Integration and International Dispute Resolution in Small States

Call For Papers

19 and 20 May 2016
Wilmer Hale, 49 Park Lane,
London, W1K 1PS United Kingdom

The aim of this 1.5 day conference is to bring together academics, representatives of Small States, as well as lawyers litigating in or for Small States (defined as those states with a population of 1.5m or less), to discuss the particular issues these jurisdictions face in regard to international dispute resolution and regional integration.

Small States are a micro-cosmos and allow the study of some legal phenomena more easily. On the other hand, Small States face specific issues due to their demographical, geographical size, and the size of their economies. Of particular interest are the commercial relations between large economies and Small States, the role of Small States as financial centres as well as B2B and State to State dispute resolution involving Small States.

We have a small number of spaces for additional speakers. We welcome contributions on any aspect of the programme. Please send your abstract of 300-400 words by 10 April 2016 to Dr Petra Butler (petra.butler@vuw.ac.nz), Dr Eva Lein (e.lein@biicl.org) or Rhonson Salim (rhonson.salim@open.ac.uk). Decisions regarding inclusion in the conference programme will be sent by 15 April 2016. Please note that there is no funding available for additional speakers.
PROGRAMME

Day 1, 19 May 2016: Setting the Scene
12:30-13:00 Registration
13:00-14:45 Integration in Small States
14:45-16:30 Commercial Relations with Small States
16:30-17:00 Coffee break
17:00-19:00 Small States as Financial Centres
19:00 Reception

Day 2: Dispute Resolution and Small States
09:30-11:30 Dispute resolution involving States
11:30-12:30 Keynote speech - Gary Born
12:30-13:30 Lunch break
13:30-17:00 International B2B Dispute Resolution

Confirmed speakers and chairs:
- Justice Winston Anderson, Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice
- Professor George Barker, Australia National University
- Dr. David S Berry, Dean of Law, University of the West Indies
- N Jansen Calamita, BIICL
- Barbara Dohmann QC, Blackstone Chambers
- Professor Sue Farran, University of Northumbria, Newcastle
- Franoise L.M Hendy, Chief Treaty Negotiator, Barbados High Commission
- Her Excellency Dr. Len Ishmael, Ambassador, Embassies of the Eastern Caribbean States, Brussels
- Edwini Kessie, Office of the Chief Trade Advisor, Pacific Island Countries, Vauatu
- Alex Layton QC, 20 Essex Street
- Professor Velma Newton, IMPACT Justice, University of the West Indies
- Lauge Poulsen, Lecturer, University College London
- Professor Baldur Ðórhallsson, University of Iceland, Small States Studies
- Jan Yves Remy, Sidley Austin, Geneva
- Professor Francesco Schurr, University of Liechtenstein
- Geoff Sharp, Clifton Chambers, Wellington
- Mele Tupou, Chief Executive, Ministry of Justice, Tonga
- Tony Willis, Brick Court Chambers

Confirmed organisations:
- Commonwealth Secretariat
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