

ICSID – SIA – BIICL CONFERENCE ON PROPOSED REVISION OF ICSID RULES

One Day Conference: 09.15-16.05
[One Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London SW1H 9JJ, UK](#)

The International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) has proposed comprehensive changes to modernize its rules for resolving disputes between foreign investors and States. Established in 1966 by the ICSID Convention, ICSID is widely acknowledged as the leading investment arbitration centre. Amendments to the ICSID rules will therefore have far-reaching effects on the practice of investment arbitration.

On 13 November 2018, ICSID, the School of International Arbitration (SIA) of Queen Mary University of London (QMUL), and the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) are organising a full-day conference to discuss several aspects of the proposed revisions to the ICSID rules.

The conference will gather in London representatives of ICSID, leading academics, and practitioners.

After an overview of the revision process the panellists will address three topics:

- Improving Time and Cost Efficiency in Investment Arbitration
- Transparency and Non-Disputing Party Participation
- Appointment and Disqualification of Arbitrators and the Proposal for a Code of Conduct for Arbitrators

Each session will feature a presentation on the proposed amendments in these areas, followed by a panel discussion.

The conference aims to provide feedback to ICSID on their reform process. It is the main such event in Europe and it is anticipated that the discussions will be insightful informative.

08:45 – 09:15	Registration and Coffee
09:15 – 09:45	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Julian D M Lew QC – Head, School of International Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London and 20 Essex Street - Professor Yarik Kryvoi, Director, ITF, British Institute of International and Comparative Law
9.45 – 10.15	<p>Overview: Scope and objectives of the proposed amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martina Polasek, Deputy-Secretary General, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
10.15 – 11.45	<p>Theme One: Improving Time and Cost Efficiency</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Kaj Hober, Uppsala <p>Amendment Presenter: Martina Polasek, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jeremy Sharpe, Shearman & Sterling - Melanie van Leeuwen, Derains and Gharavi - Gabriel Bottini, Uria Menendez and University of Buenos Aires - Dr Sabine Konrad, McDermott Will & Emery
11.45 – 12.00	Coffee
12.00 – 13.30	<p>Theme Two: Transparency and Non-Disputing Party Participation</p> <p>Moderator: Norah Gallagher, Queen Mary University of London</p> <p>Amendment Presenter: Martina Polasek, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sylvia Noury, Freshfields, Bruckhaus Deringer - Professor Luca Radicati di Brozolo, Arblit and Università Cattolica di Milano, - Professor August Reinisch, Vienna University - Constantine Partasides QC, Three Crowns

13.30 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 16.00	<p>Theme Three: Appointment and Disqualification of Arbitrators, Code of Conduct for Arbitrators</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wendy Miles QC, Debevoise & Plimpton <p>Amendment Presenter: Martina Polasek, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Loukas Mistelis, Director, School of International Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London - Jeff Sullivan, Gibson Dunn - Dr Laurence Shore, Bonelli Erede - Professor Zachary Douglas QC, Matrix Chambers
16.00 – 16.05	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Loukas Mistelis, Director, School of International Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London