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32nd World Forum of Mediation Centres

A Meeting of the Officers of the World's Leading Commercial Mediation Centres

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**FRIDAY,
APRIL 5
& SATURDAY,
APRIL 6, 2024**



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Introduction

The **UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres** was created in 2001. Every nine months it brings together some of the best commercial mediation practitioners and officers of commercial mediation centres from around the world, together with lawyers, business managers, academics, trainers, and others interested in learning and sharing insights about the development and use of the mediation process.

Usually there are participants from 15 to 20 or more countries in attendance, often from four or five continents, each bringing a different perspective on the use and development of mediation in their jurisdiction.

Whether you are from a place in which mediation already is readily accepted and integrated into the system of dispute resolution, or from one in which the "Dispute Resolution Revolution" is still in a yet-to-be-fully-accepted stage, there is something of value for you at the Forum. Each one is designed to enhance your knowledge about the mediation process, and to

help you identify best practices as a mediator, both of which are accomplished through the various topics in the sessions, led by deeply-experienced mediators.

Equally, if not more, importantly, it also will provide you with ample opportunities to develop relationships and exchange insights on the development and use of mediation with colleagues from a multitude of different cultures around the world. That opportunity can have a profoundly beneficial impact on your professional expertise. To do so at one location is unique to an international event; and convening every nine months is unique to the Forum.

We are excited to have you join us for the 32nd Forum in London. It will be an unforgettable international event, and colleagues from around the world have already confirmed their participation. Since attendance at the sessions and lunch/dinner meals will be limited to the spaces available, be sure to register early so that you won't miss out.

We look forward to seeing you in London!



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 U.S. Treasury Department



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18:00 – 20:00 WELCOME COCKTAIL

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FRIDAY, APRIL 5

08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

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09:00 – 09:20 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE FORUM

- **Jacqueline SCOTT**, *UIA President, Fortney & Scott, LLC, Washington, DC, USA – or her Representative*
- **Fabienne VAN DER VLEUGEL**, *Co-President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, Lawyer at the Meaux and New York Bars, VDV Avocats, Equanim, CIArb Accredited Mediator, French Foreign Trade Advisor, Associate Professor University Gustave Eiffel, Serris, France*
- **Ross W. STODDARD, III**, *Co-President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, Attorney-Mediator, Dallas, TX, USA*
- **Nick EMMERSON**, *President of The Law Society of England & Wales, London, UK*
- **Damian HICKMAN**, *CEO of the International Dispute Resolution Centre, London, UK*
- **James SOUTH**, *Chief Executive of CEDR, Mediator, London, UK*

09:20 – 10:30 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY

- **Lord Bellamy KC**, *Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice. Government Minister responsible for Mediation, Government's representative on Justice in the upper house of Parliament and a Kings Counsel Barrister by background and*
- **Lady Justice ASPLIN**, *Dame Sarah ASPLIN DBE KC, British judge of the Court of Appeal of England and Wales.*

LANDSCAPE OF MEDIATION IN THE UK

With many thousands of cases being mediated each year in commercial and family disputes, as well as in other areas such as community conflict, what does the future hold for mediation in the UK in 2024 and beyond? 2023 was a huge year for commercial mediation. The UK Government announced in July 2023 integration of commercial mediation in claims under £10,000 in the first instance courts of England and Wales, following 30 years of experience of mediation into the civil justice system, with the next anticipated step, if the small claims approach proves to be successful, being full integration of mediation for claims up to £100,000. In November there was new Mediation Case Law when the Court of Appeal decided the case of *Churchill v Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council*, essentially overturning the Case Law from 2004, which means judges can now order parties to mediate when they think it appropriate. There is also an ongoing consultation with Government on family mediation.

MODERATOR: ▪ **James SOUTH**, *Chief Executive of CEDR, Mediator, London, UK*

SPEAKERS:

- **Rebecca CLARK**, *Chair of the Civil Mediation Council, former Head of Litigation at a UK Bank, London, UK*
- **Beverley SAYERS**, *Director of the Family Mediation Council, Family, Civil and Commercial Mediator, London, UK*
- **Victoria HARRIS**, *Community and Commercial Mediator, former CEO of Mediation Hertfordshire, Programme Manager for the CMC, London, UK*

Programme

10:30 – 10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45 – 12:00 HOW MEDIATION SUCCESSFULLY BECAME AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SYSTEM IN THESE SPEAKERS' COUNTRIES

