



## CHAIR'S MESSAGE DECEMBER 2022

As one year draws to a close, and we prepare to usher in the next, this time of year is often a period of reflection.

And there is much to reflect on in the past year. The Commonwealth has lost a Queen and gained a King. Russia has invaded Ukraine. It has been a year of great geopolitical turmoil.

At CI Arb Singapore, we slowly emerged from the Covid-19 pandemic from late 2021 onwards, as Singapore eased its restrictions. We are fortunate to have had a busy and prosperous 2022, hosting a large number of in-person, hybrid and virtual events, collaborating with several of our key partners in international dispute resolution such as the ICC, SIAC and HKIAC, to name just a few.

Out of our glittering array of events and courses, each of which demonstrates the groundbreaking thought leadership for which we are so well known, I would like to invite you to reflect on the theme of one event, in particular, which rounded off the year on 1 December.

“The Journey to Greener Arbitrations – What Practical Steps can we Take to Get There?” focused on practical steps that can be taken to reduce our carbon footprint in arbitrations, and to meet the need of the hour, as the climate crisis becomes ever more urgent.

As I remarked at the event, the respondents to the market-leading 2021 International Arbitration Survey by Queen Mary and White & Case indicated they are willing to adopt more sustainable practices, but would welcome more “green guidance” from tribunals and in the form of soft law.

However, a great deal of “green guidance” already exists – you just need to know where to find it.

I therefore take this opportunity to set out for you some very useful resources from two of our partners for the December event.

Firstly, the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations has produced “green protocols” for all aspects of arbitration practice, including the following:

- Green Protocol for Arbitral Proceedings and Model Green Procedural Order
- Green Protocol for Law Firms, Chambers and Legal Service Providers working in arbitration
- Green Protocol for Arbitrators
- Green Protocol for Arbitration Conferences
- Green Protocol for Arbitral Hearing Venues
- Green Protocol for Arbitral Institutions

All of these resources can be found at:

<https://www.greenerarbitrations.com/green-protocols>

It bears mentioning that the work of the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations has inspired greener practices not just in arbitration, but in mediation as well.

Secondly, Sidley Austin LLP has helpfully curated a set of resources on carbon emissions, carbon off-sets and sustainable aviation fuel, which is set out below this message.

As we sit down to write our New Year's resolutions for next year, I invite all of us to please consider committing to greener ADR practices in 2023, and beyond.

Individually, our impact will be limited, but collectively, our impact may be both powerful and influential.

With that, all that remains is for me to wish you and your loved ones a peaceful end to 2022, and a very Happy New Year!

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