00 | New Opportunities for Strategic Industries: The Future of Dispute Resolution

Rapid geopolitical change, accelerating technological innovation and the growing role of public investment are reshaping dispute resolution in strategic industries, in particular defence, aerospace and high-tech. This panel will address the questions that matter most to businesses in these sectors: how to protect classified, export-controlled and commercially sensitive information in arbitral proceedings; how to manage disputes involving States and State-owned entities; the impact of sanctions and regulatory constraints on proceedings; and the availability of effective interim relief in time-critical programmes. Against this backdrop, the panel will consider how arbitration — including the expedited procedures offered by the 2026 ICC Arbitration Rules — can best serve the needs of these industries going forward.

Moderator

Carlo Santoro, Partner, Cleary Gottlieb

Panelists

Donatella Catapano, SVP Legal Affairs, Leonardo Helicopters

Michele Curatola, Counsel, Clifford Chance

Luigi Di Paola, Contract & Subcontract Management Senior Vice President, Fincantieri

Francesca Petronio, Partner, A&O Shearman

Francesco Trebucq, Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration

Q&A

18:00 – 18:15 | Farewell Remarks by the ICC Italia Arbitration & ADR Commission

Giacomo Rojas Elgueta, Chiomenti

Cristina Martinetti, Exeli

Speakers are listed in alphabetical order. Each panel includes a Q&A session.

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