



VAW
2026

VIETNAM ADR WEEK 2026

**ARBITRATION & ADR:
EMBRACING NEW HEIGHTS**



Date & Time

25-29 MAY
2026



Locations

**HANOI &
HO CHI MINH CITY**

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In the context of increasingly expanding and complex trade and investment activities, the demand for effective, transparent, and reliable dispute resolution mechanisms has become more pressing than ever. Deepening economic integration not only increases the volume of cross-border transactions but also calls for the continuous refinement of the legal framework, as well as the enhancement of the quality and practical effectiveness of dispute resolution methods in line with modern business realities. In this context, the establishment of a specialized, multidimensional, and well-connected forum to promote dialogue, share experiences, and strengthen cooperation in arbitration, mediation, and other ADR mechanisms has become particularly essential.

In this spirit, **the Vietnam ADR Week 2026 (VAW 2026)**, themed **"Arbitration & ADR: Embracing New Heights"**, is organized as a series of professional and networking events by the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC) in collaboration with the Vietnam Lawyers' Association. The event will be held from 25 to 29 May, 2026 in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, bringing together state authorities, arbitration and mediation institutions, the legal community, businesses, experts, and both domestic and international partners. With an expanded scope in terms of content, format, and connectivity, VAW 2026 is expected to continue serving as a meaningful platform for exchange and cooperation among ADR stakeholders in Vietnam and between Vietnam and the international community.

Through its series of activities, VAW 2026 aims to promote the professional and sustainable development of the ADR system in Vietnam, while enhancing the quality, efficiency, and transparency of dispute resolution in the context of international economic integration. In the longer term, the event aspires to contribute to positioning Vietnam as a reliable destination for commercial and investment dispute resolution in the region and beyond. More than a series of professional events, VAW 2026 marks an important milestone in the development of Vietnam's dispute resolution ecosystem toward modernization, integration, and alignment with international standards.



Date

25-29 MAY 2026



Venue

HANOI & HO CHI MINH CITY



08

Main events



06

Partner events



80+

Domestic & International Experts



60+

Partners



1.500+

Participants

TIMELINE OF MAIN EVENTS



Date	Venue	Morning 8.00 AM – 12.00 PM	Afternoon 1.30 PM – 5.00 PM	Evening 6.00 PM – 8.30 PM
Day 01: 25 May 2026 (Monday)	Ha Noi	Vietnam ADR Week 2026 Opening Ceremony & Announcing the VIAC Rules of Arbitration 2026		
	Ho Chi Minh City			
Day 02: 26 May 2026 (Tuesday)	Ha Noi	Seminar on International Dispute Resolution in Times of Turbulence: Global Trends and Vietnam's Emerging Role	International Arbitration Institutions Roundtable: Institutional Developments and Practical Experiences in International Arbitration	Vietnam ADR Week Gala Dinner & Networking Reception <i>(for VIPs, representatives of Featured Partners, Sponsors & Speakers)</i>
	Ho Chi Minh City	Networking Lunch <i>(for VIPs & invited Guests)</i>		
Day 03: 27 May 2026 (Wednesday)	Ha Noi	Investment Forum – Vietnam's Investment Landscape: Legal Certainty, Risk Management and Dispute Resolution		
	Ho Chi Minh City			
Day 04: 28 May 2026 (Thursday)	Ha Noi	Seminar on Commercial Mediation: Perspectives from International & Vietnamese Mediation Experts		
	Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam ADR Connect Forum – Managing Commercial Disputes in Vietnam: ADR Practices and User Perspectives		
Day 05: 29 May 2026 (Friday)	Ha Noi	Launch of VIAC Financial Dispute Resolution Division & Vietnam International Financial Centre Symposium 2026 (VIFC Symposium 2026)		
	Ho Chi Minh City			



