



“The Role of Judicial Associations”

**International Conference
organised by the International Association of Judges (IAJ)
in cooperation with the “Associação Sindical dos Juizes Portugueses”
Lisbon, 18th October, 2026
9.30-12.30**

Moderator: Mr. José Igreja Matos – Honorary President of the IAJ

09.30 – 9.45: Welcome Address and Opening of the Conference

Mr. José Igreja Matos – Honorary President of the IAJ

9.45 – 10.15: Keynote Speech

Prof. Margaret Satterthwaite – UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers

10.15 – 11.15: Round Table

Mr. Maximiano do Vale – Vice-President of the “Associação Sindical dos Juizes Portugueses”
Mr. Gerd Hoxha (Albania) – European Association of Judges, European Regional Group of the IAJ;

Ms. Aicha BenBelhassen (Tunisia) – African Group of the IAJ

Mr. Oswaldo Ordonez (Peru) – Ibero-American Group of the IAJ

Mr. Tsogt Tsend (Mongolia) – Asian, North American and Oceanian Group of the IAJ

11.15 –12.00 Discussion

12.00 – 12:30 Conclusions of the Conference

Prof. Luís Menezes Leitão – President of the Scientific Council of the Lisbon Law School

Mr. Walter Barone – President of the IAJ

Mr. Giacomo Oberto – Secretary-General of the IAJ