United Nations
Commission on International Trade Law

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SIDE EVENTS DURING WGIII 55th SESSION (12-16 October 2026, Vienna)

12 Oct. Monday	**Summary of the 10th intersessional meeting of UNCITRAL WG III in Ninh Binh, Viet Nam (12:35-13:40)**
	Organized by the Government of Viet Nam and the UNCITRAL secretariat This event will provide a summary of the discussions and outcomes of the 10th intersessional meeting of UNCITRAL Working Group III held in Ninh Binh, Viet Nam from 7 to 9 September 2026. The session will also feature a presentation of the Chair's proposal on Draft Provision 20 (Damages and compensation) as set out in A/CN.9/WG.III/WP.268. **Venue:** Boardroom D
	Calculation of Damages and Compensation in Investor-State Dispute Settlement (17:05-18:00)
	Organized by the Academic Forum This side event will examine recent developments in the Working Group III discussions on Damages and Compensation, with particular attention to the revised text in the new proposed Draft Provision 20 (A/CN.9/WG.III/WP.268). The discussion will explore the key legal and practical issues arising from this proposal, their implications for the assessment of damages, and potential interpretative challenges. *Speakers*: Prof. Michael Waibel (University of Vienna), Ms. Ladan Mehranvar (International Institute for Environment and Development), Prof. Yanwen Zhang (University of Durham), Prof. Ana Maria Daza Vargas (University of Edinburgh). **Venue:** Boardroom D
13 Oct. Tuesday	**VIC Chat on dispute prevention and mediation: A challenge or a viable alternative for States? (12:35-13:40)**
	Organized by the Permanent Mission of China and the International Organization for Mediation (IOMed) The discussion will examine why States have been hesitant to embrace mediation, how confidence and integrity can be built into State mediation processes, and how dialogue-based approaches can contribute to the peaceful settlement of disputes and greater global stability. *Moderator:* Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, Secretary of UNCITRAL *Panelists:* Prof. Teresa Cheng, Secretary-General of IOMed, Mr. Siddharth Chatterjee, Former United Nations resident coordinator in China, PRs from Permanent missions in Vienna **Venue:** Mozart Room, VIC
	Counterclaims in ISDS Reform: Scope, Limits and Drafting Choices (17:05-18:00)
	Organized by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea Building on the Working Group's consideration of draft provision 10, this side event will explore the scope and limits of counterclaims in ISDS and options available to States in their future treaty practice, including in relation to draft provision 10. *Opening Remarks*: Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, Secretary of UNCITRAL *Moderator*: Prof. Jaemin Lee, Seoul National University *Framing Presentation*: Junyeul Alex Yang Ph.D.,Public Prosecutor, Korean Ministry of Justice (KMOJ) *Panelists*: Mr. Mathieu Raux (Legal counsel (trade and investment) at the Legal affairs Department of the European and Foreign affairs Ministry of the French Republic), Prof. Eric De Brabandere (Professor of international dispute settlement at Leiden University, and Attorney at the Brussels Bar (Partner with DMDB Law)), Ms. Van anh Lai (Deputy Director General, Department of International Law and Investment disputes of Viet Nam)

	Venue: Boardroom D
14 Oct. Wednesday	**Preventing Disputes Before They Arise: Institutional Initiatives and Cross-Cutting Issues in ISDS reform (12:35-13:40)** **Organized by ArbitralWomen** The side event, *"Preventing Disputes Before They Arise: Institutional Initiatives and Cross-Cutting Issues in ISDS Reform,"* is designed to complement the work of UNCITRAL Working Group III by examining dispute prevention as a central objective of investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS) reform. This event will explore how institutions and States can reduce the likelihood of disputes through mediation, dispute-prevention mechanisms, counterclaims, and treaty design. Speakers from UNCITRAL, ICSID, and arbitral institutions are expected to discuss the implementation of mediation frameworks, including the ICSID Mediation Rules and UNCITRAL's work on investment mediation, while academic experts will address broader reform issues such as investor conduct, enforcement of mediated settlements, the role of the Singapore Convention on Mediation, and recent treaty practices in jurisdictions including the EU and other States. The overall focus is on practical tools that can help prevent disputes from escalating into formal arbitration. **Institutional initiatives and cross-cutting issues in promoting dispute prevention and investment mediation** *Moderator*: Dr. Yulia Levashova, Associate Professor, Nyenrode University, the Netherlands/Director Dispute Prevention, Asia Pacific FDI Network *Speakers*: Anna Joubin-Bret, Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ella Rosenberg, Senior Legal Counsel (ICSID), Prof. Kamalia Mehtiyeva, (University Paris-Est Créteil/ Member of ICC International Court of Arbitration), Ms. Agata Zwolankiewicz (PhD candidate, dispute prevention at KU Leuven and Senior Associate, Addleshaw Goddard Poland) **Venue:** Boardroom D
15 Oct. Thursday	**Briefing for the Group of 77 (12:40-13:40)** **Organized by the G-77 Task Force Coordinator for UNCITRAL matters** Mr. Natanael Pineda (Panama), G-77 Task Force Coordinator for UNCITRAL matters, has invited G-77 members to a briefing on the outcomes of the 59th session of the Commission and ongoing work under Working Group III, with an update from Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, Secretary of UNCITRAL. Invitations have been circulated by the G-77 Secretariat. **Venue:** Boardroom D