

INVESTOR-STATE MEDIATOR TRAINING

19 – 21 January 2022

Online, via Zoom

There is increasing interest in the potential for mediation to settle investor-State disputes. A growing number of investment treaties contain specific provisions on mediation to resolve investment disputes, and much work has been done by organizations and institutions to promote the availability and benefits of mediation in investment contexts. This includes the proposed ICSID Investor-State Mediation Rules and the work by UNCITRAL's Working Group III on Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform. The COVID-19 pandemic has heightened interest in the use of timely and cost-effective methods of dispute settlement such as mediation. The Singapore Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, which entered into force in September 2020, is also a key development in the field of mediation.

WHY ATTEND?

This 3-day interactive, practice-based Investor-State Mediator Training, designed jointly by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the International Mediation Institute (IMI) and the International Energy Charter, will cover the context of investor-State disputes within the ISDS landscape and will provide experienced mediators with knowledge and skills to mediate investment disputes including Stakeholder mapping and analysis, process design, co-mediation and intercultural considerations.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Course registration is open to –

- Individuals who have participated in basic mediator training (40 hours minimum)*
- Individuals who have practical experience serving as mediator.*
- Government employees who have an interest in learning about investor-State mediation but do not have any prior mediator training or experience (discounted price available).
- Practitioners in ISDS arbitration, who want to expand their skills to the field of mediation in the context of resolving these disputes.

Experience in investor-State arbitration is desirable but not essential.

**To be assessed by CEDR during the application process.*

COURSE REGISTRATION & FEE

- Mediators/Practitioners – US \$2,500 for the 3-day course. Email us [here](#) to register
- Government employees – US \$1,250 for the 3-day course. Email us [here](#) to register

DATE & VENUE:

The course will be held from 19th – 21st January 2022 online via [Zoom](#)

YOUR TRAINERS



James South

James South is the Managing Director of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), lead trainer of CEDR Mediator Training Faculty and a highly experienced dispute resolution consultant. James, a qualified lawyer in his native New Zealand has 20 years' experience as a mediator. He acts as mediator both in the UK and internationally, specialising in corporate and commercial disputes, with particular experience in International commercial contracts, Insurance & Finance, Property, Sales of Goods & Services and Employment & Workplace. Boards, leadership teams and other groups which find themselves in conflict.



Wolf von Kumberg

Wolf is a qualified arbitrator and mediator with a wide-ranging interest in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and conflict management. He has global investment experience as GC to several multi-national companies. In addition, he has been involved in a large variety of international commercial and investment litigation and arbitration proceedings in multiple jurisdictions. He has worked extensively with the ECT, ICSID and CEDR to develop the field of Investor State Mediation.



Frauke Nitschke

Is a Senior Counsel/Team Leader at the International Centre for settlement of investment disputes (ICSID (World Bank Group)). Ms. Nitschke holds law degrees from the Freie Universität Berlin (Staatsexamen), Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M.), and a Master's degree in Organizational Psychology focusing on Alternative Dispute Resolution from the FernUniversität Hagen. She is admitted to practice law in the State of New York.



Alejandro Carballo Leyda

Is General Counsel and Head of the Conflict Resolution Centre at the International Energy Charter. He led the discussions (2015-2016) for updating the Conciliation Rules for state-state transit disputes (including a commentary), as well as the drafting of the Model Early Warning Mechanism for state-state transit disputes (2014), the Guide on investment mediation (2016), the best practices in regulatory reform (2017) and the (2018) Model Instrument on Management of Investment Disputes.

TESTIMONIALS

"ICSID's and CEDR's Investor-State Mediation Training session provided a comprehensive and worthwhile training course for anyone interested in how investor-state mediation can proceed."

– **Gary Sampliner, Mediator; Senior Counsel (retired), U.S. Treasury Department, Washington DC**

"A stellar cast of trainers and lecturers from CEDR and ICSID coupled with an engaging interactive programme all but ensures a level of instructions and training that is both thought provoking and enjoyable!"

– **Tat Lim, Partner, Aequitas Law LLP, Singapore**

"This well taught course provides a comprehensive overview and understanding of the complexities of investor-state mediation and the practical tools to overcome them."

– **Joe Tirado, Partner, Co-Head of International Arbitration and ADR, Garrigues UK LLP, London**