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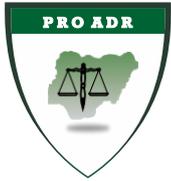
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JANUARY

TRAIN THE TRAINER (TTT)

14th – 15th

ASSOCIATE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Lagos Hybrid: 26th – 30th

Masterclass on Moot Arbitration - 19th

FEBRUARY

WEBINAR

Arbitration in Practice: Avoiding Common Pitfalls & Maximizing Outcome - 19th

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Port-Harcourt: 17th – 20th
Lagos Hybrid: 23rd – 27th

MARCH

NICArb/IMI Certified Mediation

Lagos: 9th – 14th

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Enugu: 17th – 20th

ASSOCIATE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Warri: 10th – 13th
Enugu: 17th – 20th
Abuja: 23rd – 26th
Lagos Hybrid: 23rd – 27th
Port-Harcourt: 24th – 27th

WEBINAR

Why ADR Matters for Corporate Nigeria: Risk Management, Cost Saving & Efficiency - 26th

ARBITRAL REGISTRAR & SECRETARY

18th - 19th

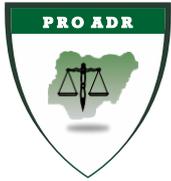


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APRIL

Essentials of Award Writing: 2nd

FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Stage 1 (Online): 7th – 10th
Stage 2 (Physical): 21st – 22nd

ASSOCIATE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Minna: 20th - 23rd
Kaduna: 27th - 30th

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Abuja: 13th – 16th
Warri: 21th – 24th
Kaduna: 27th - 30th
Lagos Hybrid: 27th April - 1st May

WEBINAR

The Role ADR and Nigeria's Economic Development - 28th

MAY

ASSOCIATE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Benin: 5th – 8th
Owerri: 12th – 15th
Lagos Hybrid: 18th – 22nd

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Benin: 5th – 8th
Owerri: 12th – 15th

NICArb/IMI CERTIFIED MEDIATION:

Abuja: 11th – 16th

WEBINAR

Stress Management, Work-Life Balance, & Peer Support for ADR Practitioners - 26th

JUNE

ASSOCIATE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Onitsha: 2nd – 5th

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Onitsha: 2nd – 5th
Lagos Hybrid: 22nd – 26th

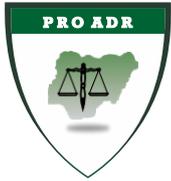


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JULY

ARBITRAL REGISTRAR & SECRETARY

1st - 2nd

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Minna: 6th – 9th
Enugu: 14th – 17th
Kano: 20th – 23rd
Abuja: 27th – 30th
Abia: 28th – 31st

ASSOCIATE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Abuja: 6th – 9th
Enugu: 14th – 17th
Kano: 20th – 23rd
Abia: 28th – 31st

WEBINAR

Global Opportunities in Arbitration, Mediation & ADR
CIETAC partnership:
Guest Int'l Arbitrators for Global ADR Insights - 23rd

AUGUST

ASSOCIATE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Owerri: 4th – 7th

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Owerri: 4th – 7th
Lagos Hybrid: 10th – 14th

NICArb/IMI CERTIFIED MEDIATION:

Abuja: 17th – 22nd

SEPTEMBER

ASSOCIATE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Benin: 1st – 4th
Abuja: 14th – 17th
Port-Harcourt: 15th – 18th
Kaduna: 21st – 24th
Lagos Hybrid: 21st – 25th

FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Stage 1 (Online): 7th – 10th
Stage 2 (Physical): 15th – 16th

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Benin: 1st – 4th
Port-Harcourt: 15th – 18th
Abuja: 21st – 24th
Kaduna: 21st – 24th
Lagos Hybrid: 21st – 25th

ESSENTIALS OF AWARD WRITING - 30th

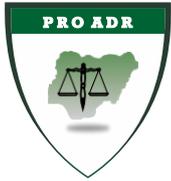


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OCTOBER

NICArb/IMI CERTIFIED MEDIATION:

Lagos: 5th – 10th

ASSOCIATE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Minna: 5th – 8th

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Minna: 5th – 8th

NOVEMBER

CONFERENCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

25th – 26th

INVESTITURE & AWARDS CEREMONY

27th

DECEMBER

2026 End of the year
get-together Hangout

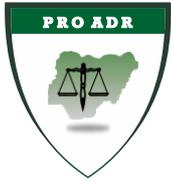


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✍ TESTIMONIALS

"My experience with the NICArb Associate Training was exceptional. The course provided a profound insight into the practicalities of arbitration, particularly in the technical areas of Award Writing and effective communication.

