

Side-event

The Advisory Centre: Perspectives from Practitioners

Sponsored by Foley Hoag LLP

Date & Time: Monday, 2 December 2024, 12:45-1:45pm (*in-person event*)

Location: Sarocha Room (*near the Main Meeting Room, see floor plan below*)

Please kindly note that a side event (“The Advisory Centre: Perspectives from Practitioners”) will take place in the Sarocha Room, near the Main Meeting Room, during lunchtime on Monday, 2 December 2024, the first day of the operationalization meeting.

If you are interested in attending, please feel free to take food from the lunchroom and bring it into the Sarocha Room. There is no need to register in advance.

Description: This Side Event will feature a panel of practicing lawyers with experience in law firms and the Advisory Centre on WTO Law to discuss the practical aspects of the future Advisory Centre on International Investment Dispute Resolution. What role would the Advisory Centre play in investor-State disputes? Would it primarily advise States in the pre-arbitration phase? Could it compete with law firms to represent State in arbitration? Would it be able to recruit talented staff? What lessons can be learned from the Advisory Centre on WTO Law? The panel discussion will take place only in person and under the Chatham House Rule, with both panellists and any participating attendees speaking in their personal capacities.

Moderator/Panellists: Peter Tzeng (Foley Hoag LLP) (moderator); Christian Vidal-León (Advisory Centre on WTO Law); Marike Paulsson (Council for International Dispute Resolution for the Kingdom of Bahrain); Ratthakarn Boonnua (Watson Farley & Williams (Thailand) Ltd)

