



CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDIATORS AND ARBITRATORS

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CIMA'S GREEN ARBITRATION POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

The Center for International Mediators and Arbitrators (CIMA) recognizes that environmental sustainability is a matter of global urgency. As a leading institution in alternative dispute resolution (ADR), CIMA is committed to incorporating environmentally responsible practices in its operations, programmes, and proceedings. This Green Policy sets forth our institutional commitment to reducing environmental impact while promoting awareness, innovation, and sustainability across the international ADR landscape.

2. POLICY OBJECTIVES

CIMA's Green Policy aims to:

- MINIMIZE the environmental footprint of CIMA's operations, activities, and events
 - ENCOURAGE sustainable practices among staff, members, and affiliates
 - PROMOTE digital transformation as a tool for environmental responsibility
 - ALIGN CIMA's work with global sustainable development goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production)
 - INSPIRE a culture of environmental stewardship in the ADR community
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3. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This Policy applies to:

- All CIMA offices, branches, and affiliates globally
 - All CIMA-administered trainings, conferences, and proceedings
 - All CIMA panelists, staff, interns, volunteers, and service providers
 - All physical and digital infrastructure maintained by CIMA
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4. KEY PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES

4.1 Sustainable Operations

- Limit paper usage by promoting digital filings, e-bundles, and electronic case management
- Adopt energy-efficient systems and LED lighting in all premises
- Prioritize suppliers with credible environmental certifications
- Eliminate single-use plastics at all events and facilities

4.2 Green Events and Trainings

- Offer hybrid and virtual participation to reduce travel-related emissions
- Provide catering using sustainable packaging and locally sourced products
- Minimize printed materials; all course and event documents shall be provided digitally by default
- Choose environmentally responsible venues

4.3 Digital ADR Promotion

- Encourage the use of video conferencing, digital hearings, and cloud-based solutions
- Promote environmentally friendly dispute resolution models including Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)
- Ensure training modules highlight the intersection between ADR and sustainability

4.4 Sustainable Procurement

- Source eco-friendly products and services wherever feasible
- Integrate sustainability criteria in all procurement decisions

5. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

- Conduct annual workshops and webinars on environmental responsibility for ADR practitioners

- Incorporate green dispute resolution principles in training and certification curricula
 - Recognize and reward green innovations in ADR practice through CIMA's annual Environmental ADR Award
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6. MEASUREMENT, MONITORING & REPORTING

- CIMA shall set annual environmental goals and publish progress reports
 - Environmental impact assessments shall be conducted for major events
 - A designated Green Officer shall oversee implementation and monitoring of this policy
 - Feedback from staff and members shall be actively sought to improve practices
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7. PARTNERSHIPS AND ADVOCACY

- CIMA shall collaborate with green ADR initiatives, law firms, and NGOs to share best practices
 - Actively support the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations and related global efforts
 - Promote eco-conscious dispute resolution in policy advocacy and public engagements
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8. CONCLUSION

CIMA embraces its responsibility to contribute to a sustainable future through action, education, and leadership. This Green Policy reflects our enduring commitment to preserving the environment while advancing the ideals of justice and equity through ADR.

Let us arbitrate responsibly—for the parties, for the profession, and for the planet.