A primary objective of the Forum is to promote the use of mediation throughout the world. A variety of obstacles and barriers are encountered whenever "change" is suggested – particularly to the legal profession and judicial system. The "Dispute Resolution Revolution" is no different. Some jurisdictions have successfully integrated the mediation process into their dispute resolution "system." Many others still struggle for it to gain traction. A variety of factors can impact the adoption of mediation, and advocates of the use of mediation need to access a multitude of "tools" and approaches to achieve success. Our speakers will enlighten us as to the conditions that existed at the inception of mediation in each of their countries, and what steps worked – and didn't work – while promoting its successful integration into their dispute resolution systems.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Ross W. STODDARD, III**, *Co-President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, Attorney-Mediator, Dallas, TX, USA*

SPEAKERS:

- **Honorable James ALLSOP**, *AC, Arbitrator & Mediator, Sydney Arbitration Chambers, Atkin Chambers Barristers (London), former Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia and President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal, Sydney, Australia*
- **Catherine COTSAKI**, *Honorary Lawyer, Accredited Mediator – MCiArb, Accredited Trainer of Mediators, President of the Hellenic Union of Mediators, Member of the Central Commission of the Ministry of Justice, Athens, Greece*
- **Georges HANOT**, *Mediator, Founding Partner at Con-Sent ADR, Chair of Belgian Supply Chain Initiative, Visiting Professor of International Negotiation at several Universities and Business Schools, Ghent, Belgium*
- **Kimberlee KOVACH**, *Mediator, Arbitrator, Trainer, Author, Founding Officer and Past Chair of the American Bar Assoc. DR Section, Austin, TX, USA*
- **Thiruvengadam BC**, *Senior Advocate, International Mediator & Arbitrator, Master Trainer in Mediation, Author, Honorary Director, Bangalore International Mediation, Arbitration and Conciliation Centre, Bangalore, India*

12:00 – 12:45 FEEDBACK AND REPORTS ABOUT MEDIATION IN CHINA

The attention paid to the market of ADR tools and mediation in China now shifts to concrete experiences of providers and managers involved in resolving international disputes with Chinese counterparts.

In memory of our friend & colleague, Stefano PAVLETIČ, (1963-2024), *Business Consultant, CCPIT Mediator, Studio Pavletič, Milan, Italy*

MODERATOR: **F. Peter PHILLIPS**, *Esq., Business Conflict Management, LLC, Distinguished Adjunct Professor & Director of the ADR Skills Program at New York Law School, Montclair, NJ, USA*

SPEAKERS:

- **Fang WANG**, Deputy Sec Gen of CCPIT Mediation Center, Beijing, China
- **Fan (Alan) ZHIYONG**, Vice President, Head of IPR Department at Huawei Technologies, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China
- **Nicolas FOURNIER**, Deputy Chair of Civil Mediation Council, Member of CEDR UK Panel, Equanim mediator, London, UK

12:45 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 15:00 WILL THE EMERGENCE OF NEW TYPES OF CONFLICT INVOLVING AI SYSTEMS LEAD TO NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR MEDIATION (“MEDIATION 2.0”)?

Worldwide, the technological landscape is today largely driven by what seems to be an exponential development of Artificial Intelligence tools, based on powerful algorithms and known as “systems”. Some say that we are facing the “most profound human revolution in history”. In this new landscape, new types of conflicts are now starting to emerge. How should mediators address change in the types of conflicts which may be submitted to them, involving AI systems of growing technological complexity and conflicts involving potentially massive volumes of data? Can the systemic approach of mediation lead to innovative solutions? Given the recent broad deployment of generative AI models such as ChatGPT, the issue may well go beyond the sphere of business disputes to touch upon all aspects of contemporary life where conflict may be resolved through mediation, leading to a provocative question: Will a “Mediation 2.0” emerge, requiring that mediators become “AI fluent”?

MODERATOR & SPEAKER: ▪ **Pierre KIRCH**, Avocat à la Cour (Paris/Brussels), Mediator, Adjunct professor on the Law of Artificial Intelligence, Catholic University of Paris, Paris, France

SPEAKERS:

- **James SOUTH**, Chief Executive of CEDR, Mediator, London, UK
- **Ian McDOUGALL**, Executive Vice President and General Counsel for LexisNexis, UK

15:00 – 15:15 COFFEE BREAK

15:15 – 16:15 THE JUDGE AND THE AMICABLE SETTLEMENT

The role of judges is to provide good «judge»ment: in their rulings on issues in the case; on managing their docket; and ultimately on the final disposition of the case. Alongside this ‘classic’ approach, civil courts help the parties to settle their disputes voluntarily, without the need for a final decision by the Court. Hear how these judges view their role in the parties’ settlement process, and learn what they do to help facilitate the parties achieving their own resolution by agreement.

