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Given the significant demand from participating law firms and institutions in 2024, and feedback received regarding the number of events held, for the 2025 edition of Dubai Arbitration Week, the Organising Committee has established the following guidelines to assist with an orderly preparation for DAW 2025.

All participating firms and institutions are requested to abide by these guidelines. Failure to do so may result in not being included on the official DAW 2025 schedule.

Opening Ceremony

There will be an opening ceremony in the evening of **Monday 10 November 2025** from **7pm** onwards. All events taking place on that day should end by **6pm**.

Number of events per firm/institution

Given the volume of demand, each firm or institution will be permitted to advertise one event during DAW 2025. For the avoidance of doubt:

- An event co-hosted with another firm or institution shall be treated as a single event. Co-hosting will therefore not entitle firms or institutions to host additional events.
- Sponsorship of an event being held by a body or institution does not count as a DAW event. By way of example, if firm X sponsors (e.g. through financial support or providing a venue) an event organised by and advertised as an event of an arbitral institution, firm X will be permitted to organise and advertise its own event.
- Young members groups of institutions shall be treated separately to the institution and will therefore be able to host events in addition to the main institution's event.

Time Limit for Events and Slots

To maximise opportunities for participation and limit the number of overlapping events, the maximum time limit per event is set at 2 hours according to the following slots:

Morning Slots	Slot 1	Slot 2
Lunch Slot	Slot 1	
Afternoon Slots	Slot 1	Slot 2
Evening Slots	Slot 1	Slot 2

Requests by institutions to occupy more than one slot will be considered on a case-by-case basis upon application to the Organising Committee.

In order to manage the schedule, there will be a maximum number of three events per slot.

Venue for Events

Participating firms and institutions are responsible for organising events. You are welcome to host an event at your own offices or at a different venue should you prefer. Historically, the centre of gravity of DAW events has been in and around the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) and participating firms and institutions are encouraged to organise events in the vicinity of the DIFC to facilitate participation.

Topics for Events

Participating firms and institutions are free to propose topics relating to commercial or investment arbitration and ADR. The Organising Committee will generally not seek to interfere in the proposed topics. However, the Organising Committee reserves the right to propose changes in appropriate circumstances. For example, participating firms and institutions should avoid politically or culturally sensitive topics and titles and the Organising Committee reserves the right to request a particular topic or title to be reconsidered if it is deemed to be politically or culturally sensitive.

Fee

For DAW 2025, the Organising Committee has determined that a fee shall be charged for inclusion on the official schedule and the DAW website. The fee will be used to fund DAW activities such as marketing and consulting costs and the opening ceremony.

A fee will only be payable if a proposed event is accepted for inclusion on the official schedule.

The fee payable shall be **AED 3,500 + 5% UAE VAT = AED 3,675**

The Organising Committee may waive the fee for non-profit/charitable organisations and young members' organisations.

Deadline for Submission of Proposals

Proposals for inclusion on the official schedule of DAW 2025 should be received by **Wednesday 30 July 2025**. The proposals should be submitted by email to Events@diac.com

All proposals received will be reviewed by the Organising Committee and confirmation provided as soon as possible.

Please include the following information:

Proposed Title/Topic	Alternative Slot
Proposed Date	Format (in-person / virtual / hybrid)
Alternative Date	Tentative venue
Proposed Slot	

Sponsorship opportunities are available for DAW 2025.

Sponsors who first commit to the Diamond and Platinum packages by signing the contract and completing the payment before **30 July 2025**, will be given priority in selecting their preferred slots in the DAW calendar.

For further details, please contact:

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