



Investment Treaty Forum

Twelfth ITF Public Conference Investment Treaties at 50: Host State Perspectives

Friday 15 May 2009 09:00 to 16:30

The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, Large Pension Room, 8 South Square, London WC1R 5ET

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Programme

08.30 – 09.00	Registration with tea and coffee
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome and Introduction <i>Norah Gallagher, British Institute of International and Comparative Law</i>
09.15 – 09.40	Keynote Address: <i>Judge Stephen Schwebel, Critical Assessment of the US Model BIT</i>
09.45 – 11.10	PANEL 1 Evolution of BITs: context and rationale <i>Chair: Professor Maurice Mendelson QC, Blackstone Chambers</i> The winding BIT road – did FA Mann get it right? <i>Matthew Weiniger, Herbert Smith LLP</i> Some observations on the BIT evolution since 1995 <i>Margrete Stevens, King & Spalding LLP, Washington DC</i> Renegotiating BITs the Mexican experience: difficulties and inequalities <i>Luis Gonzalez Garcia, Matrix Chambers (Former Deputy General Counsel for investment claims and treaty negotiations, Mexico)</i> Developing country problems in negotiating, implementing and complying with BITs: trends in terms of BIT numbers and outlook

	Anna Joubin-Bret , Senior Legal Advisor, Policies and Capacity-building Branch Division on Investment and Enterprise UNCTAD, Geneva
11.10 -11.30	Tea and Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	<p>PANEL 2 Recent Model BITs – trends, turnarounds and transformations</p> <p><i>Chair: Sir Frank Berman QC, Essex Court Chambers</i></p> <p>The Czech Republic: recent BIT practice and resulting views on BITs <i>Radek Šnábl, Director of the International Law Department, Ministry of Finance, Czech Republic</i></p> <p>The Conduct of Arbitration Under the U.S. Model BIT <i>Dan Jacobs, Senior BIT Negotiator, Bilateral Investment Treaty Program, US Department of State</i></p> <p>The Colombian BIT Model: Creating a Balanced Treaty <i>José-Antonio Rivas, Director of Foreign Investment and Services, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism, Colombia</i></p> <p>What trends does the OECD’s cross-country analysis of BITs show? <i>Commentator: Dr. Lahra Liberti, Legal Adviser, Investment Division, OECD</i></p>
13.00-13.05	<p>Ian Laird, Crowell & Moring LLP, Editor in Chief of the Oxford University Press online service <i>Investment Claims</i></p> <p>Norah Gallagher, Director, Investment Treaty Forum, BIICL, co-author of the new book <i>Chinese Investment Treaties</i></p>
13.05 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.30	<p>PANEL 3 The future direction of BITs</p> <p><i>Chair: Professor Sir Elihu Lauterpacht CBE QC, 20 Essex Street Chambers and Cambridge University</i></p> <p>A BIT and its discontents: Ecuadorian/Latin American policies on BITs <i>Alvaro C Galindo, Director, International Litigation and Arbitration Unit, Solicitor General Office, Republic of Ecuador</i></p> <p>The EU law and BITs clash: impact on the Polish practice <i>Dr Marek Jeżewski, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw; Advisor to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs on BIT matters, Poland</i></p> <p>China’s investment treaty policy: recent changes and future direction <i>Professor Wenhua Shan, Xi’an Jiaotong University and Oxford Brookes University</i></p> <p>The United States’ experience and what it portends for the future of BITs <i>Commentator: Andrea Menaker, White & Case LLP, Washington DC</i></p>
15.30 - 15.45	<p>Closing remarks: Professor Vaughan Lowe QC, Essex Court Chambers, Chichele Professor of International Law and Fellow of All Souls College, University of Oxford Loretta Malintoppi, Eversheds, Paris</p>

