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IPBA Mid-Year Regional Conference Madrid 2025 • 29-30 September 2025

## Bridging Four Regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America

The Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA) Mid-Year Regional Conference serves as a crucial opportunity for legal professionals whose international practice spans cultures and regions to come together and discuss issues relevant to serving their clients in the most effective ways. This unique gathering marks the IPBA's first time in Madrid, and highlights Spain's historic role as a bridge between cultures and geographic regions.

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## Day 1: September 29

### 09:00-09:30 - Registration

### 09:30-10:00 - Opening Ceremony

- Welcome Address by Mr. José Luis Martínez-Almeida, Mayor of Madrid
- Remarks by Mr. José Luis Bonet Ferrer, Chairman, Spanish Chamber of Commerce
- Remarks by Mr. Ángel Asensio, Chairman, Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services of Madrid
- Remarks by Michael Chu, IPBA President

### 10:00-11:00 – “International Investments: Global Perspectives and Latest Developments”

Moderator: Mr. Nuno Albuquerque

- Regional perspectives from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America
- Special focus on evolving global trade dynamics
- Cross-continental business opportunities and challenges

### 11:00-11:30 - Networking Break

### 11:30-11:50 - Featured Presentation: "Spain and Latin America: A Special Relationship"

Presented by Mr. Carlos Malamud-Latin America Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute

- Historical, economic, and political dimensions
- Current state of bilateral relations

### 11:50-14:00 - “Future Vision: New Trends in International Arbitration”

Co-Moderators: Mr. Paulo Fohlin and Mr. Luis Fernando Rodríguez

- Panel discussion with arbitration institutions and experts from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America

### 14:00-15:15 - Networking Lunch: Spanish Gastronomy Experience

### 15:15-15:30 - IPBA Presentation: “New Delhi Annual Conference 2026 - Ms. Priti Suri”

### 15:30-16:45 - “Geopolitics: Navigation in Times of Uncertainty”

Moderator: Rafael Vergara

- Regional perspectives from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America
- Cross-continental perspectives on current challenges
- Future outlook for international relations

### 16:45-17:00 - Special Dialogue with Mr. José María Alonso, International Arbitrator

Interviewed by Ms. Urquiola de Palacio

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## Day 2: September 30

### 09:30-10:30 - “Artificial Intelligence and Law: The New Frontier”

Moderator: Mr. Omar Puertas

- Regional perspectives from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America
- Risk assessment and opportunities
- Impact on legal practice

### 10:30-11:30 - “In-House Counsel Perspectives Across Continents”

Moderator: Mr. Lucas Osorio

- Regional perspectives from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America
- Comparative analysis of roles and challenges
- Best practices exchange

### 11:30-12:00 - Networking Break

### 12:00-13:50 - “Future Vision: New Trends in International Sports Arbitration”

Co-Moderators: Mr. Efraim Barak and Mr. Jaime Castillo

Special Dialogue with Mr. Matthieu Reeb: TAS-CAS Director General

Interviewed by Mr. Lucas Ferrer de Robles

- Regional perspectives from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America
- Regional case studies and emerging trends

### 13:50-13:55 Closing Remarks by J. Félix de Luis

### 13:55-14:00 - Closing Ceremony by Mr. Eugenio Ribón

- Remarks by Most Honourable Dean of the Honourable Bar Association of Madrid



# Madrid 2025 - Details

## Venue

### Hotel Hyatt Regency Hesperia Madrid

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## Registration Fees

US\$250 for IPBA members • US\$280 for non-members

**21% VAT will be added to all registrants outside of Spain**

Registration link  
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