


SIDE EVENTS DURING THE WG II SESSION (30 September – 04 October 2024, Vienna)

<p>30 Sept. Monday</p>	<p>A Decade of Transparency: Celebrating 10 Years of UNCITRAL Transparency Standards—Theory and Practice (18:00-20:00)</p> <p>Organized by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, Vienna International Arbitral Centre and Sigmund Freud University</p> <p>The year 2024 marks the 10th anniversary of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards, which consist of the Rules on Transparency (came into effect on 1 April 2014), the Mauritius Convention on Transparency (adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 2014) and the Transparency Repository. It was UNCITRAL Working Group II that delivered the main components of the standards, which served as the first endeavour by UNCITRAL towards reforming investor-State dispute settlement. This event will navigate participants through the theory and practice of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards in the past decade.</p> <p>Venue: VIAC, Wiedner Hauptstr. 63, 1045 Vienna</p> <p>Registration is needed for this event and delegates are encouraged to register for this event HERE.</p> 
<p>02 Oct. Wednesday</p>	<p>Practical Impact and Institutional Adoption of the UNCITRAL Model Clauses on Specialized Express Dispute Resolution (SPEDR) (17:30-20:30)</p> <p>Organized and hosted by Pitkowitz & Partners in cooperation with VIAC and SHIAC, supported by Zhong Lun</p> <p>The event focuses on the real-world implications and institutional acceptance of SPEDR - the UNCITRAL Model Clauses on Specialized Express Dispute Resolution. Institutional representatives and experienced practitioners will examine how these model clauses influence international commercial dispute resolution, their practical application, and their benefits for institutions to streamline dispute resolution processes. The event aims to foster discussions on improving efficiency and effectiveness in resolving disputes.</p> <p>Please register via this link</p> <p>Programme: 17:30 – 18:00 Registration and welcome remarks by Dr. Nikolaus Pitkowitz (President VIAC) 18:00 – 19:00 Presentations and discussion Panellists: Wei Sun, Partner Zhong Lun Weijun Wang, Secretary General SHIAC Niamh Leinwather, Secretary General VIAC 19:00 onwards: Reception</p> <p>Venue: Pitkowitz & Partners, Schwarzenbergplatz 3, 1010 Vienna</p>
<p>03 Oct. Thursday</p>	<p>How to Avoid the “Recourse Trap”-New DIS Rules for Third-Party Notices (12:30 – 13:00)</p> <p>Organized by the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Arbitration Institute (DIS)</p> <p>Think of a contractor who faces claims from the owner and at the same time has own claims against its subcontractor relating to the same works. This contractor will be involved in two separate arbitration proceedings with the inherent risk of losing both. The owner may establish claims against the contractor in the first arbitration for defective works but the arbitrators in the second arbitration may not consider the works done by the subcontractor as defective. Effectively, the contractor is sandwiched. This is the recourse trap.</p> <p>In litigation, a third-party notice, an impleader or a vouching-in could help to bind the subcontractor to the outcome of the dispute between the owner and the contractor without making the subcontractor a party to these proceedings. In arbitration, things are not that straightforward and parties seeking to mirror the litigation rules in their arbitration agreement face an uphill battle. Owner, contractor and subcontractor often do not sit at the same negotiation table. Spending time on drafting a complex arbitration agreement may likewise not be such a brilliant idea when other commercial issues are more pressing. To help parties in such a situation, the DIS has conceived a set of new rules, the DIS Supplementary Rules for Third-Party Notices, which entered into force on 15 March 2024.</p> <p>In this side event, we will discuss the problem and present the solution that the DIS Supplementary Rules for Third-Party Notices provide.</p> <p>Panellists: Nadine Lederer (German Federal Ministry of Justice) and Reinmar Wolff (German Arbitration Institute)</p> <p>Venue: Board Room D (Vienna International Centre, 4th floor, C Building)</p>