

Final Report – Website Post

Report on the Outcomes of the AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre's Africa Mission Trip

From 19 to 27 October 2024, with the full support of Invest Hong Kong, The Law Society of Hong Kong, and The Hong Kong Bar Association, AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre organised its first high-level delegation of senior legal practitioners to Africa. The delegation undertook a programme of in-depth research and professional exchanges in Cairo (Egypt) and in Cape Town, Pretoria, and Johannesburg (South Africa).

This initiative was designed to establish Hong Kong's presence in new African markets, enhance the standing of its professional services, and broaden the reach of Hong Kong's international legal, arbitration and mediation expertise. It supports economic growth and dispute resolution across the Belt and Road region, encompassing Hong Kong, Mainland China, Egypt, South Africa, and extending to other AALCO member states, while reinforcing Hong Kong's strategic role as a gateway connecting the Mainland with global markets and protecting the interests of Chinese enterprises investing abroad.

Among the many African nations, Egypt and South Africa were selected as strategic priorities. Egypt, with its population of 100 million and pivotal location, serves as a rapidly growing commercial hub bridging the Middle East and Africa. 2024 marks the tenth anniversary of the China-Egypt Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, with expanding cooperation in sectors such as renewable energy and finance. South Africa, as one of Africa's most advanced economies, was the first on the continent to sign a Belt and Road cooperation MoU with China, and bilateral relations continue to deepen across multiple strategic areas. This delegation represents the first of its kind from Hong Kong to these nations, facilitated with the assistance of the Department of Treaty and Law of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Hong Kong, and the Consulates General of Egypt and South Africa in Hong Kong, marking a significant milestone in professional engagement.

During the visit, the delegation held close to twenty meetings, roundtables and seminars with government bodies, judicial authorities, business chambers, bar associations and corporate representatives. Discussions spanned a range of forward-looking topics including green energy and ESG, maritime arbitration, the digital economy, online dispute resolution, art and cultural property trade, and investment collaboration. The Centre also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) and helped foster a new cooperative relationship between The Law Society of Hong Kong and the Egyptian Bar Association.

Africa presents substantial opportunities, with abundant natural resources, favourable conditions for green energy development, a young and growing workforce, and significant demand for infrastructure investment, all of which create a promising landscape for Hong Kong's professional and capital markets. This visit not only demonstrated Hong Kong's strengths as an international legal and dispute resolution hub but also laid the groundwork for sustained collaboration with Egypt, South Africa and the wider African region. We look forward to building on this foundation, encouraging more Hong Kong professionals to engage with Africa and to develop substantive partnerships in legal, trade and investment fields.

Looking ahead, AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre will continue to serve as a bridge, identifying opportunities across African markets, promoting the development and use of international dispute resolution mechanisms, and supporting businesses in capturing the opportunities presented by the Belt and Road Initiative—working alongside African partners to foster mutual prosperity and stability.

For further information, please visit the following link:

- [AALCO-HKRAC Mission Trip to Egypt and South Africa – COP 29 Advance Preview Seminar in Cairo](#)
- [AALCO-HKRAC Mission Trip to Egypt and South Africa – Visited the headquarters of the General Administration of Arbitration and International Disputes at the Egyptian Ministry of Justice in the Administrative Capital](#)
- [AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Center \(AALCO-HKRAC\) jointly organized a conference with sister center Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration \(CRCICA\)](#)
- [Networking Conference and Meeting with Small Business Development and Chinese Consulate-General in Cape Town, South Africa](#)
- [Meeting with Ministry of Justice of South Africa in Pretoria, Chinese Embassy in South Africa, South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry \(SACCI\) in Johannesburg, South Africa](#)
- [Conference in Johannesburg and Meeting with JSE and Huawei](#)
- [Post-trip Seminar “Unlocking Opportunities: Insights from Egypt and South Africa for Hong Kong Legal Professionals”](#)

亞非法協香港區域仲裁中心非洲調研團成果報告

亞非法協香港區域仲裁中心於 2024 年 10 月 19 日至 27 日，在香港投資推廣處、香港律師會、香港大律師公會的鼎力支持下，成功組織首個由香港法律界資深人士組成的代表團前往非洲，分別於埃及開羅及南非開普敦、比勒陀利亞、約翰內斯堡進行深度調研與交流。是次活動旨在打響香港進入非洲新市場的頭炮，提升香港專業人士的聲譽，並擴大香港專業人士在國際法律服務和仲裁/調解領域的市場，為沿「一帶一路」地區（尤其是香港特別行政區、中國大陸、埃及、南非並輻射至其他亞非法協成員國）的經濟增長和爭議解決提供支持，並藉此加強香港作為聯通內地與境外的大橋，為中國企業在外的投資營商保驾护航。

在眾多非洲國家中，本中心首選埃及與南非作為策略起點，意義深遠。埃及坐擁一億人口及優越地理位置，是中東與非洲地區快速崛起的商業樞紐，2024 年正值中埃建立全面戰略夥伴關係十週年，兩國在新能源、金融等領域合作前景廣闊。另一方面，南非作為非洲最發達經濟體之一，是最早與中國簽署「一帶一路」合作備忘錄的非洲國家，雙方近年持續深化全方位戰略合作。此前，香港從未派出如此高規格的代表團前往兩國進行專業調研，本次行程在中國外交部條法司、駐港特派員公署、埃及駐港領事館和南非駐港領事館的協助下，具有開創性的歷史意義。

