

SIDE EVENTS DURING THE WG III SESSION (22–26 January 2024, Vienna)

22 January Monday	<p align="center">Assembling an Arbitral Team, Government Experiences (12:40-13:50)</p>
	<p>Sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the United States</p> <p><i>As a preview to a potential government forum in the envisaged advisory center for building capacity through peer exchange of experiences, government representatives will share their experiences with building an ISDS defense team – whether through in-house, hybrid, or hiring third parties – and how to build expertise over time through these three approaches.</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by Mr. Matthew Hackell (United States). Speakers include Ms. Ana María Ordoñez Puentes (Colombia), Dr. Jaroslav Kudrna (Czechia), Ms. Deborah Aikins (Ghana), Ms. Young Shin UM (Republic of Korea) and Mr. David Bigge (United States).</i></p> <p>Venue: Boardroom D & online (refer to the e-mail sent to registered participants for link and passcode)</p>
23 January Tuesday	<p align="center">ITA Roundtable: Damages and Compensation in Investor-State Arbitration (17:45 – 20:00)</p>
	<p>Organized by ITA and KNOETZL</p> <p><i>The roundtable discussion will address the types of compensation in investor-State arbitrations, and, in particular, why restitution of property is not a usual relief sought by investors; the calculation of monetary damages; issues of contributory fault of investors; rare relief of moral damages; shareholders’ reflective loss; and the role of quantum expert in investor-State arbitrations.</i></p> <p><i>Roundtable (1800-1905) followed by drinks. Welcoming remarks by Anna Joubin-Bret (Secretary, UNCITRAL). Moderated by Prof Crina Baltag. Speakers include Prof. Dr. Irmgard Marboe, Tom Sikora, Florian Haugeneder, James Castello, Peri Mikayelyan and Jurgita Petkutė.</i></p> <p>Venue: KNOETZL, Herrengasse 1, A-1010, Vienna (Register here)</p>
23 January Tuesday	<p align="center">"The Tribunal" – A film (12:40-13:40)</p>
	<p>Organized by CCSI</p> <p><i>Introductory remarks by Ladan Mehranvar (CCSI)</i></p> <p><i>The 28-minute film focuses on the aftermath and impact of the Copper Mesa case on the local community in the Intag Valley in Ecuador. The film fills an important gap in the discourse on third party rights and investment arbitration as it tells the story directly from the perspective of investment-affected communities, which is unique as this part of the story is often left out of the mainstream narrative.</i></p> <p><i>Followed by a discussion with Ladan Mehranvar (CCSI), Lily Diaz-Granados (Ecuador), Lorenzo Cotula (IIED) and Malcolm Rogge (Filmmaker)</i></p> <p>Venue: Boardroom D</p>
24 January Wednesday	<p align="center">A Deep Dive into Reducing Duration and Costs in Investment Arbitration (18:00-19:30)</p>
	<p>Organized by VIAC and ICSID</p> <p><i>ICSID and VIAC are entering in a cooperation agreement to provide mutual support to ICSID and VIAC hearings and collaborate on public outreach and capacity building. To mark the occasion, ICSID and VIAC are jointly organizing a discussion on enhancing efficiencies in investment arbitration, including a look at how ICSID and VIAC procedural rules are designed to reduce time and costs.</i></p> <p><i>Opening remarks by Anna Joubin-Bret (Secretary, UNCITRAL) and Niamh Leinwather (Secretary General, VIAC). Panel discussion by Claudia Annacker, August Reinisch, Lucia Raimonova and Martina Polasek followed by a reception.</i></p> <p>Venue: VIAC, Wiedner Hauptstrasse 63, 1040 Vienna (Register by e-mail to office@viac.eu)</p>
24 January Wednesday	<p align="center">125 years of international dispute resolution at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (17:30-20:30)</p>
	<p>Organized by PCA</p> <p><i>The conference, “125 years of International Dispute Resolution at the Permanent Court of Arbitration”, reflects on the evolution of the PCA’s activities and role throughout that period, including its ever-increasing caseload of arbitrations arising between private parties and States under investment treaties and contracts.</i></p> <p><i>Introductory remarks by the PCA Secretary-General, Dr. Hab. Marcin Czepelak and the Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, will be followed by a panel comprising Judge Bruno Simma, Professor Dapo Akande and Justice Indu Malhotra, and a reception.</i></p> <p>Venue: Hofburg Palace (Register by e-mail to vienna@pca-cpa.org by 23 January 2024; click here for the program)</p>