MODERATOR & SPEAKER: ▪ **Gérard KUYPER**, Lawyer and accredited mediator Alteryx law & mediation, Past president of bMediation, Brussels Business Mediation Center, Brussels, Belgium

SPEAKERS:

- **Camilla HOELZER**, Business mediator, accredited at the German-French Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Paris, France, Trainer and judicial supervisor at the NRW Judicial Academy, Germany, President of GEMME Germany, Retired Presiding Judge and ADR-Judge at the Cologne Fiscal Court, Germany
- **Caroline VERBRUGGEN**, Judge at the Brussels Court of Appeal, Member of GEMME Belgium, Brussels, Belgium
- **Frédérique AGOSTINI**, Judge at the Court of Cassation, Member of GEMME France, President of National Mediation Council, Paris, France

16:15 – 17:15 MEDIATION PROVIDERS – ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF INSTITUTIONAL MEDIATION CONTACT POINTS IN PRACTICE

The European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice adopted at the end of 2018 the European Code of Conduct for “Mediation Providers” as part of the Mediation Development Toolkit. Who are these Mediation Providers, these sort

of initial contact points for mediation? What functions can they fulfil in practice and thus support mediators and mediation in a pre-mediation context and in accompanying the mediation process further on? Discover some Central Europe examples from Belgium, France, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom.

MODERATOR & SPEAKER: ▪ **Dr. Jan KAYSER**, Mediator, Director, Centre de Médiation Civile et Commerciale (CMCC), Luxembourg, Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg

SPEAKERS:

- **Nicolas MOHR**, Directeur Général, Médiateur des Entreprises, Paris, France
- **Andy ROGERS**, Mediator & Principal Consultant – Membership, Standards & Media Relations; CEDR Services Ltd., London, UK
- **Bart DE MOOR**, President of bMediation, Partner Strelia law firm, Brussels, Belgium

17:15 – 18:00 HARMONIZING PROSPERITY: MEDIATING ESG AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN AFRICA

This session will delve into the pivotal role of mediation as an effective tool for resolving Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) issues, alongside addressing human rights challenges in the African context. With a focus on sustainable development, our expert panel will explore real-world case studies, showcasing successful mediation strategies that have fostered positive outcomes for businesses, communities, and individuals alike. Participants will gain insights into culturally sensitive mediation approaches and collaborative models that can contribute to building a more equitable and socially responsible future for projects in Africa. Join us in this interactive session to learn, discuss, and contribute to the advancement of ESG and human rights mediation on the African continent.

MODERATOR & SPEAKER: ▪ **Thomas GAULTIER**, Past President of the UIA Mediation & Conflict Prevention commission, Abreu Advogados, Lisbon, Portugal

SPEAKERS:

- **Felicity STEADMAN**, Mediator and Facilitator, South Africa/UK
- **Additional speaker to be confirmed.**

20:00 OPTIONAL DINNER

THE ANTHOLOGIST

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6

09:00 – 09:30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

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09:30 – 10:30 HAS THE TIME FOR INVESTOR-STATE MEDIATION ARRIVED?

A discussion by the panel of the growing use of mediation in investor State disputes. Tracing the development of mediation through the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT), the ICSID Mediation Rules, UNCITRAL Working Group III and the CEDR Investor State working group. A review of the obstacles to using mediation in this context and how it can be overcome.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Antonio M. PRIDA PEÓN DEL VALLE**, Coordinator of the Mediation Commission of the Ilustre y Nacional Colegio de Abogados de México, Founding partner, Curtis, Mallet - Prevost, Colt & Mosle, S.C., Mexico City, Mexico

SPEAKERS:

- **James SOUTH**, Chief Executive of CEDR, Mediator, London, UK
- **Wolf Von KUMBERG**, International Mediator and Member Arbitra, London, UK, Washington D.C., USA & Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Ella DAVIES**, Senior Lawyer, International Arbitration, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, London, UK

10:30 – 10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45 – 11:30 CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND MEDIATION IN INTERNATIONAL MULTICULTURAL ORGANISATIONS

What are the Key Factors of Success, pitfalls and limits of conflict management in International Organizations? From their personal experience as consultants and mediators, and from their research contributions, the speakers will present, share and openly debate with the audience, challenging common classical assumptions on strategies of conflict management. Isn't it time for a real paradigm shift to productively and constructively manage conflict in Organizations? The speakers will be happy to share with participants a constructive dialogue on the topic