調研期間，代表團與兩國政府部門、司法機構、商會、律師協會及企業舉行了近二十場會議及研討會，主題涵蓋綠色能源與 ESG 發展、海事仲裁、數字經濟、網上爭議解決、藝術品貿易以及投資合作等多個前沿領域。我們亦與開羅區域國際商事仲裁中心（CRCICA）簽署合作諒解備忘錄，並促成香港律師會與埃及律師協會之間的合作關係。

非洲機遇處處，礦資源豐富、農作物豐饒、有天然條件發展綠色能源、青年勞動人口多、勞動成本低廉，基礎設施領域需求旺盛，為香港的專業服務與資本提供了廣闊空間。此次調研不僅向非洲夥伴展示了香港作為國際法律及仲裁服務樞紐的專業能力，更為香港與埃及、南非乃至整個非洲的長期合作播下了種子。我們期待以此為起點，引領更多香港專業人士深入非洲，在法律、經貿與投資等領域開展實質合作。

展望未來，亞非法協香港區域仲裁中心將繼續發揮橋樑作用，發掘非洲不同國家與地區的潛能，推動國際爭議解決機制的發展與應用，支持企業把握「一帶一路」機遇，攜手非洲夥伴共創繁榮穩定的美好未來。

更多相關資訊，請參考以下連結：

- [亞非法協香港區域仲裁中心埃及和非洲代表團 COP 29 前瞻研討會](#)

- 亞非法協香港區域仲裁中心率領代表團訪問埃及司法部探討國際仲裁與爭端解決合作
- 亞非法協香港區域仲裁中心與姐妹中心開羅區域國際商事仲裁中心 (CRCICA) 聯合舉辦會議
- 亞非法協香港代表團與自由區管理總局、蘇伊士運河經濟區 (SCZONE) 及埃及律師協會會面
- 南非開普敦交流會及與南非小企業發展部及普敦領事會面
- 亞非法協香港代表團與南非司法部法律政策專員、中國駐南非大使館及南非商工總會 (SACCI) 在普勒托利亞及約翰尼斯堡會面
- 約翰內斯堡交流會議及與約翰內斯堡證券交易所 (JSE) 及華為會面
- 亞非法協香港區域仲裁中心 (AALCO-HKRAC) 成功舉辦了以「開啟機遇：來自埃及和南非對香港法律專業人士的見解」為主題的後訪研討會

亚非法协香港区域仲裁中心非洲调研团成果报告

亚非法协香港区域仲裁中心于 2024 年 10 月 19 日至 27 日，在香港投资推广处、香港律师会、香港大律师公会的鼎力支持下，成功组织首个由香港法律界资深人士组成的代表团前往非洲，分别于埃及开罗及南非开普敦、比勒陀利亚、约翰内斯堡进行深度调研与交流。是次活动旨在打响香港进入非洲新市场的头炮，提升香港专业人士的声誉，并扩大香港专业人士在国际法律服务和仲裁/调解领域的市场，为沿「一带一路」地区（尤其是香港特别行政区、中国大陆、埃及、南非并辐射至其他亚非法协成员国）的经济增长和争议解决提供支持，并藉此加强香港作为联通内地与境外的大桥，为中国企业在外的投资营商保驾护航。

在众多非洲国家中，本中心首选埃及与南非作为策略起点，意义深远。埃及坐拥一亿人口及优越地理位置，是中东与非洲地区快速崛起的商业枢纽，2024 年正值中埃建立全面战略伙伴关系十周年，两国在新能源、金融等领域合作前景广阔。另一方面，南非作为非洲最发达经济体之一，是最早与中国签署「一带一路」合作备忘录的非洲国家，双方近年持续深化全方位战略合作。此前，香港从未派出如此高规格的代表团前往两国进行专业调研，本次行程在中国外交部条法司、驻港特派员公署、埃及驻港领事馆和南非驻港领事馆的协助下，具有开创性的历史意义。

调研期间，代表团与两国政府部门、司法机构、商会、律师协会及企业举行了近二十场会议及研讨会，主题涵盖绿色能源与 ESG 发展、海事仲裁、数字经济、网上争议解决、艺术品贸易以及投资合作等多个前沿领域。我们亦与开罗区域国际商事仲裁中心（CRCICA）签署合作谅解备忘录，并促成香港律师会与埃及律师协会之间的合作关系。

非洲机遇处处，矿资源丰富、农作物丰饶、有天然条件发展绿色能源、青年劳动人口多、劳动成本低廉，基础设施领域需求旺盛，为香港的专业服务与资本提供了广阔空间。此次调研不仅向非洲伙伴展示了香港作为国际法律及仲裁服务枢纽的专业能力，更为香港与埃及、南非乃至整个非洲的长期合作播下了种子。我们期待以此为起点，引领更多香港专业人士深入非洲，在法律、经贸与投资等领域开展实质合作。

展望未来，亚非法协香港区域仲裁中心将继续发挥桥梁作用，发掘非洲不同国家与地区的潜能，推动国际争议解决机制的发展与应用，支持企业把握「一带一路」机遇，携手非洲伙伴共创繁荣稳定的美好未来。