

Note from the General Editor

With this issue, the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR-AAA) is launching a new international arbitration law journal, the *BCDR International Arbitration Review* (*BCDR IAR*). The Review, which will be published in both print and electronic formats, will feature articles, case summaries and documents in Arabic and English.

Each issue of the Review will focus on a specific theme or topic that is both timely and of particular interest to the Arab region. In addition to its Editorial Board, the *BCDR IAR* will have a diverse Advisory Board composed of arbitrators, practitioners and academics.

The main objectives of the Review will be to increase awareness of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and arbitration in the Arab world, and to provide the outside world with a perspective on related developments occurring in the region. As these goals fit squarely within the mandate of the BCDR-AAA, the Review will serve as the vehicle for the BCDR-AAA's efforts to disseminate knowledge and to increase understanding in the field.

At a time when the Arab world is experiencing rapid change as well as unprecedented uncertainty, doubts could reasonably be expressed as to the timeliness of launching another law publication. It is, however, precisely at this time that the prominence of law ought to be emphasized in the Arab world. Indeed, when the turmoil subsides, any remaining battles in the region will be legal in nature. Spreading legal education will allow the rule of law alone to determine the outcomes.

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