

## ISDS: A Way Forward

Joint Seminar of the Association of International Arbitration, the Arbitration Institute of Stockholm Chamber of Commerce and the Brussels Diplomatic Agency

### **SPEAKERS:**

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Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) usually takes form of international arbitration, which is a well-established neutral legal method for resolving cross-border conflicts. ISDS has had history of depoliticizing investment disputes.

The recent international debate surrounding investment protection and ISDS has been characterized by misconceptions and confusion, typically driven by a small number of undecided cases.

The aim of this joint event is to explain the basis and functioning of ISDS and to have a more fact-based debate. To this aim, the event offers insights from arbitration practitioners and experts.

**DATE:** 27 May 2015

**TIME:** 14.00-18.00h

**LOCATION:** Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB University), Boulevard de la Plaine 2, B-1050, Brussels, Belgium.

**LANGUAGE:** English.

**FEE:** 250 EUR (VAT excluded).

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Seminar, 27 May 2015 in Brussels

Association of International Arbitration, the SCC and the Brussels Diplomatic Academy

No	Agenda item	Speaker	Time allocation
1.	Opening	Johan Billiet – President, Association of International Arbitration	14.00 – 14.10
<b>First Panel: ISDS – Recent Development (Moderator: Iuliana Iancu)</b>			
2.	The role of ISDS in a developed world: why it was here and why it should still be here.	Christer Söderlund	14.10 – 14.25
3.	Brief introduction to arbitration and EU arbitration	A. Komninos	14.25 – 14.40
4.	Procedural development: Emergency arbitrator in ISDS cases	Natalia Petrik	14.40 – 14.55
5.	ISDS and sustainable development	Sukma Andrina	14.55 – 15.10
6.	Q&A		15.10 – 15.25
	Coffee break		15.25 – 16.00
<b>Second panel: ISDS Reform– way forward (Moderator: Johan Billiet)</b>			
7.	Transparency in ISDS	Fredrik Andersson	16.00 – 16.15
8.	Conflict of law and choice of arbitrator	P. Lefebvre	16.15 – 16.30
9.	Private adjudication and the public interest	N. Angelet	16.30 – 16.45
10.	Q&A and debate		16.45 – 16.55
11.	Concluding remarks	Johan Billiet – President, Association of International Arbitration.	16.55 – 17.00
12.	Networking		17.00 – 18.00