



## CALL FOR PAPERS

# THEME: “SHAPING THE FUTURE OF ADR: ETHICS, TECHNOLOGY, AND GLOBAL SOLUTIONS FOR MODERN DISPUTE RESOLUTION”

### Background

SAWIA BLOG, established under the Centre for Multi-Justice Systems at Kabarak University, is a new scholarly forum that seeks to explore, analyses, and contribute to the growing body of knowledge on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) by providing a platform for exchanging knowledge and ideas and reflecting on the evolution of an alternative form of justice.


ADR has gained prominence as an effective and accessible mechanism for resolving conflicts outside litigation processes. ADR offers parties flexible, efficient, and amicable solutions through less adversarial methods of resolving disputes, like mediation, negotiation, and arbitration, which is critical in a world where efficiency and the preservation of relationships are important.

However, within ADR, arbitration stands out as a key mechanism, offering a binding, private process tailored to meet the specific needs of disputing parties. In recent years, arbitration has become the preferred method of dispute resolution in sectors such as international trade, construction, intellectual property, and investor-state conflicts.

### Key Theme:

With the growing evolution of ethics, technology, and global approaches towards modern dispute resolution, this call for paper seeks to invite a focused discussion on how these elements are shaping the future of alternative dispute resolution (ADR),






**We invite submissions that explore the multifaceted dimensions of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in light of contemporary developments and future trends.**

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

1. Case reviews, case studies, commentaries and critical analyses.
2. Examination of the influence of emerging technologies such as online dispute resolution and artificial intelligence on ADR processes.
3. Exploration of ethical dilemmas and the maintenance of professional standards in futuristic ADR contexts.
4. Investigation of ADR's role in addressing pressing issues such as climate change, cybersecurity, and the complexities of globalization.
5. Discussion on how ADR can enhance access to justice and effectively address systemic disparities.
6. Insights into the education, training, and mentorship necessary for cultivating the next generation of ADR practitioners.
7. Evaluation of grassroots conciliation efforts and their impact on local conflict resolution.
8. Analysis of the integration of technological innovations within the framework of construction adjudication processes.

## **Target Audience**

We welcome participation from scholars and researchers across diverse professional backgrounds with an interest in ADR, legal practitioners, judicial officers, mediators, arbitrators, professionals from the built industry, other ADR professionals, government officials, policymakers, ADR institutions, representatives from international organisations, early career/young professionals, students interested in ADR research and practice, and any other the person interested in ADR.







## Submission Guidelines:

- Please, Papers should be between **800- 1500 words** in .docx, or .doc format.
- Any personal identifying information should not be included in the document containing the paper. Kindly, specify only your **name, institution (if any), and title of the abstract** in the email.
- Manuscripts should use **Kabarak Legal Citation** as a referencing format
- Submit your papers via [sawiablog@kabarak.ac.ke](mailto:sawiablog@kabarak.ac.ke) and copy [mkenaya@kabarak.ac.ke](mailto:mkenaya@kabarak.ac.ke)
- All submissions must be original and not under consideration elsewhere.
- The selected papers will be published.
- Submissions deadline is **3rd November**.

## Selection Criteria:

- a. Relevance to the theme (or a sub-theme).
- b. Clarity of problematic or interest of the topic in question.
- c. Clarity of reasoning and understanding of the topic.
- d. Quality of the research and references used.
- e. The ability to interconnect to disciplines.
- f. Not published previously nor submitted for publication.

