International Investment Arbitration in the MENA Region

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday 10 December 2015
The Diplomat Radisson Blu
Manama, Bahrain

8:30 - 9:00  Registration and Breakfast
Breakfast sponsored by Haya Rashed Al Khalifa - Attorneys at Law & Legal Consultants, Manama

9:00 - 9:30  Welcome and Introduction by:
HH Sh. Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf, Bahrain
Nassib G. Ziadé, BCDR-AAA, Manama
N. Jansen Calamita, Investment Treaty Forum, BIICL, London
Timothy Lemay, UNCITRAL, Vienna

9:30 - 10:45  Panel 1: Avoiding and Addressing Conflicts of Interest in Arbitral Appointments
Moderator:
Philippe Leboulanger, Leboulanger & Associés, Paris

Speakers:
Brooks Daly, Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague
Fatma Khalifa, Egyptian State Lawsuits Authority, Cairo
Nassib G. Ziadé, BCDR-AAA, Manama

10:45 - 11:00  Tea/Coffee break

11:00 - 12:15  Panel 2: Taking Another Bite at the Apple? Post-Award Recourse
Moderator:
Antonio R. Parra, World Bank, Washington

Speakers:
Gordon Blanke, DWF (Middle East) LLP, DIFC, Dubai
Georgios Petrochilos, Three Crowns LLP, Paris
Iain Maxwell, Herbert Smith Freehills, London

12:15 - 12:30  Tea/Coffee break
12:30 - 13:45 **Panel 3: Bilateral and Multilateral Investment Agreements in the Arab World**

**Moderator:**
Mohamed Abdel Raouf, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Cairo

**Speakers:**
Adnan Amkhan Bayno, MENA Chambers, Manama
Nagla Nassar, Nassar Law, Cairo
Dany Khayat, Mayer Brown, Paris

13:45 - 15:15 **Lunch**

*Lunch sponsored by Al Tamimi & Company, Manama*

15:15 - 16:30 **Panel 4: What Next for the MENA Region and Investment Treaties? Are Arab States Being Left Behind?**

**Moderator:**
N. Jansen Calamita, Investment Treaty Forum, BIICL, London

**Speakers:**
Raëd Fathallah, Bredin Prat, Paris
Anne K. Hoffmann, Al Tamimi & Co., Dubai
Karim A. Youssef, Amereller Legal Consultants, Cairo and Dubai

16:30 - 17:00 **Closing Remarks**

Jan Paulsson, Three Crowns, Washington, DC