3rd Convention of Mediterranean Jurists

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SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED ENTREPRISES IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AREA
A SECURE ENVIRONMENT FOR INVESTMENTS AND PAYMENTS

WORKING LANGUAGES: FRENCH, ARABIC, ENGLISH, ITALIAN
The intensification of commercial exchanges across the Euro-Mediterranean area is the fundamental precondition for the stability and growth within the region. Yet 90% of this economic activity is rooted in the fabric of small and medium-sized enterprises. Therefore at the heart of political and economic issues in the Mediterranean lies the question of a secure legal environment for this specific category of businesses.

Improving legal attractivity for foreign investors, ensuring the stability of small and medium-sized enterprises during management transmission, securing the payment of outstanding claims, introducing a simplified settlement of disputes and, finally, ensuring the efficient dispatch of a failed business, these are the technical skills that Mediterranean legal professionals have to offer.

The third Convention of Mediterranean jurists is born out of the convergence between the needs of businesses and the skills developed by jurists. It will see several hundred business decision-makers and jurists convene from all the countries on the Mediterranean seaboard, who will examine together the practical solutions on hand for these precise issues.

**Convention Methodology**

The Convention is interactive: themes are first presented by the speakers of each round table, and are then followed by an open discussion with the audience. All presentations and exchanges are simultaneously translated into 4 languages (French, Arabic, English, Italian). The speakers’ contributions are available to the public and posted on the website of the Civil law initiative at the following address:

[www.fondation-droitcontinental.org](http://www.fondation-droitcontinental.org)
Monday, June 7 (10.30 am - 6.00 pm)

**OPENING SESSION**

Mr Vincent Gladel, President of The Continental Law Professions International Initiative, President of the National Council of Bankruptcy Administrators and Judicial Administrators, France

Ms Anne-Marie Idrac, Secretary of State for Foreign Trade, Ministry of Economy, Industry and Employment, France

Mr Ibrahim Najjar, Minister of Justice, Lebanon

Mr Jean-Marc de La Sablière, Ambassador of France to Italy

Mr Jean-Marc Baissus, C.E.O of the Civil law initiative

Mr Michel Grimaldi, Chairman of the Civil law initiative scientific advisory board, Professor

**LUNCH**

**ROUND TABLE 1**

A legal framework for investments

**CHAIRPERSONS:**

Mr Hicham Naciri, Attorney, Morocco

Mr Paul-Albert Iweins, Member of the Civil law initiative scientific advisory board, Former Chairman National Council of the Bars of France, Attorney, France

**A legal framework for investments:**

- Mr Imed Amira, President, Civil law Notary chamber, Tunisia
- Mr Ahmed Reda Boudiaf, Attorney, Algeria
- Mr Olivier de Laroussilhe, Head of unit, Trade relation with Euromed and the Middle East Trade DG, European commission

**Issues and challenges for SMEs:**

- Mr Eric Diamantis, Attorney, President of IPEMED, France
- Mr Christophe Lecourtier, C.E.O Ubifrance, France
- Ms Wafaa Sobby, President of the General Authority for Investment (GAFI), Egypt

**COFFEE BREAK**

**Protection of intellectual property:**

- Mr Mondher Al Mensi, Attorney, Tunisia
- Mr Philippe Coen, Vice-president, "Association Française des Juristes d’Entreprise", France
- Mr Patrice Vidon, Industrial Property Counsel, France

**Debate summing-up**

Mr Jean-Louis Dewost, Member of the Civil law initiative scientific advisory board, Honorary Counsellor of State, Honorary General Director of the European Commission Legal Services, France

Presentation by Mr Pierre Ducret, C.E.O of CDC Climat, France

**OPENING DINNER OFFERED BY THE CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE FORENSE**
## Round Table 2

The transfer of businesses

### Chairman:
Mr Fawzi Marref, Civil law Notary, Algérie
Mr Pascal Chassaing, Civil law Notary, France

### A strategy for innovative SMEs:
- Mr Marc Lévis, Attorney to the Council of state and the Court of cassation, President of the Association "law and the mediterranean", France

### Ex gratia transfers of businesses
- Ms Cinzia Brunelli, Civil law Notary, International Notarial Commission, International Union of Notaries, Italy
- Mr N., Professor, Lebanon
- Mr N., Representative of tax administration, France

### Coffee Break

### Onerous transfers of businesses
- Mr Abdessattar Khouildi, Secretary General, International reconciliation and arbitration Center between Islamic financial Institutions, Dubai
- Mr Pierre Lafont, Attorney, France
- Mr N., Civil law Notary, Maroc

### Debate summing-up
Mr Bernard Chambel, Member of the Civil law initiative scientific advisory board, Honorary President of the "Conférence des Bâtonniers", Attorney, France

### Lunch
Tuesday, June 8 (2.00 pm - 6.00 pm)

**Introduction:**
Mr Guido Alpa, President of the Consiglio Nazionale Forense (CNF), member of the Civil law initiative board, Attorney, Italy

