



Building Strategic Alignments for a More Effective Administration of Justice

HYBRID CONFERENCE

Royal University for Women (RUW)

RUW is the first private, purpose-built, international university in the Kingdom of Bahrain dedicated solely to educating women. RUW provides a comfortable environment in which to create leaders, develop vibrant personalities, dynamic decision makers, independent thinkers and community-conscious individuals. RUW's main focus is on academic excellence and personal development. RUW's initial degree programmes were designed in collaboration with two reputed universities, McGill University in Canada and Middlesex University in the U.K.

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The International Institute for Justice Excellence (IIJE)

The IIJE is an international nonprofit and nonpolitical organization headquartered in The Hague (Netherlands). Based on a need for dynamic, nonprofit work in the international judicial and court administration communities, the IIJE aims to provide research and guidance by way of best practices for the benefit of independent national justice systems throughout the world. The IIJE continues to grow and expand in many areas touching upon the administration of justice, thanks to the contributions of the numerous and impressive members of the international judicial and court communities.

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Conference Objectives

The overarching objective of the conference is to foster stronger working relationships between law schools, legal professionals, law students and judicial institutions in regard to court administration and the administration of justice. The focus is on reinforcing the importance of strategic planning and leadership among courts, Judicial Councils, Ministries of Justice, related institutions, law school professionals, and law students. These relationships and partnerships are vital to continue strengthening the evolution of legal practice, court administration and justice systems in all jurisdictions.

A key priority will be to examine the interplay between legal professionals and justice systems in areas such as access to justice, electronic case management, strategic planning, artificial intelligence, hybrid hearings, ethics and integrity, as well as cooperative law school curriculum development.

The main goal of the conference is to foster a more effective involvement of law schools in building stronger capacity in the administration of justice. There are also other important goals that all conference stakeholders, i.e., law schools, governments, the judiciary, courts, and organizations can strive to attain, which can be summarized as follows:

1.Enhanced Collaboration:

Strengthening ties between law schools, courts, and judicial bodies, as well as legal practitioners, leading to improved collaboration in the administration of justice, ultimately benefiting the government and improving efficiencies in national court systems. This can be achieved by strategic planning frameworks, which ensure that all stakeholders can contribute to the overall effectiveness of justice systems, as well as their alignment with governmental objectives.

2.Developing Legal Education:

Ensuring that future legal professionals are well-prepared and informed about current practices and challenges in national court systems, which can also lead to better legal representation by way of opportunities to jointly develop law school curricula.

3. Access to Justice Initiatives:

Increasing awareness and actionable strategies aimed at improving access to justice, fostering initiatives that ensure fair treatment for all and which also enhance public trust in government, the judiciary and national court systems

4.Innovation in Legal Practice:

Promoting the exchange of ideas in regard to innovative practices, such as the use of AI in case management and hybrid hearings, leading to a more adaptable and efficient legal environment that courts and governments can implement.

Intended Conference Audience:

- The Judiciary and national courts (via international online attendance and in-person attendance at a venue in Bahrain);
- Law Schools (Law Professors and students, both undergrad and postgrad);
- Institutes and NGOs whose focus is on legal education or other sectors of the legal and justice communities.

Conference Format and Participation:

Given the global nature of the conference, the event will be conducted in a hybrid format, allowing participants to attend either in person at the Royal University for Women in Bahrain or virtually through a live online platform. The schedule has been designed to accommodate international participation across multiple time zones, with sessions beginning at 10:00 AM (Bahraintime) to ensure broad accessibility for participants in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Western Hemisphere.

Agenda

Time	Panel	Description
8:30 am - 9:00 am	-	Registration and Coffee
9:00 am - 9:40 am	-	Opening Remarks
9:50 am- 10:50 am	Strategic Planning and Institutional Integration in the Administration of Justice	This theme Addresses the role of joint strategic planning in advancing the administration of justice through enhanced institutional integration among law schools, judicial authorities, and ministries of justice. It focuses on achieving effective coordination among key justice-sector stakeholders and presents selected models and experiences of successful institutional cooperation between academia and judicial practice.
12:00 pm- 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	
1:00 pm- 2:15 pm	Digital Transformation of Justice and Legislative and Regulatory Frameworks	This theme addresses the digital transformation of justice systems, including electronic discovery in litigation, hybrid hearings, international judgment enforcement, as well as the legislative and regulatory frameworks required to support digital justice, cybersecurity, and data protection.
2:15 pm- 3:15pm	Alternative and Digital Dispute Resolution Mechanisms	This theme examines the development of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in the digital era, including arbitration, mediation, and conciliation, as well as the use of technological tools in online dispute resolution, and their role in improving dispute resolution efficiency and reducing the burden on courts.
3:15 pm- 3:45 pm	Coffee Break	
3:45 pm- 4:45 pm	Access to Justice and Public Trust in Light of Constitutional Principles	This theme explores the impact of technological innovation and modern justice systems on enhancing access to justice and strengthening public trust, within the framework of governing constitutional principles, particularly the rule of law, judicial independence, fair trial guarantees, and the protection of rights and freedoms.
4:45 pm- 5:45 pm	Legal Education Development and the Future of the Legal Profession	This theme exclusively addresses the development of legal education and the future of the legal profession, considering rapid technological transformations, through curriculum modernization, enhanced practical training, and the integration of digital skills and alternative dispute resolution, with a view to preparing legal professionals capable of meeting the demands of the modern legal market.
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Reception	