ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Conference topic

This conference will deal with the impact of blockchain technology and smart contracts on arbitration. The first part will explain the technical foundations of a blockchain. The second part of the conference will address the legal implications of smart contracts. The third part will explore the resolution of disputes using blockchain technology and will focus in particular on the current projects in this field.

Schedule at a glance

11:00	REGISTRATION
11.15	ASA GENERAL MEETING
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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

13:15 - 13:20	WELCOME ADDRESS	Christoph Müller UNINE, Neuchâtel
13.20 - 14.00	BLOCKCHAIN: TECHNICAL FOUNDATION	Luzius Meisser Bitcoin Association Switzerland, Zurich
	Including questions and answers	
14.00 - 14.40	SMART CONTRACTS: LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	Mirjam Eggen UNIBE, Bern
	Including questions and answers	
14.40 - 15.10	Coffee Break	
15.10 - 16.00	BLOCKCHAIN AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION: AN INTRODUCTION	Markus Kaulartz CMS, Munich
		Falco Kreis CMS, Munich
	Including questions and answers	
16.00 - 16.50	BLOCKCHAIN AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION: CURRENT PROJECTS	Dominik Vock MME Legal Tax Compliance, Zurich
		Jonatan Baier MME Legal Tax Compliance, Zurich
	Including questions and answers	
16.50 - 17.00	CLOSING REMARKS	Elliott Geisinger ASA President, Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd., Geneva
17.00	COCKTAILS	

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Who should attend?

All professionals involved in dispute resolution: lawyers, arbitrators, corporate counsel, and academics.

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