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INAUGURAL ARMENIAN ARBITRATION DAY  
INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CONFERENCE

*INCREASING BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IN A GLOBALIZED ECONOMY THROUGH A  
STATE-OF-THE-ART INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION DISPUTES  
REGIME*

Monday, September 4, 2023

Armenia Marriot Hotel, Yerevan, Armenia

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

OPENING CEREMONY	
9:30 – 10:00 am	REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE
10:00 – 10:10 am	<p><b>WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM</b></p> <p><i>Masters of Ceremonies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Davit Gharibyan</b>, Deputy Director, Center for Legislation Development</li> <li>• <b>Christina Pak</b>, Principal Counsel &amp; Team Leader, Law and Policy Reform, Asian Development Bank (ADB)</li> </ul>
10:10 – 10:35 am	<p><b>OPENING REMARKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mher Grigoryan</b>, Deputy Prime Minister, Republic of Armenia [TBC]</li> <li>• <b>Grigor Minasyan</b>, Minister of Justice, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia</li> <li>• <b>Martin Galstyan</b>, Governor, Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia [TBC]</li> <li>• <b>Don Lambert</b>, Country Director, Armenia Resident Mission, ADB</li> <li>• <b>Andrea Wiktorin</b>, Ambassador, Head of the European Union Delegation to Armenia [TBC]</li> <li>• <b>Anna Joubin-Bret</b>, The Secretary, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) (video address)</li> </ul>
10:35 – 10:45 am	GROUP PHOTO
10:45 – 11:00 am	<p><b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gary Born</b>, Chair, International Arbitration Practice Group, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP</li> </ul>
PLENARY SESSIONS	
11:00 - 12:00 am	<p><b>Session 1: ARMENIA AS AN INVESTMENT HUB: PROMOTING INVESTOR CONFIDENCE THROUGH ARBITRATION</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Damien Eastman, Deputy General Counsel, ADB</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Private Sector Development and Investment Climate of Armenia</b> <i>Narine Avetisyan, Investment Officer, ADB Armenia Resident Mission</i> <i>Hovsep Patvakanyan, Head, Investment Council of Armenia</i></li> <li>• <b>Robust Arbitration System and Foreign Direct Investment</b> <i>Professor Dr. Jordi Paniagua, Professor of Economics, University of Valencia</i></li> <li>• <b>New Trends and Directions in International Arbitration</b> <i>Dr. Galina Zukova, Partner, ZUKOVA Legal</i></li> <li>• <b>Arbitration in Armenia – Progressive Evolution</b> <i>Dr. Aida Avanesian, Lecturer, American University of Armenia and French University of Armenia</i> <i>Yegishe Kirakosyan, Representative of the Republic of Armenia on International Legal Issues</i></li> </ul>

	<p><b>Sergey Brutyan</b>, Managing Partner, Schultze, Brutyan and Partners</p> <p><b>Q &amp; A (10 mins)</b></p>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	<p><b>Session 2: LAUNCH OF THE ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION CENTER OF ARMENIA (AMCA)</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Tigran Dadunts</b>, Director, Center for Legislation Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Impetus and Institutional Set-up of AMCA</b> <i>Dr. Andrea Carlevaris</i>, Partner, Bonelli Erede <i>Ara Khzmalyan</i>, ADWISE Business and Legal Consulting</li> <li>• <b>AMCA's Development Journey</b> <i>Levon Golendukhin</i>, Representative of AMCA Co-Founder <i>Harout Samra</i>, Representative of AMCA Co-Founder <i>Annette Magnusson</i>, Co-Founder, Climate Change Counsel <i>Dr. Patricia Shaughnessy</i>, Associate Professor, Law Department, Stockholm University</li> <li>• <b>AMCA Arbitration Rules and its Innovative Features</b> <i>Gary Born</i>, Chair, International Arbitration Practice Group, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP</li> <li>• <b>Futures &amp; Foresight and Resilience of AMCA</b> <i>Dr. Susan Roth</i>, Chief of Knowledge Management, ADB <i>Rafik Grigoryan</i>, Founder and Managing Director, Sigma Law Group</li> <li>• <b>The Role and Operation of AMCA and How It Will Serve the Needs of Business</b> <i>Tatevik Matinyan</i>, Director-Secretary General, AMCA</li> </ul> <p><b>Q &amp; A (10 mins)</b></p>
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch Break, Armenia Marriot Hotel (sponsored by organizers)
<b>MAIN SESSIONS</b>	
2:00 – 2:45 pm	<p><b>Session 3: CONSTRUCTION AND MINING DISPUTES</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Franz T. Schwarz</b>, Vice Chair, International Arbitration Practice Group, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Construction Developments in Armenia and Beyond</b> <i>Hranush Aghayan</i>, Co-Founder, Luyser Property Developer <i>Karen Arustamyan</i>, FIDIC Certified Contract Manager - Construction Contract Management and Tender Expert, Technocrat Legal <i>Gurgen Grigoryan</i>, Chairman, Association of the Armenian Real Estate Developers</li> <li>• <b>Types of Construction Disputes</b> <i>Julian Cohen</i>, Head of Chambers, Resolution Chambers</li> <li>• <b>Features of Construction Dispute Resolution</b></li> </ul>

