

Global Summit

on

AI-DRIVEN ADR, SUSTAINABILITY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE: STRENGTHENING ADR REGIMES FOR SMART AND SUSTAINABLE JUSTICE

Call for Papers

22 August 2026



About the Summit

The contemporary justice landscape is undergoing a profound transformation driven by Artificial Intelligence, digital governance, evolving global dispute resolution frameworks, and the growing need for sustainable and resilient ADR systems. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms are increasingly integrating technology-enabled systems such as Online Dispute Resolution (ODR), predictive analytics, blockchain-enabled contracts, and AI-assisted legal processes. Simultaneously, pressing concerns relating to sustainability of the ADR ecosystem, ethical governance, indigenous rights, cultural heritage protection, and inclusive access to justice continue to challenge existing legal systems across jurisdictions.

The Summit shall feature **four specialised Technical Tracks** covering contemporary issues relating to AI-driven ADR, institutional and commercial ADR reforms, sustainability of ADR mechanisms, and cultural heritage and traditional approaches in dispute resolution. In addition, the Summit will host **Special Panel Discussion** featuring distinguished experts and thought leaders on future-ready justice systems, ethical governance, and global ADR reforms, followed by a **Concluding Ceremony** recognising scholarly contributions and fostering continued collaboration among stakeholders.

Important Dates

- Early Bird Registration Deadline - 30 June 2026
 - Last Date for Abstract Submission - 15 July 2026
 - Regular Registration Deadline - 15 July 2026
 - Notification of Acceptance - Rolling Basis
 - Conference Date - 22 August 2026
 - Last Date for Full Paper Submission - 30 September 2026
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Objective

The Summit seeks to:

- Examine the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies in ADR systems.
- Explore reforms and innovations for strengthening access to justice through ADR.
- Deliberate upon sustainability of ADR mechanisms.
- Discuss legal and ethical concerns surrounding AI governance and digital justice systems.
- Promote discourse on cultural heritage protection, indigenous knowledge systems, and community participation.
- Facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration among legal scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and technology experts.
- Develop conversations around responsible innovation and sustainable justice mechanisms.

CONFERENCE TRACKS / TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Track I

AI, Digital Justice and Emerging Technologies in ADR

This track explores the growing role of Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies in transforming dispute resolution systems, legal processes, and justice delivery mechanisms.

Sub-Themes

- Artificial Intelligence in Mediation and Arbitration
- AI-Assisted Decision-Making
- Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) and Digital Courts
- Blockchain, Smart Contracts and Arbitration
- Predictive Analytics and Legal Technology
- Cybersecurity and Data Protection in ADR
- Human Oversight and Accountability in Automated Decision-Making
- AI Governance and Responsible Technology Deployment

Track II

Commercial ADR, Institutional Reforms and Access to Justice

This track focuses on evolving ADR frameworks, institutional arbitration systems, procedural reforms, and innovative approaches for efficient justice delivery.

Sub-Themes

- Reforming ADR Frameworks for Efficient Justice Delivery
 - Institutional Arbitration and International Best Practices
 - Fast-Track Arbitration and Procedural Innovations
 - Technology-Driven ADR Institutions
 - Consumer Protection and Digital Dispute Resolution
 - Capacity Building and Professional Training in ADR
 - Role of ADR in Reducing Judicial Backlogs
 - Comparative Global ADR Regimes
 - Future of Legal Practice in the AI Era
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Track III Sustainability of ADR Mechanisms

This track focuses on strengthening the long-term sustainability, credibility, efficiency, and practical adoption of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms. It examines how arbitration, mediation, conciliation, and Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) systems can evolve from being “alternative” processes to becoming the preferred and default mode of dispute resolution for businesses, governments, and individuals. The discussions under this track aim to identify structural reforms, technological innovations, institutional practices, and policy interventions that can make ADR more accessible, cost-effective, time-efficient, trustworthy, and user-centric in the modern justice ecosystem.

