

## **Symposium on the Quest for Transparency in International Investment Arbitration: Opportunities and Challenges**

**Venue: Faculty of law - Conference Room-Ain Shams University**

**Tuesday 28/05/2024**

**From 10:00 to 16:00**

### **Introduction**

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The faculty of law of Ain Shams University in cooperation with UNCITRAL are organizing a symposium about the "Quest for Transparency in International Investment Arbitration: Opportunities and Challenges".

This event aims to increase awareness about basic principles of international investment law and to identify the framework of transparency in investor-State dispute settlement at the international level as well as the recent reform adopted by the UNCITRAL to enhance transparency in investor-State dispute settlement.

Participants in this event will include: academics, practitioners, researchers and high-level public officials in order to discuss the challenges and opportunities for transparency in investor-State dispute settlement.

### **Audience**

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This event aims to address the following categories:

- Academics
- Judges
- Lawyers and arbitration law firms
- Arbitrators
- Members at the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones
- Members at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Members at the Ministry of Justice
- Members at the State Lawsuits Authority
- Students at college of law
- Arbitration community
- Private companies

## Learning objectives (ILOs)

- 1- Identify the main framework of transparency in investor-State dispute settlement.
- 2- Understand the legal challenges for transparency in investor-State dispute settlement.
- 3- Analysis of the UNCITRAL's standards on transparency.
- 4- Recognize the inter-relations between the arbitrator's code of conduct and transparency in arbitration.
- 5- Introduce the Egyptian law perspective and current practices regarding transparency in arbitration.

## Event Organizers

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- Faculty of Law – Ain Shams University
- UNCITRAL

## Event Program

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- **10:00-10:10:** welcoming the participants
- **Opening session**
- **10:10-10:15:** Welcoming speech by Prof. Dr. Mohammed Safi – Dean of the Faculty of Law Dean- Ain Shams University
- **10:15-10:20:** Welcoming speech by Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, Secretary of UNCITRAL, Director of the International Trade Law Division, in the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations
- **10:20-10:25:** Welcoming speech by Dr. Hossam Hesham Sadek, Deputy Minister of Justice for International Co-operation
- **10:30-11:45: First session: History and Status Quo of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards**  
**Moderator:** Dr. Hossam Hesham Sadek, Deputy Minister of Justice for International Co-operation  
**Speakers:**
  - Ms. Fatma Khalifa, Consultant, UNCITRAL Secretariat
  - Prof. Dr. Yassin El Shazly, Vice Dean for Graduate Studies and Research Professor of Commercial & Maritime Law, Ain Shams University

**11:45-12:00: coffee break**

**12:00-13:15: Second session: Trends in uptake of transparency in treaties, arbitration rules and ISDS cases**

**Moderator:** Prof. Dr. Mohammed Safi – Dean of the Faculty of Law, Ain Shams University

**Speakers:**

- Representative of the Minister of Justice- arbitration sector (to be confirmed)
- Mr. Mohamed Sallam, Counsel Matouk Bassiouny & Hennawy law firm

**13:15-14:30: Third session: Code of Conduct for arbitrators adopted by UNCITRAL in 2023 as a New ISDS Reform Element**

**Moderator:** Mr. Yaochen Gong, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Corentin Basle, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat
- Dr. Fatma Adel, Department of Procedural law, Faculty of Law, Ain Shams University

**14:30-14:45: coffee break**

**14:45-16:00: Fourth session: Local Perspective on Transparency**

**Moderator:** Prof. Dr. Ahmed Dayhom, Vice Dean for Community service, Professor of Philosophy and History of law, Ain Shams University

**Speakers:**

- Prof. Dr. Sayed Mahmoud, Professor of Procedural law, Faculty of Law, Ain Shams University
- Counselor Dr. Marian Kaldas, Executive Director of the Egyptian Center for Arbitration and Settlement of Non-Banking Financial Disputes

- **16:00-16:15:** Closing remarks by Dr. Hatem Abdelrahman, Director of the Arbitration Center, Ain Shams University