	<p><b>Aisha Nadar</b>, Vice Chair of ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, Advokatfirman Runeland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Practice in Construction Disputes in Armenia</b> <b>Vanik Margaryan</b>, Partner, AM Law Firm <b>Hayk Hovhannisyan</b>, Managing Partner, HAP Law Firm</li> <li>• <b>Key Issues in Mining Arbitration and Applicable Substantive Principles</b> <b>Artyom Geghamyan</b>, Managing Partner, TABIA Legal Solutions</li> </ul> <p>Q &amp; A (10 mins)</p>
<p>2:45 – 3:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Session 4: ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE DISPUTES</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Christina Pak</b>, Principal Counsel and Team Leader, Law and Policy Reform, ADB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Developments of Energy Sector of Armenia and Beyond</b> <b>Abgar Budaghyan</b>, Chief of Party, USAID Energy Secure Armenia Program at Tetra Tech [TBC]</li> <li>• <b>Recent developments in energy disputes: commercial and investment treaty arbitration</b> <b>Arik Aslanyan</b>, Partner, Fishfielder</li> <li>• <b>Legislative Framework and Energy Disputes</b> <b>Seda Shahinyan</b>, Commissioner, Public Services Regulatory Commission of Armenia [TBC]</li> <li>• <b>Energy Transition – Focus on Renewable Energy and Future Directions</b> <b>Karen Asatryan</b>, Director, R2E2 Fund- Armenia Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency Fund [TBC]</li> <li>• <b>Types of Emerging Climate Change-Related Disputes and Suitability of International Arbitration as a Dispute Mechanism</b> <b>Annette Magnusson</b>, Co-Founder, Climate Change Counsel <b>Dr. Johannes P. Wilhelm</b>, Partner, Jones Day</li> </ul> <p>Q &amp; A (10 mins)</p>
<p>3:30 – 3:45 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>3:45 – 4:15 pm</p>	<p><b>Session 5: FINANCIAL DISPUTES</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Dr. Patricia Shaughnessy</b>, Associate Professor, Law Department, Stockholm University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Types of Disputes Arising from the Financial Sector</b> <b>Jirayr Habibian</b>, Managing Partner, Matouk Bassiouny</li> <li>• <b>Use of ADR in Financial System of Armenia</b> <b>Representative of the Central Bank of Armenia</b>, Central Bank of Armenia [TBC]</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Increasing Use of International Arbitration for Financial Transactions</b> <i>Franz T. Schwarz, Vice Chair, International Arbitration Practice Group, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP</i></li><li>• <b>Consumer Protection in Financial Dispute: Financial System Ombudsman as an ADR Mechanism</b> <i>Gor Margaryan, Managing Partner in Legelata Law Firm</i> <i>Piruz Sargsyan, Financial System Ombudsperson of Armenia</i></li></ul> <p>Q &amp; A (10 mins)</p>
4:15 – 5:15 pm	<p><b>Session 6: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION</b></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Dr. Galina Zukova, Partner, ZUKOVA Legal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Virtual Hearings and Use of Technology in Arbitration</b> <i>Hon. Justice Anselmo Reyes, Singapore International Commercial Court</i></li><li>• <b>Expedited Arbitration Measures</b> <i>Thomas Snider, Partner, Head of Arbitration, Al Tamini &amp; Co</i></li><li>• <b>Cross-Institutional Arbitration Rules and MOUs</b> <i>Kevin Nash, Registrar, Singapore International Arbitration Center</i> <i>Diana Bayzakova, Director, Tashkent International Arbitration Center</i></li><li>• <b>Third Party Funding and Ground Rules</b> <i>Neeti Sachdeva, Registrar and Secretary General, Mumbai Center for International Arbitration</i> <i>Natalia Petrik, Deputy Secretary General, SCC Arbitration Institute</i></li><li>• <b>Ethics in Institutional Arbitration</b> <i>Dr. Catherine Rogers, Professor of Law, Bocconi University</i></li></ul>
5:15 – 5:30 pm	<p><b>Session 7: CONCLUDING SESSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closing Remarks</li><li>• Q&amp;A from Audience</li></ul>
<b>END OF CONFERENCE</b>	
<b>COCKTAIL RECEPTION</b>	