MODERATOR: ▪ **Eve PIENAAR**, CEDR Accredited Mediator, London, UK

SPEAKERS:

- **Françoise BOREL-CLAYEUX**, PhD, CEDR Accredited Mediator, former OECD mediator, highly experienced workplace international conflict coach and mediator, senior commercial mediator in France, consultant and researcher in conflict management, Paris, France
- **Martine VAN DER WIELEN**, LL.M., Accredited Mediator with an expertise in workplace and business Mediation, former Council of Europe Mediator, trainer, Past Vice President of the French National Association of Mediators, Paris, France

11:30 – 12:30 TRAINING TOMORROW'S PROBLEM SOLVERS TODAY: MODERN LEGAL EDUCATION

This session will catch up on the tectonic changes that have taken place in American legal education, as well as the changes to come, in emphasizing clinical and experiential training rather than lectures and tests. Insights from the European perspective will also be offered. How are we training lawyers in the core value: assisting clients to determine their interests and helping them to achieve them?

SPEAKERS:

- **Kris FRANKLIN**, Wallace Stevens Professor of Law, Director of Academic Initiatives, Co-Director of Initiative for Excellence in Law Teaching, New York Law School, New York, NY, USA
- **F. Peter PHILLIPS**, Esq., Business Conflict Management, LLC, Distinguished Adjunct Professor & Director of the ADR Skills Program at New York Law School, Montclair, NJ, USA
- **Cezary ROGULA**, Attorney-at-law, mediator, Rogula Law & Mediation Office, Vice President, Mediation Centre at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, Krakow, Poland

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 15:00 WHEN MANY COLLIDE – DEALING WITH MULTIPLE PARTY DISPUTES

Helping parties to resolve disputes can be difficult enough, let alone when there are multiple parties. Whether you are a mediator or counsel representing one of the multiple parties, your strategy to resolve the dispute just became a lot more complicated. When the parties are from multiple countries and cultures – and probably different legal systems – the complexity – and the stakes – are that much greater. Some countries do not even have an evolved history of mediation, and some of the counsel may never have participated in alternative dispute resolution. The mediation will require delicate work to take into account the interests of each party. The panel will present hypothe-

ticals presenting the intricacies of a mediation with multiple parties, including dealing with cultural differences that need to be taken into account, choosing a mediator in an international environment, how to set the stage for success, and how to do this in person or in a virtual context. Most importantly, the panel – and hopefully the audience – will share tips on ways to handle these delicate mediations.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Sara SANDFORD**, Mediator & Attorney, Benchmark International ADR, LLC, former Chair of the ABA Section of International Law, Seattle, WA

SPEAKERS:

- **Birgit SAMBETH**, Immediate Past President of the Swiss Bar Association, Altenburger Ltd legal + tax, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Lisa SAVITT**, Benchmark International ADR, LLC, Washington, D.C., USA
- **Dr. Karl MACKIE**, CBE, Co-Founder and Pioneering CEO of CEDR, London, UK

15:00 – 15:15 COFFEE BREAK

15:15 – 16:15 A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO NAVIGATING BIAS IN MEDIATION

Whether we like it or not, we all have biases. It is a natural consequence of being human. In this session, we will explore a variety of psychological biases, including how, despite good intentions, they may inadvertently become embedded into the way we do things. We will also discuss strategies and tools that mediators and mediation centres can use to identify, reduce and mitigate the risk of bias within their practice

MODERATOR: ▪ **Susanne SCHULER**, Director of Training & Consultancy of CEDR, London, UK

SPEAKERS:

- **Paul LATREILLE**, Professor of Management, Sheffield University Management School, UK
- **Dean M. KILGORE**, Attorney-Mediator, Austin, TX, USA

16:15 – 17:15 SPECIALISATION AND THE ROLE OF CONTEXT IN MEDIATION

Context is always in play for conflict resolution professionals. In this session, we will explore factors that drive both the evolution and the specialisation of mediator practice. We will also present practical examples of situation-specific practice and a new dynamic model that makes the recognition of system-based specialisations simple.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Dr. Rosemary HOWELL**, Strategic Action Pty Ltd, Professorial Visiting Fellow, University of New South Wales, Woolloomooloo, Australia

SPEAKER:

- **Emma-May LITCHFIELD**, Workplace Facilitator at Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria; Co-Director of Resolution Resources, Melbourne, Australia

17:15 – 17:45 NEWS FROM THE CENTERS Announcement of the 33rd and 34th UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres

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→ LANGUAGE

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The registration fees for the Forum are:

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EUR 390 / GBP 340 from March 6, 2024 onwards

EUR 180 / GBP 160 Student registration*

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- Lunches on April 5 & 6
- Forum documentation
- Coffee breaks on April 5 & 6

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Please note that the number of places at the Forum is limited. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registrations in the event of excess applications.