Sub-Themes

- Making ADR the Default Choice for Dispute Resolution
- Institutional Credibility and Trust in ADR Systems
- Sustainability of Arbitration and Mediation Institutions
- Enforceability, Compliance and Effectiveness of ADR Outcomes
- Standardisation and Best Practices in ADR Procedures
- Building Business Confidence in ADR Mechanisms
- Strengthening Cross-Border ADR Ecosystems
- Capacity Building and Professional Development in ADR
- Role of Governments, Courts and Policy in Promoting ADR
- Future-Ready ADR Systems for Emerging Commercial Disputes

Track IV Cultural Heritage and Traditional Approaches in ADR

This track explores the relationship between cultural heritage, traditional dispute resolution practices, and the evolution of modern ADR systems. It focuses on how cultural values, indigenous practices, community-based justice models, and heritage-sensitive approaches can strengthen the legitimacy, inclusivity, accessibility, and effectiveness of ADR mechanisms across diverse societies and jurisdictions. The track also examines the role of ADR in resolving disputes involving cultural property, heritage preservation, identity, and community rights.

Sub-Themes

- Traditional and Indigenous Dispute Resolution Mechanisms
- Cultural Sensitivity in Arbitration and Mediation
- Role of Customary Practices in Modern ADR Systems
- Cross-Cultural Conflicts and ADR
- ADR and Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Faith-Based and Traditional Approaches to Conflict Resolution
- Intergenerational Knowledge and Sustainable Dispute Resolution Practices
- ADR in Identity, Community and Heritage-Related Conflicts

The themes, topics, and sub-themes mentioned above are only indicative and not exhaustive. Researchers, academicians, practitioners, and participants are encouraged to submit papers on any contemporary issue or emerging area relevant to the broader theme of the Summit.

SPECIAL PANEL DISCUSSION

The Conference shall also host a Special Panel Discussion on tentative topic “Can AI and ODR Make Dispute Resolution Faster, Fairer and More Inclusive?” featuring distinguished experts, policymakers, technologists, ODR professionals, arbitrators, mediators, industry leaders, and thought leaders on emerging issues shaping the future of Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) and digital justice ecosystems.

This discussion shall critically examine how technology-driven dispute resolution frameworks can enhance accessibility, efficiency, inclusivity, sustainability, and trust in modern justice systems while balancing innovation with ethical and human-centered values.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Organising Committee invites original and unpublished research papers, empirical studies, doctrinal analyses, policy papers, case studies, and interdisciplinary contributions from academicians, professionals, practitioners, researchers, and students.

Submissions may critically engage with legal, technological, social, environmental, ethical, comparative, and policy dimensions relating to Artificial Intelligence, ADR systems, sustainability, governance, and cultural heritage.

Eligibility

The Summit is open to:

- Academicians and Faculty Members
- Judges and Legal Practitioners
- Arbitrators and Mediators
- Research Scholars and Ph.D. Candidates
- Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students
- Policy Experts and Bureaucrats
- Industry Professionals and Technologists
- NGOs and Civil Society Organisations

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract Submission

- Abstracts must be original and unpublished.
- Word Limit: 300–500 words

Full Paper Submission

- Research Papers: 4000–8000 words
- Case Comments / Policy Papers: 3000–5000 words
- Co-authorship permitted up to two authors
- Submission Format: MS Word (.doc/.docx)
- Font: Times New Roman
- Font Size:
 - Main Text: 12
 - Footnotes: 10
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Alignment: Justified
- Citation Style: APA Citation Style

PUBLICATION

Selected papers may be considered for publication in:

- Scopus-indexed edited book
- Edited book bearing ISBN
- ISBN conference proceedings

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Best Paper Award
- Best Student Research Paper Award
- Certificates for all Participants and Presenters

NOTE

- The organisers reserve the right to publish selected papers.
- Plagiarism beyond permissible limits (10%) shall result in disqualification from publication.
- Authors shall be solely responsible for originality and ethical compliance.
- The decision of the Review Committee shall be final and binding.

MODE OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference shall be conducted in Physical Mode at India International Centre, New Delhi.

Registration

Participation in the Summit is open under multiple categories to encourage wide academic and professional engagement. Participants may register as Authors, Co-Authors, or Delegates based on their intended involvement in the conference. Authors and Co-Authors shall be eligible to present their research papers, participate in technical sessions, and receive presentation and publication consideration subject to the review process. Delegates may attend the conference sessions, panel discussions, and networking activities without paper presentation.

The Summit welcomes participation from academicians, researchers, legal practitioners, students, policymakers, industry professionals, ADR experts, and interested individuals in ADR.

Registration Fees

Category	Early Bird Registration (Till 30 June 2026)	Regular Registration (1 July 2026 – 22 September 2026)
Single Author	INR 2000	INR 3000
Co-Author	INR 3000	INR 4500
Non-Resident of India Author	USD 50	USD 75
Delegate	INR 1000	INR 1500
Non-Resident of India Delegate	USD 50	USD 70

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