

WEBINAR SERIES

Introduction To Mediation And Arbitration



Topic:

**Mediation Advocacy and Support by
Lawyers – From Counsel to Catalyst**



Dates & Time

Series 1: Wednesday 24 September 2025, 16:30 – 18:30 CEST

Series 2: Thursday 25 September 2025, 16:30 – 18:30 CEST



Format

Online via Zoom



Languages

English, French, Arabic



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Expert Speakers

Mr. Thomas John



Thomas John practices globally as an international commercial mediator, arbitrator, negotiator, and legal consultant. Accredited by, and a panel member of, leading mediation and arbitration institution, Thomas based in the Netherlands. Common and civil law trained and fully bilingual(English Germán) he has a keen interest in resolving commercial, corporate, and investor-state disputes, but also disputes relating MSMEs, travel and tourism, business and human rights, as well as international organizations, their staff, contractors and consultants.



Lois Chisompola Sikwenda

Lois Chisompola Sikwenda is a legal practitioner and the Managing Partner of Valerie and Partners, an ADR law firm. Drawing from her extensive experience in the court system, Lois excels as a third-party neutral, facilitating effective and mutually satisfactory agreements in negotiation and mediation. Lois is also Co-Founder and Director of the Institute for Mediation Excellence, where she advocates for law reform in ADR, training and services.

Objectives

- 1.To introduce effective mediation advocacy and support skills to lawyers.
- 2.To explore the opportunities and challenges of the lawyer's shift from litigation to mediation advocacy.

Overview

The session will introduce effective mediation advocacy and support skills for lawyers, outlining the structure covering roles, strategies, support functions, ethics, and interactive discussions. The focus is to explain the lawyer's shift from litigation advocacy to interest-based mediation advocacy, balancing rights and relationships while serving as advisors, negotiators, strategists, legal safeguards, and communication bridges during the process.

Certification

Certificates of completion will be issued to participants