## **Tashkent International Arbitration Centre - Diversity Toolkit**

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Toskent, Tashkent, Oct 15, 2021 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - <u>Tashkent International Arbitration Centre</u> (<u>TIAC</u>) at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan and TIAC45 launch the TIAC <u>Diversity Toolkit to assist the TIAC Court and Secretariat in making institutional arbitrator appointments</u>

As a grand finale to the inaugural Uzbek Arbitration Week, TIAC and TIAC45 launched a new Diversity Toolkit on 10 September 2021 to assist the TIAC Secretariat and Court members in making broader choices in terms of international arbitrator appointments. The TIAC Diversity Toolkit was developed by the members of the TIAC45 arbitration practitioners' group including TIAC45 Chairperson Kirsten Teo, Bryan Branon, Diana Tsutieva, Jennifer Ivers, Orlando Cabrera, Preetika Mishra, and Rocio Digon. The TIAC Diversity Toolkit is an internal resource for the TIAC Secretariat and Court

members.

**Diana Bayzakova**, TIAC Director appointed in November 2018 to lead the centre, commented: "The TIAC Court members and Secretariat continually strive to diversify arbitrator appointments - for instance in terms of gender diversity, female arbitrators make up 40% of the total number of TIAC arbitrator appointments made to-date. Diversity is at the heart of everything we do and the development of the TIAC Diversity Toolkit is an innovation that seeks to further enhance the process in which TIAC considers and makes institutional arbitrator appointments in TIAC-administered cases. I thank the TIAC45 working group members for their innovation and assistance in developing this Diversity Toolkit to assist TIAC in ensuring greater diversity in arbitrator appointments."

**Kirsten Teo**, TIAC45 Chairperson, added that "We at TIAC45 are grateful for the opportunity and responsibility entrusted on us, and strive to meaningfully contribute to all TIAC diversity initiatives especially the creation of the TIAC Diversity Toolkit. From conceptualization to implementation, we will continue to collaborate with the TIAC Secretariat on the structure of the Diversity Toolkit. I too thank and convey much appreciation to the TIAC45 members who have directly contributed to the creation of the Diversity Toolkit this year and take this opportunity to welcome arbitration practitioners under 45 worldwide, who are keen on making positive change in the current arbitration practice, to join the collegial team at TIAC45."

TIAC was established in November 2018 and launched officially in Paris in April 2019. Since April 2019, TIAC has received 22 Requests for Arbitration (22 commercial cases and 1 sports arbitration case) and 2 applications for emergency relief. All the commercial cases were international in nature with parties hailing from Italy, Netherlands, Moldova, Turkey, Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Philippines, Singapore, Uzbekistan, China, and Hong Kong. Notably, in one of the latest cases, the parties were from the Russian Federation and Singapore. TIAC45 was launched in March 2021. To join TIAC45, please apply here: <a href="https://arbitration.kartra.com/page/tZx11">https://arbitration.kartra.com/page/tZx11</a>. For further information, please write to info@tiac.uz.

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