**Arbitration: Issues and specific needs:**
- Mr Fadi Abboud, President, National Confederation of French Employers, Lebanon, Attorney, Belgium
- Mr George Albert Dal, Director General of Investors’ Dispute Settlement Center, Egypt
- Mr Mohamed Maher Abdelwahed, Attorney, Syria
- Mr Gabriel Mecarelli, Senior lecturer, University Paris Sud XI, France
- Mr Giorgio Schiavoni, President, Institute for the promotion of arbitration and conciliation in the Mediterranean, Italy

**Host:** Mr Aldo Bulgarelli, President, International Commission of the Consiglio Nazionale Forense, Italy

**Coffee break**

**Mediation, issues and specific needs**
- Mr Ahmadi, Attorney, Morocco
- Mr Stefano Azzali, Secretary General of the Milan national and international arbitration chamber, Italy
- Mr Andrea Benassi, Secretary general, European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, Italy
- Mr Michel Benichou, Attorney, President, “Fédération des Barreaux d’Europe”, France
- Ms Chiara Giovannucci Orlandi, Professor, University of Bologna, member of the Conciliation Commission, Consiglio Nazionale Forense, Italy
- Mr Michael McIlwrath, Senior Counsel – litigation, General Electric, Florence, USA

**Host:** Mr Fabio Florio, President of the Conciliation Commission, Consiglio Nazionale Forense, Italy

**Debate summing-up:**
Mr Daniel Tricot, Member of the Civil law initiative scientific advisory board, Administrator French Association of PhDs, Honorary President of the commercial division of the Court of Cassation, France

**Presentation**
Mr Arnaud Raynouard, Professor, University Paris Dauphine, Economic Efficiency of the Law Program Director, Civil law initiative, France

**Dinner hotel Vittorio Veneto**
Wednesday, June 9 (9.30 am - 2.00 pm)

**Workshops**
(The 5 workshops are held concomitantly)

1. **Protection of Cultural Assets**
   - Mr Richard Sédillot, Attorney, France
   - Mr Jorge Antonio Cordero, Civil law Notary, Mexico
   - Mr Edouard Planche, Representative of UNESCO

2. **E-trade**
   - Mr Pierre Catala, Professor, France
   - Mr Mohamed Hamouda, Professor, Tunisia
   - Mr Marc Levis, Attorney to the French council of state and the Court of cassation, President of the Association "law and the mediterranean", France

3. **Islamic Finance**
   - Mr Jean du Bois de Gaudusson, Professor, University Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV, France
   - Mr Antoine Burin des Roziers, Foreign Trade Councillor, France

4. **Industrial Property**
   - Mr Patrice Vidon, Industrial Property Counsel, France
   - Mr Jean-Daniel Lachkar, President, National chamber of Baillifs, France

5. **L’Entraide judiciaire internationale et les réseaux judiciaires**
   - Mr Frank Natali, Attorney, France
   - Mr Guillaume Adreani, Assistant, AHJUCAF, France
   - Ms Christine Da Luz, Judge, contact point for the European civil and commercial judicial network, Ministry of Justice, France
   - Mr Jose Maria Davo, President, Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe, Attorney, Spain
   - Mr Iskandar Ghattas, Former under Secretary of Justice for international cooperation, MP, Egypt
   - Mr Philippe Rouet, Head of the SMEs jurists” commission, French Association of in-house counsel”, France

9.30 am - 12.30 pm
12.30 pm - 2.00 pm

Lunch
**Wednesday, June 9 (2.00 am- 6.00 pm)**

### Round Table 4

**Debt recovery**

**Chairman:**
Mr Jean-François Bauvin, Vice-president, National Chamber of Bailiffs, France

**Experts:**
- Mr Mohamed Cherif, President, National Chamber of Bailiffs, Algeria
- Mr Arcangelo D’Aurora, President, Association of Bailiffs, Italy
- Mr Farhat Toumi, Attorney, Tunisia
- Mr N., UNIDROIT, Italy

### Round Table 5

**Insolvency proceedings: seeking a balance**

**Chairman:**
Mr Vincent Gladel, President of The Continental Law Professions International Initiative, President of the National Council of Bankruptcy Administrators and Judicial Administrators, France

**Suspension of creditors’ individual right to sue**
- Mr Messaoud Mentri, Professor, Annaba University, Algeria
- Mr Marc André, Receiver-Liquidator, Insol Europe, France
- Mr Fady Nammour, Professor, Attorney, Lebanon

**The situation of individual debtors**
- Mr Nabil Kerouaz, Attorney, Algeria
- Mr Marc André, Receiver-Liquidator, Insol Europe, France
- Mr Brahim Abouzeid, Attorney, Lebanon

**Debate summing-up**

### Closing Session

**Scientific Summing-up**

Political personalities of the Mediterranean (confirmation pending)

Presentation of the 4th Convention of Mediterranean jurists in 2011, in Algeria

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