The training highlighted that successful arbitration requires more than just legal knowledge; it requires specific skills—such as understanding non-verbal cues and drafting enforceable awards—that are critical for any counsel or arbitrator. Commercial businesses rely on skilled arbitration to maintain stability and preserve relationships, and this program delivers exactly that.

I unreservedly recommend NICArb to any professional seeking top-tier, intensive training in dispute resolution." **Emmanuel Agherario**

"This training is indispensable for any legal practitioner. It was a truly transformative experience that expanded my perspective, even as an existing mediator.

The Institute exceeded my expectations in every regard. The classes were engaging, practical, and grounded in real-life scenarios. The facilitators were exceptional in their delivery, making the content accessible and relevant. I was particularly impressed for their insightful and impactful sessions.

The administrative support was excellent, and the return on investment for this training is undeniable. In terms of value, we received far more than we paid for. I am glad I took this step. I highly recommend it."

Rita George - Okoh

"The mediation training by NICArb and IMI was a truly transformative week. Even with my background of 18 years in counseling, I discovered a wealth of new knowledge and practical skills.

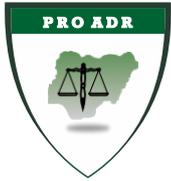
This training demonstrated that mediation is a universal tool applicable to every sector. We had a diverse cohort of lawyers and non-lawyers, highlighting that industries like Engineering, Aviation, and Maritime all require skilled mediators.

I strongly recommend this program. Whether you are a legal practitioner or a professional in another field, mediation is a vital career skill. Do not miss the opportunity to learn and grow."

Tinuola Agbabiaka



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ABOUT THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ARBITRATION Ltd./Gte

Since 1979, the Nigerian Institute has been at the forefront of promoting the domestication, knowledge and practice of arbitration and ADR in Nigeria. It has gained a reputation as the preferred appointing authority and arbitration handling institution for a broad spectrum of commercial disputes. For 45 Years, we have been improving the standards of skills and expertise of arbitrators and ADR practitioners as the premier Institute in SubSaharan Africa.

Our Mission

To become a template for the formation and enforcement of arbitration and other forms of ADR proceedings in Nigeria and beyond

Our Vision

To promote the use and domestication of Arbitration and other forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

Our Objectives

- Promote and facilitate the settlement of disputes through arbitration and other forms of ADRs at the NICArb Arbitration and ADR Centre.
- Improve the standard, skills, and expertise of Arbitrators/Mediators and all those involved in alternative means of dispute resolution.
- Promote the study of Arbitration Law and ADRs.
- Provide continuous training and professional development programmes for NICArb members.
- Maintain and improve the standard of ethics and professional conduct in Arbitration in the Arbitration and ADR profession.
- Invest in and promote continuous research and review of existing Arbitration and ADR Laws in Nigeria and globally.
- Advocate and create awareness on developments within the arbitration and ADR space in Nigeria and beyond.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

The Institute has six (6) categories of membership: Student Members | Qualified Mediator/ADR Practitioners | Associates | Members | Fellows | and Corporate Members.

On the completion of the Institute's training programme, a successful participant will be qualified to add the acronym 'FCarb' (in case of a Fellow); 'MCArb' (in case of a Member); 'ACarb' (in case of an Associate) and 'Q.Med' (in case of a Qualified Mediator/ ADR Practitioner) after his/her name. Whilst a Student Member will become a full-fledged Associate after passing both the certifying examinations as a professional in his/her chosen educational field and NICArb's professional assessment/examinations.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

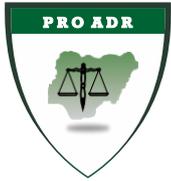
- Access to NICArb's Arbitration & ADR Centre's Library.
- Discounts on Arbitration/ADR seminars, workshops and conferences.
- Distribution of Journals to subscribed members of NICArb.
- Inclusion in NICArb's Faculty database.
- Admission to NICArb's panel of neutrals for ADRs.
- Online resource to support Arbitration/ADR Research.
- Free Newsletters and other Literature on ADR to subscribed members.
- Opportunity for networking with diverse professionals.

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OUR SERVICES:

Associate Training Programme Modules 1&2 for Non-Lawyers (ACArb):

This 5-day intensive course is open to professionals of all backgrounds seeking Associate membership with a minimum qualification of an OND. The curriculum covers emerging trends in arbitration and ADR proceedings. Through a highly interactive learning process, participants are equipped with the practical knowledge and skills required to navigate the modern landscape of dispute resolution.

