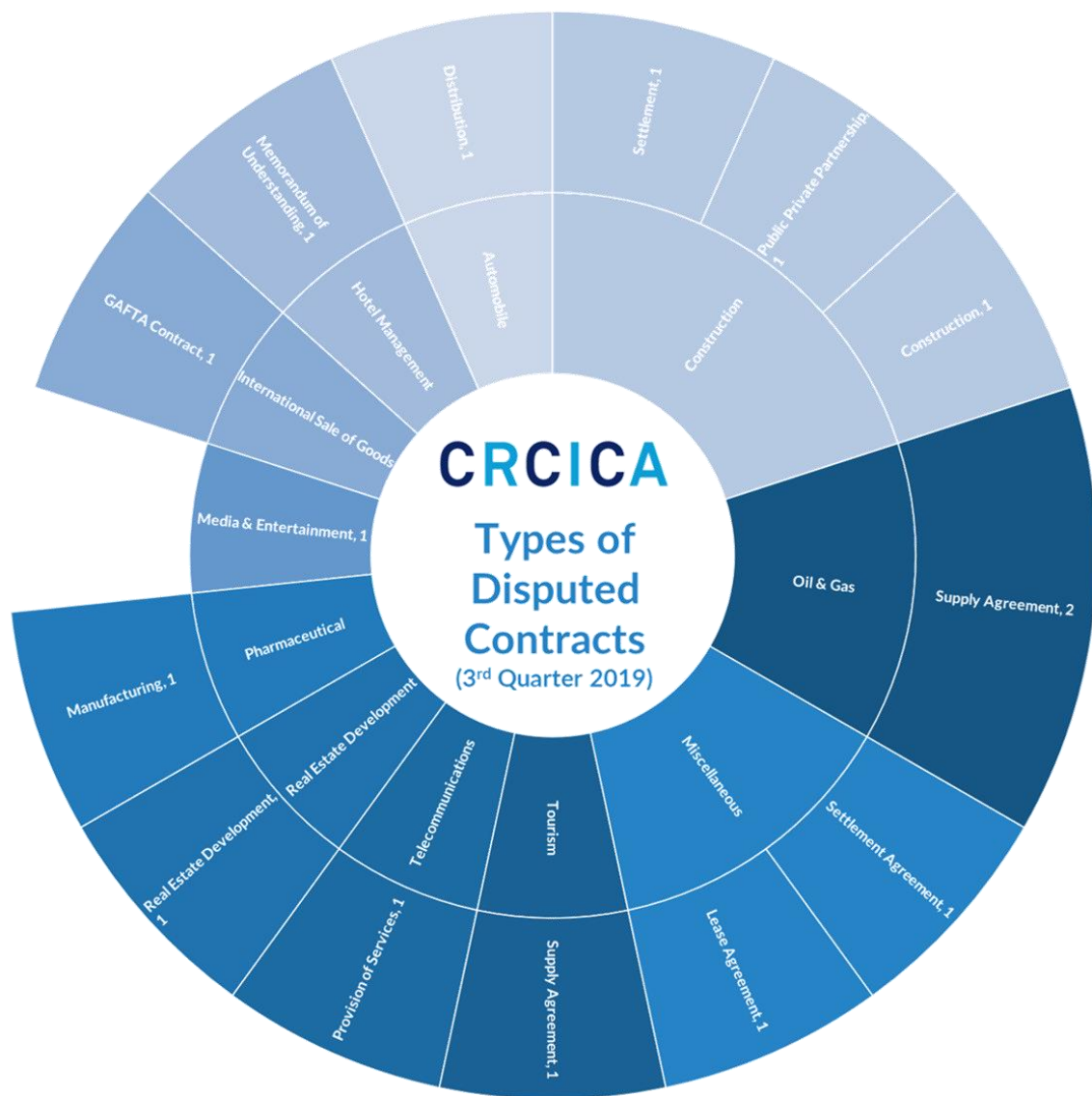


Brief on CRCICA Caseload and Recent Activities in Africa

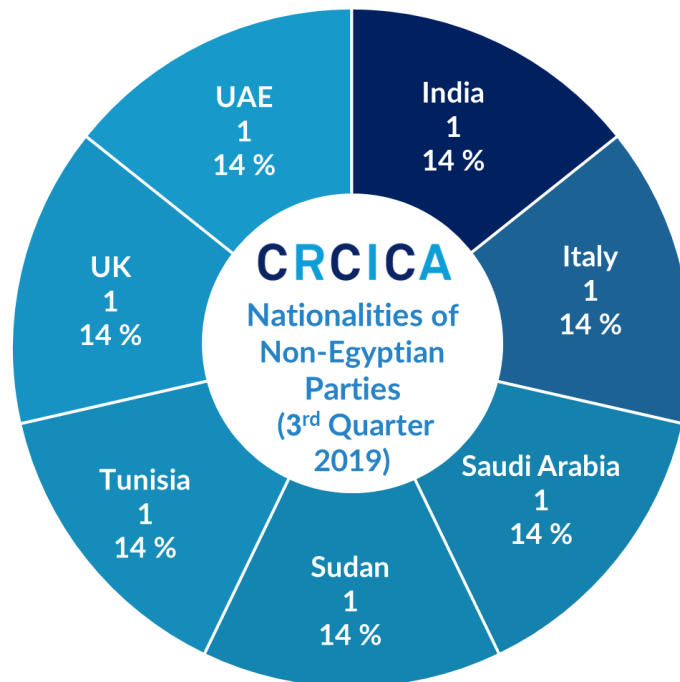
During the Second Half of 2019

On 21 November 2019, the total number of cases filed before the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (“CRCICA”) reached 1365 cases, with 26 new cases filed since July 2019.