PARTNER EVENTS TIMELINE

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Topic	Date & Time	Venue/Platform	Format
Seminar on Investment opportunities in Ho Chi Minh City under the new context: An overview and legal recommendations	08h00 – 12h00 22 May 2026 <i>(Friday)</i>	REX Saigon Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard, Sai Gon ward, HCMC	In-person event
Young ADR Practitioners Forum	1.30 – 5.00 PM 25 May 2026 <i>(Monday)</i>	Foreign Trade University, 91 Chua Lang Street, Lang Ward, Hanoi	Hybrid event
Round-table Discussion: Emerging Trends as to the Regulation of the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Arbitration	1.30 – 5.00 PM 27 May 2026 <i>(Wednesday)</i>	Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, 69 Chua Lang Street, Lang Ward, Hanoi	Hybrid event
Webinar on Liquidated Damages in Construction Disputes: Legal and Practical Perspectives	1.30 – 5.00 PM 28 May 2026 <i>(Thursday)</i>	Zoom Platform	Virtual event

INTRODUCTION TO *CO-ORGANIZERS*



VIETNAM INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE (VIAC)

The Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC) was established in 1993 by a Decision of the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam through the merger of the Foreign Trade Arbitration Council (established in 1963) and the Maritime Arbitration Council (established in 1964). Pursuant to the Ordinance on Commercial Arbitration 2003, the Law on Commercial Arbitration 2010, and its current Charter, VIAC operates as an independent institution. Arbitral awards rendered by VIAC tribunals are final and binding, and are recognized and enforced in Vietnam as well as in over 170 countries and territories under the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (the New York Convention 1958).

As a leading arbitration and mediation institution in Vietnam with international recognition, in recent years VIAC has handled thousands of domestic and international disputes across a wide range of sectors, including sale of goods, transportation, insurance, construction, finance, banking, investment, and others. The disputing parties come from most provinces in Vietnam and from key economic and trade partners worldwide. Over nearly three decades of development, VIAC has continuously grown, becoming a trusted institution and a reliable pillar of justice for both domestic and international business communities.



VIETNAM LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (VLA)



The Vietnam Lawyers' Association (VLA), established on April 4, 1955, is a socio-political and professional organization uniting legal professionals nationwide on a voluntary basis. It is a member of the Vietnam Fatherland Front, operating under the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam and the management of the State of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The VLA unites and brings together legal professionals who have been or are currently engaged in legal work in various agencies, organizations, and institutions. Its mission is to contribute to national development and protection, uphold human rights, protect the people's freedoms and democratic rights, advance legal science, and promote the rule of law in Vietnam toward the goals of a prosperous people, a strong nation, democracy, equity, and civilization. It also fosters and expands international cooperation and friendship with legal organizations worldwide and other institutions, based on the principles of respect for independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity, for the shared goals of peace, friendship, cooperation, and development.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF VAW 2020



In the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the adoption of the Law on Commercial Arbitration, the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC), in collaboration with more than 20 domestic and international partners, organized **the Vietnam ADR Week 2020 (VAW 2020)**. While Arbitration and Mediation Weeks have become increasingly common in many countries, VAW 2020 marked the first event of its kind in Vietnam dedicated to commercial arbitration and mediation.



With **11 events** taking place from **15 to 19 June 2020**, VAW 2020 not only focused on arbitration and mediation, but also addressed practical issues for businesses in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and Vietnam's preparation for the EU - Vietnam Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA).



VAW 2020 featured the participation of **50 leading experts** from Vietnam and abroad in the fields of law and economics, and attracted over 500 participants, including business representatives and business associations, lawyers from leading law firm, academics, legal experts, representatives from arbitration and mediation centres in Vietnam, and media agencies in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City

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HIGHLIGHTS OF VAW 2023



Building on the success of the 2020 edition, the **Vietnam ADR Week 2023 (VAW 2023)** was organized under the theme **"Adapting to a Dynamic Asia"**. VAW 2023 featured a series of conferences and professional activities aimed at fostering connections in dispute resolution within Vietnam, across the region, and globally. The event also sought to enhance the standing of arbitration in Vietnam and gradually position the country as a preferred seat of arbitration for disputing parties.

From 8 to 12 May 2023, Vietnam ADR Week 2023 (VAW 2023) featured 14 consecutive events, serving as a dynamic platform not only for discussions on legal risk prevention and dispute resolution, but also for the examination of pressing legal and policy developments. Key topics included the review of the practical implementation of the 2010 Law on Commercial Arbitration and proposals for its amendment, as well as discussions on the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the 1958 New York Convention.



100+
Leading experts

32+
Sponsors

3000+
In-person & online
Participants

30+
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