Associate Training Programme Module 2 for Lawyers (ACArb):

A four-day intensive practical training course on arbitration and other forms of ADRs designed for law graduates and lawyers of 0–14 years post call, who want to practice Arbitration as Associates of NICArb

Mediation Training Programme (Q. Med)

The Institute offers a deep dive into the practicalities, processes, and principles of negotiation and ADR. This six-day intensive programme is specifically designed for professionals aiming to build high-level technical skills in conflict management. Upon completion, participants will not only understand the nuances of the mediation landscape but will also demonstrate the practical ability to facilitate effective settlements and resolve disputes professionally.

Membership Training Programme (MCArb)

A four-day intensive practical training on Arbitration/ADR mechanisms, is designed for professionals seeking to upgrade to the MCArb cadre. The programme is open to existing NICArb Associates, Associates of equivalent arbitration institutes, and seasoned professionals with at least 15 years of work experience.

Fellowship Training Programme (FCArb)

A six-day practical training programme on Arbitration/ADR mechanisms for seasoned professionals who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields and are interested in practising Arbitration/ADR as Fellows of NICArb. They must also have carved a niche in the Arbitration/ADR space.

Specialized Training Programme (STP)

A four-day intensive training designed to meet the specific needs of professionals interested in acquiring technical conflict management and resolution skills (practicality, processes and principles of negotiating settlements and ADR) in an organization or locality. It teaches streamlined courses specifically tailored to the participants' job, locality and religious belief. Participants for this training can be from any professional background or educational level.

Certified Arbitral Registrar and Secretary (CARS)

NICArb offers a structured pathway for professionals to become Certified Registrars and Secretaries—roles that are pivotal to the efficient and seamless administration of arbitral proceedings. This two-day intensive course is designed to equip you with the specialized expertise, credibility, and professional network needed to excel in this niche. Embark on a distinguished career path and position yourself as a highly sought-after expert in the world of arbitration.

Continuous Learning Development (CLD)

NICArb organizes seminars, webinars, workshops, and symposia to educate practitioners and intending practitioners on the need to promote ADR mechanisms and highlight their commercial and economic benefits to the nation's development.

Appointing Authority

NICArb boasts a multi-professional body of neutrals (from all disciplines) to oversee arbitration and ADR proceedings.

Arbitration/ADR Centre

NICArb handles Institutional Arbitration with full secretarial support and rents Hearing, Meeting, and Conference rooms to the public (with a discount for members).

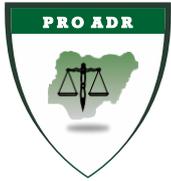
Advocacy and Access to Justice

NICArb designs and implements programmes aimed at engaging broad sector stakeholders in partnership with other organisations to promote and train their members or identified target groups in the deployment of arbitration and ADR skills for settling business, communal, ethnic, religious, and workplace conflicts.

NICArb engages and collaborates with the media through its awareness-creation activities to educate the public and professionals on arbitration and other forms of ADR Mechanisms.

Consultancy

NICArb provides consultations to governmental and non-governmental organizations (both national and international), for the execution of projects related to the practice and expansion of Arbitration and ADRs.



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ARBITRATION CLAUSE

NICArb Arbitration Clause For The Appointment Of A Sole Arbitrator

The parties shall use their best efforts to negotiate in good faith and settle amicably any question or dispute, including any claim, construction, meaning or effect of this Agreement or concerning the rights and liabilities of the parties thereto or any other matter connected to this Agreement.

If the parties are unable to resolve such question or dispute within 30 days (or such further period as the parties shall agree in writing), the question or dispute shall be settled finally by arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, Chapter A18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (or any amendment thereto) and the Arbitration Rules connected thereto. The arbitral tribunal shall be constituted by a sole arbitrator to be appointed jointly by the parties in writing; if the parties are unable to agree on the choice of the sole arbitrator within seven days after the service of a notice of arbitration by one party to the other, on the application of either party, the sole arbitrator shall be appointed by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria Limited by Guarantee (trading as Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators). The place of the arbitration shall be Lagos, Nigeria, and the arbitration shall be governed by the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The language of the arbitration shall be English Language."

MODEL MEDIATION CLAUSES

- In the event a dispute shall arise between the parties to this [contract, lease, etc.], the parties agree to participate in mediation in accordance with the NICArb mediation rules. The parties agree to share equally in the costs of the mediation. The mediation shall be administered by the ADR Centre of the Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators.***
- In the event of any dispute arising out of or in connection with the present contract, the parties shall first refer the dispute to proceedings under the NICArb Mediation Rules. If the dispute has not been settled pursuant to the said Rules within [45] days following the filing of a Request for Mediation or within such other period as the parties may agree in writing, such dispute shall thereafter be finally settled under the NICArb Arbitration Rules by one or more arbitrators appointed in accordance with the provisions of NICArb Arbitration Rules.***

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