

## THE COSTS AND FINANCING OF AN ADVISORY CENTRE ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW

DATE: November 16, 2020

TIME: 15:00 - 16:00 Central European Time [CET]; 9:00 - 10:00 AM EDT

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To join the meeting, kindly click on the link shortly before 15:00 pm CET on 16 November and follow the instructions. If you are not able to connect online, you could connect using the dial-up options provided in the email that you will receive after completing the registration.

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The webinar will be conducted in English and in an interactive manner, encouraging interventions by participants. A separate webinar in French will be organized later.

During the webinar, a number of issues related to the costs and financing of an Advisory Centre on International Investment Law (ACIIL) will be discussed, based on a “Note on the costs and financing of an Advisory Centre on International Investment Law”. Given certain assumptions and an estimated workload, this Note presents a hypothetical budget and discusses possible sources of funds to establish and maintain an ACIIL.

The Note is available in:

#### ENGLISH:

[https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/aciil\\_note\\_on\\_costs\\_financing\\_24\\_august\\_2020\\_final\\_updated.pdf](https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/aciil_note_on_costs_financing_24_august_2020_final_updated.pdf)

#### FRENCH:

[https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/media-documents/uncitral/fr/note\\_sur\\_le\\_cout\\_et\\_le\\_financement\\_dun\\_centre\\_consultatif\\_en\\_droit\\_international\\_des\\_instissements.pdf](https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/media-documents/uncitral/fr/note_sur_le_cout_et_le_financement_dun_centre_consultatif_en_droit_international_des_instissements.pdf);

#### SPANISH:

[https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/aciil\\_note\\_on\\_costs\\_financing\\_26\\_july\\_2020\\_final\\_espanol.pdf](https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/aciil_note_on_costs_financing_26_july_2020_final_espanol.pdf).

## PROGRAMME

- OPENING OF THE WEBINAR:** Anna Joubin-Bret, Secretary, UNCITRAL
- MODERATOR:** Karl P. Sauvart, Resident Senior Fellow, Columbia University, CCSI
- PRESENTATION OF THE NOTE:** Nicolas Angelet, Professor of International Law, Université Libre de Bruxelles, and Ndanga Kamau, Founder, Ndanga Kamau Law
- DISCUSSION STARTERS:** Charlie Garnjana-Goonchorn, Minister Counsellor, Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
- Gaston Kenfack Douajni, Director of Legislation, Ministry of Justice of Cameroon
- Natalia Porras, Coordinator of the Trade in Services and Investment Area, Ministry of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica
- Rebecca Wörner, Trade and Investment Policy Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
- CONCLUDING REMARKS:** Don Wallace, Chairperson, International Law Institute

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#### NICOLAS ANGELET

Nicolas Angelet is professor of international law at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, a member of the Brussels Bar and an associate tenant of Doughty Street Chambers, London. He is appointed to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators by the Republic of Burundi and to the ICSID Panel of Conciliators by the Kingdom of Belgium. He has acted as counsel in various investment arbitration cases, as a member of the ICSID *ad hoc* Committee in *Victór Pey Casado and Foundation President Allende v. Republic of Chile*, and currently chairs the ICSID Tribunals in *Ayoub-Farid Michel Saab v. United Republic of Tanzania* and in *Venezuela Holdings, B.V. and others v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*.

#### CHARLIE GARNJANA-GOONCHORN

Charlie Garnjana-Goonchorn joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand in 2007. He started his career in the Treaty Division, overseeing various aspects of Thailand's treaty making process. During his post at the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the UN in Geneva, he was in charge of extensive areas of work, including those within the purview of WHO and UNCTAD. After returning to Thailand in 2017, he has played a key role in several international disputes involving the Royal Thai Government, in addition to providing legal advice related to international trade, investment treaties, dispute settlement mechanisms, and arbitration. He has a PhD from the University College London and an LLM from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

#### ANNA JOUBIN-BRET

Anna Joubin-Bret is the Secretary of UNCITRAL and the Director of the International Trade Law Division in the Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations, the substantive secretariat for UNCITRAL. Before that, she practiced law in Paris, specializing in international investment law and investment dispute resolution, focusing on serving as counsel, arbitrator, mediator, and conciliator in such disputes. She served as arbitrator in several ICSID, UNCITRAL and ICC disputes. Prior to 2011 and for 15 years, she was the Senior Legal Adviser for UNCTAD, editing and authoring seminal research and publications on international investment law, notably the sequels to UNCTAD's IIA Series and co-editing (with Jean Kalicki) *Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement*.

## **NDANGA KAMAU**

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## **NATALIA PORRAS**

Natalia Porras obtained a degree in Law at the University of Costa Rica in 2007 and an MSc in Political Economy at the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2012. She has worked at the Ministry of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica since 2008 as an advisor to the Trade in Services and Investment Area and has participated in the negotiation processes of various trade agreements and international investment agreements, including with the European Union, China, Singapore, Peru, the Republic of Korea, and Central America. Currently, she is the Coordinator of the Trade in Services and Investment Area, which works in the negotiation and implementation of international agreements and OECD-related affairs in those areas.

## **KARL P. SAUVANT**

Karl P. Sauvant has pursued the idea of establishing an Advisory Centre on International Investment Law since 2004, when he was the Director of UNCTAD’s Investment Division. He continued to pursue this objective after his retirement from the UN when he established, in 2006, what became the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI). He stepped down as its Executive Director in 2012, to focus his work, as a CCSI Resident Senior Fellow, on teaching, research and writing. He has written extensively on matters related to FDI (see <https://ssrn.com/author=2461782>), and currently assists the ITC and DIE on a project on Investment Facilitation for Development.

## **DON WALLACE**

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## **REBECCA WÖRNER**

Rebecca Wörner is a Trade and Investment Policy Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. Her areas of expertise and interest include the bilateral and multilateral reform of investment protection and sustainability-related topics. Previously, as part of a Junior Professional Programme, she held different positions at the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, *inter alia* in the field of climate policy and the circular economy. She also worked as a trade policy attaché at the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands in Geneva. She graduated with honours from Utrecht University, with a research degree in law. During her studies, she conducted fieldwork in South-Africa and Mozambique, and co-authored several papers on water law.