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**To: All Interested Parties**

**From: Lia Riri, Secretary of the Cyprus National Committee of ICC**

**Subject: 41<sup>st</sup> ICC Institute Annual Conference: Rethinking the Paradigms of International Arbitration  
(29 November 2021, 09.00-18.00 CET) Hybrid-Paris/Online**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to inform you that the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) is organizing the 41<sup>st</sup> edition of the ICC Institute Annual Conference that will take place on 29 November 2021. This year the theme is **"Rethinking the Paradigms of International Arbitration"**.

The pandemic forced us into confinement. However, our arbitration work had to continue and thus we discovered working remotely. Through the ingenious use of technology, we realized that all of our constant traveling and face-to-face meetings were in fact not so essential. From our office, and at the height of the pandemic from our own home, we have come to discover that we are more efficient in this new, virtual world.

Indeed, the world of arbitration flourishes without the need for the so-called arbitration tourism that made us waste our lives at airports, hotels and exhausting meeting rooms. And whilst we were increasing the efficiency of our work, we were also questioning the very way in which we had been carrying out arbitration proceedings, questioning the very basis of international arbitration. *We were Rethinking the Paradigms of International Arbitration.*

Join the event and contribute to the latest debates on a host of topical subjects ranging from the discretionary powers of arbitrators to redefining the role and value of expert evidence or how best to address issues that arise in relation to remote hearings. This **unique annual event** will be followed by the award ceremony of the 2021 ICC Institute Prize for the best thesis on international commercial law.

Register to attend in person or on ICC'S tailored online event platform – either way there will be plenty of **networking opportunities!**

For more information and for **registration** you can [click here](#).

Best regards,

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Secretary  
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