In order for your name to appear in the **list of participants**, which will be distributed during the Forum, your registration form must be received by on or before **March 29**. An updated electronic list will be sent by email to all participants after the Forum.



UIA World Forum of Mediation Centre 2024 UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize

The creation and organization of the **UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize** by the President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres is directly related to the purpose of the **UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres**.

That purpose is to raise awareness of the utility of mediation in any field, not only amongst current users but also amongst the younger generation and students, offering them the chance to meet with professionals working in mediation, providing the opportunity to enhance practice, and gathering different generations in the **UIA MEDIATION FORUM**.

*Rules available upon request. Please contact the UIA by email uiacentre@uianet.org or call to + 33 1 44 88 55 66. These Rules lay down the terms and conditions for participating in the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centre contest and, if selected, being awarded the "UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize".

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The reports must be submitted by July 31, 2024 at the latest.

THE REPORT MUST:

- Respect the format described in article 5-3 of the Rules*.
- Be accompanied by a **picture** of the participant, confirmation of name/surname, current full postal address and email, date and place (town and country) of birth, justification of being a student.
- Be accompanied with a separate letter inserting only **two short handwritten sentences** summarizing, in one of the working languages of the UIA (**French, English or Spanish**), the reason(s) why the participant has decided to attend the UIA MEDIATION FORUM and to participate in the UIA contest organized by the Rules. This separate letter, dated and signed by the author, will be scanned and sent with the report by email, as indicated in article 5-4 of the Rules, below.
- Indicate which is the **native language** of the author.

Cancellation and General Conditions

→ CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

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No refund will be made for cancellations received after this date.

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All cancellations will be refunded in full, minus €50 to cover administrative costs, provided that the UIA has received the registration documents and **total registration fees no later than March 5, 2024**.

If you register after this date, only 50% of the amount paid minus €50 + VAT to cover administrative costs will be refunded for cancellations due to visa refusals.

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→ GENERAL CONDITIONS

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Neither the UIA, nor any of its managers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be held responsible for any loss or damage, of any nature, suffered (directly or indirectly) by a delegate, accompanying person or a third party following any cancellations, changes, postponements or modifications, except in case of death or personal injury due to gross negligence by the UIA.

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“Force majeure” means any events external to the parties, of both an unforeseeable and insurmountable nature that prevents either the client or the

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It is expressly agreed that for the parties, a case of force majeure would suspend the execution of their reciprocal obligations. At the same time, each of the parties shall bear the burden of all the expenses incumbent upon them, resulting from the case of force majeure.

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32nd World Forum of Mediation Centres

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 & SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

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A. FORUM REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fees for the Forum are:

EUR 340 / GBP 295 until March 5, 2024 included

EUR 390 / GBP 340 from March 6, 2024 onwards

EUR 180 / GBP 160 Student registration*

* Reserved for students under 30 years old.
Please send a copy of your student card to
benefit from the special rate.

B. FORUM SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Please indicate below whether you plan to attend the following event **included** in the cost of your registration.

- Welcome Cocktail – Thursday, April 4 Lunch – Friday, April 5 Lunch – Saturday, April 6

C. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

(**Not included** in the registration fees)

- Optional Dinner – Friday, April 5
• Please book person(s) for the dinner EUR 80 / GBP 70 x ___ / pers
- Optional Dinner – Saturday, April 6
• Please book person(s) for the dinner EUR 130 / GBP 115 x ___ / pers
- TOTAL (C) EUR / GBP

D. TOTAL

TOTAL (A) – Registration Fees EUR / GBP

TOTAL (C) – Optional Activities EUR / GBP

TOTAL (A+C) EUR / GBP

E. CANCELLATION CONDITIONS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

I, the undersigned, confirm having read and accepted the cancellation policy and the general terms and conditions given on page 8 of the registration programme. My registration will only be taken into account after receipt of my payment.

The participant is aware that his/her image and/or voice may be recorded or filmed during the entire duration of the Forum and, by signing this registration form, grants UIA the right to use, reproduce and distribute the concerned images and recordings by any known or unknown means and on all types of media, for an unlimited duration, completely free of charge.

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F. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- By bank transfer in **EUR or GBP**, without charges to the payee, in favour of the Union Internationale des Avocats, quoting “**2024 LONDON Forum**”, to the following bank and account:

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- By credit card: Visa Mastercard

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