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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), Pleinlaan 2/Boulevard de la Plaine 2, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium, Conference room 'Rome' (level -1).

LANGUAGE: English.

FEE: 250 EUR (VAT excluded).

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No	Agenda item	Speaker	Time
1.	Opening	Gunter Gaublonne – welcome word + intro AIA/SCC/BDA	14.00 – 14.10
First Panel: ISDS – Recent Development (Moderator: Iuliana Iancu)			
2.	The role of ISDS in a developed world: why it was there and why it should still be here.	Christer Söderlund, Vinge	14.10 – 14.25
3.	Trends involving Amici Curiae: Pros and Cons.	John Willems, White & Case	14.25 – 14.40
4.	Procedural Development: Emergency Arbitrator in ISDS cases	Natalia Petrik, SCC	14.40 – 14.55
5.	ISDS and Sustainable Development	Sukma Andrina, SCC	14.55 – 15.10
6.	Q&A		15.10 – 15.25
	Coffee break		15.25 – 16.00
Second panel: ISDS Reform– way forward (Moderator: Johan Billiet)			
	Background: Quite a number of BITs will expire soon and in parallel to that, there are negotiations of huge investment pacts such as the TTIP and TPP. Seizing this momentum, different organizations have forwarded proposals to reform ISDS. The session therefore aims to reflect the reform proposal based on arbitration practitioner’s perspectives:		
7.	ISDS and public interest	Gaëtan Verhoosel, Chair of the International Bar Association Committee on Investment Arbitration.	16.00 -- 16.15
8.	Transparency in ISDS – recent development	Fredrik Andersson, Mannheimer Swarthing	16.15 – 16.30
9.	Conflict of law and choice of arbitrator	P. Lefebvre, Hanotiau en Van den Berg	16.30 – 16.45
10.	Private adjudication and the public interest	N. Angelet, Liedekerke	16.45 – 17.00
11.	Q&A and debate		17.00 – 17.15

12.	Concluding remarks		17.15 - 17.25
13.	Networking		17.25- 18.30