

DIS@HKAW: Facilitating Settlement in Arbitration

Practice, Pitfalls and
Potential

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The DIS is one of the very few institutions that stipulates – in Article 26 of its Rules – an obligation for arbitrators to "*seek to encourage an amicable settlement of the dispute or of individual disputed issues*".

This event explores the role of settlement in arbitration as a tool for efficient dispute resolution and the possibilities arbitrators have to encourage it. Drawing on findings from the DIS Rules Clinic Report on Settlement Facilitation, experienced practitioners will discuss when and how tribunals can effectively facilitate settlement, the risks involved, how these techniques differ from Arb-Med-Arb, and whether the DIS model could be employed in Asia.

The session is intended to be practical, interactive, and audience-driven, followed by a networking opportunity over drinks and nibbles.

This event takes place as part of the Hong Kong Arbitration Week ([HKAW](#)). Participation in this event is free of charge.

Registration

Please register **by 13 October 2026** via the link below. By registering you accept the [DIS General Terms and Conditions](#) for Conferences and Workshops.

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3.00 pm

Welcome

Amy Wen Wei, CMS, Hong Kong

Tom Christopher Pröstler, CMS, Berlin/Hong Kong

3.05 pm

The DIS – The German Arbitration Institute

Rouven F. Bodenheimer, DIS, Berlin/Cologne

3.15 pm

Summary of the DIS Rules Clinic Report on Settlement Facilitation

Ulrike Gantenberg, Gantenberg Dispute Experts, Düsseldorf

3.25 pm

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Rachel Chan, Kwok Yih & Chan, Hong Kong

Björn Ebert, Gleiss Lutz, London

Ulrike Gantenberg, Gantenberg Dispute Experts, Düsseldorf

Jocelyn Heng, HKIAC, Hong Kong

Matthew Townsend, Reed Smith, Hong Kong

Moderators:

Nadine Pfiffner, Independent Arbitrator, Zurich/Berlin

Tom Christopher Pröstler, CMS, Berlin/Hong Kong

4.20 pm

Closing Remarks

Amy Wen Wei, CMS, Hong Kong

Nicolas Wiegand, CMS, Silicon Valley/Hong Kong

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