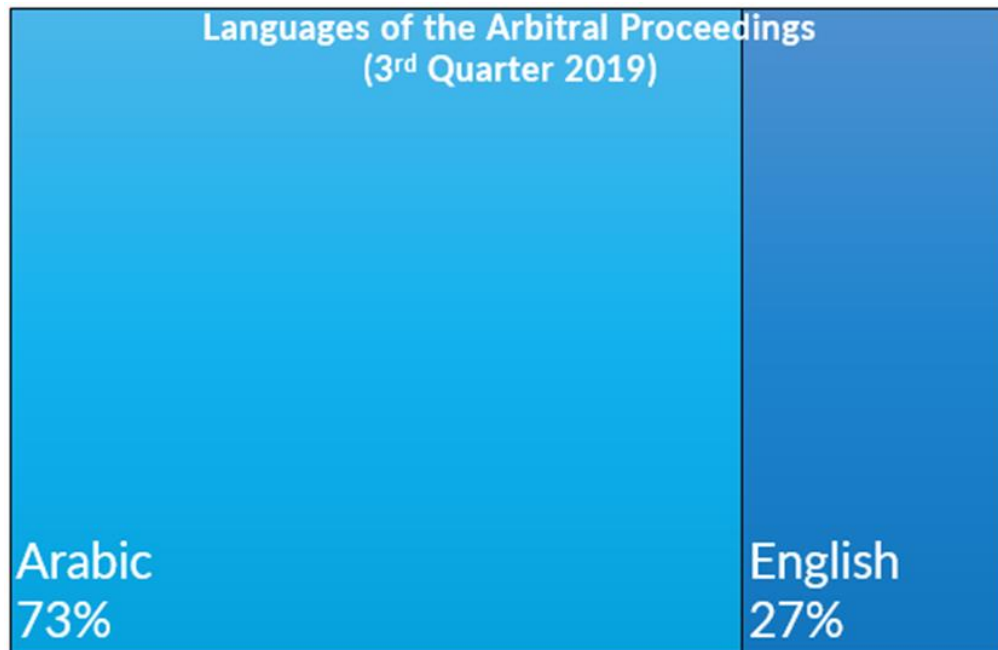
The cases related to various sectors, including Construction, Real Estate Development, Tourism, International Sale of Goods, Hotel Management, Oil & Gas, Pharmaceutical, Telecommunications and Media & Entertainment.



Parties involved in these cases came from Egypt, India, Italy, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia and the UK; while appointed arbitrators came from Bahrain, Canada, Egypt, France, the UK and the USA.



The language of the proceedings was Arabic in 19 cases, while English was the language of the proceedings for 7 cases.



During the second half of 2019, CRCICA concluded two cooperation agreements with the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA) in August 2019 and the Lagos

Court of Arbitration (LCA) in September 2019. Both agreements involve, inter alia, promoting and developing arbitration techniques through joint capacity building events, cooperation in the achievement of the goals of the AfAA, and that NCIA and LCA shall be alternative hearing centres of the CRCICA in Kenya and Nigeria respectively and vice versa.



Figure 1 Agreement between CRCICA and the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA) in August 2019.



Figure 2 CRCICA's Director at the 7th East Africa International Arbitration (EAIAC) Conference in Nairobi, Kenya – August 2019

On 29-30 August 2019, CRCICA was a Strategic Partner of the 7th East Africa International Arbitration (EAIAC) Conference on “Government Contracting and Investment Disputes: Lessons for States and Investors” held in Nairobi, Kenya. The event was organized by EAIAC Committee, in partnership with GBS Africa, I-ARB Africa and W&Co - Law+Policy. Dr. Ismail Selim, CRCICA’s Director and Board Member of the AfAA, moderated the Institutions’ Panel Session titled: The Future of African Arbitration. The session focused on the diversity in international arbitration, investment arbitration in African Centres, and collaboration among arbitration centres.



Figure 3 Agreement between CRCICA and the Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA) in September 2019.

On 16 September 2019, CRCICA was represented by Dr. Mohamed Hafez, Counsel and Legal Advisor to the Director of CRCICA, at the Lagos Court of Arbitration ADR Summit 2019 held in Lagos, Nigeria. Dr. Hafez was a panelist at the session titled “Examining the Role of Arbitral Institutions in the Promotion and Development of Arbitration in Africa”.

Also, on 27 September 2019, the leading role of CRCICA in Africa was outlined by Mr. Craig Tevendale, Partner, Head of International Arbitration Group, Herbert Smith Freehills and Member of CRCICA’s Advisory Committee, at the Round Table discussion on "Arbitral Institutions, A Necessity or a Burden?" in London, UK. The Round Table was organized by International Business Law Journal / Revue du Droit des Affaires (IBLI/RDAI) and Gide Loyrette Nouel LLP.



Figure 4: CRCICA Regional Partner of the 7th AIAF Congress staged in Africa for the first time – Cairo, October 2019.

During the second half of 2019, CRCICA organized and hosted a number of successful events with the American Bar Association (ABA), the International Association of Football Lawyers (AIAF), the Confederation of African Football (CAF), the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Egypt (CCIFE), the International Bar Association (IBA), Le Club de Simulation d'Arbitrage et de Plaidoiries (CSAP), the Jessup Club of the Institut de Droit des Affaires Internationales (IDAI), Alexandria University, and the CIArb Egypt Branch.



Figure 5: CRCICA/ABA Distinguished Lawyers Continued Legal Education Program, Cairo, October 2019

Finally, CRCICA contributed with a Chapter titled “CRCICA Overview” at the GAR Middle Eastern and African Arbitration Review 2019.