

8th Investment Treaty Arbitration Conference - Invitation

Location: Lichtenstein Palace – U Sovových mlýnů 506/4, Prague, Czech Republic

The Minister of Finance of the Czech Republic cordially invites you to the **8th Investment Treaty Arbitration Conference** aimed at sharing experience with treaty arbitration between senior government officials and top legal practitioners in the field. The event is organised under the auspices of the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic and hosted by the advisory firm KPMG Czech Republic.

Main conference programme, 25 October 2018

	Chair	Panelists
9:00 am to 9:30 am	Morning coffee	
9:30 am to 9:45 am	Introduction	Ondřej Landa (Deputy Minister of Finance, Ministry of Finance, Czech Republic)
9:45 am to 10:15 am	Keynote address: ISDS: Where to Go from Here	George Kahale III (Chairman, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, New York)
10:15 am to 11:30 am	Set-aside Proceedings and/or Annulment Proceedings	Paolo Di Rosa (Partner, Arnold & Porter, Washington, D.C.) Erica Stein (National Partner, Dechert, Brussels) Alexander A. Yanos (Partner, Alston & Bird, New York) Andrea Menaker (Partner, White & Case, Washington, D.C.) Laura Halonen (Counsel, Lalive, Geneva)
11:30 am to 12:00 pm	Coffee break	
12:00 pm to 1:15 pm	Recalcitrant Parties: Balancing Legitimacy and Due Process	George von Mehren (Partner, Squire Patton Boggs, London) David Z. Pinsky (Partner, Covington & Burling, New York) Anibal Martin Sabater (Partner, Chaffetz Lindsey, New York) Matthew Hodgson (Partner, Allen & Overy, Hong Kong) Michael Sullivan QC (Barrister, One Essex Court, London)
1:15 pm to 2:15 pm	Lunch break	
2:15 pm to 3:30 pm	Defining the Investment Protections with Precision	Eduardo Silva Romero (Partner, Dechert, Paris) Kabir Duggal (Associate, Arnold & Porter, New York) Amy Roebuck Frey (Partner, King & Spalding, Paris) Patrick W. Pearsall (Partner, Jenner & Block, New York) Andrew Cannon (Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills, London)
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Coffee break	
4:00 pm to 5:15 pm	Transparency in Investment Arbitration: Latest Developments?	Dietmar W. Prager (Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton, New York) David Reed (Partner, Arnold & Porter, London) Jeremy Sharpe (Partner, Shearman & Sterling, London) Maxi Scherer (Special Counsel, WilmerHale, London) Michael Ostrove (Partner, DLA Piper, Paris)
6:30 pm	Cocktail party sponsored by Dechert LLP	Dechert LLP

The conference and related events are free of charge and invitation-only. For registration, please click [here](#). For more information about the conference, please see the [conference website](#). In case of any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at treatyarbitration@kpmg.cz.

For the related workshops, please refer to the next page.

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Related workshops

Workshop for Government Officials Only

Tuesday 23 October (1:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

Practical workshop, open exclusively to government officials, focused on sharing experience and best practices in the area of BITs negotiations and investment treaty arbitrations. This year, the workshop will present recent developments in the practice of the major arbitral institutions active in investment arbitration.

Prevention of Claims

Wednesday 24 October (9:30 am – 11:00 am)

A panel composed of state representatives discussing practical issues of claims prevention mechanisms and the steps which should be taken immediately to tackle new claims.

The panel will be chaired by Marie Talašová (Head of International Arbitration Department, Ministry of Finance, Czech Republic), who will be accompanied by Andrea Holíková (Head of International Arbitration Department, Ministry of Finance, Slovakia) and representatives of other governments.

Issues Faced by Respondent States

Wednesday 24 October (11:30 am – 1:00 pm)

A panel discussion on current difficulties experienced by states and possible ways how to tackle these. The discussed issues will include assessment of new claims, information gathering from various bodies of the state, confidential information and other specifics, as well as the approaches to selection and preparation of witnesses and experts.

The panel will be moderated by Erica Stein (National Partner, Dechert) and will bring in the perspectives of Partick W. Pearsal (Partner, Jenner & Block), Stephen P. Anway (Partner, Squire Patton Boggs) and Miriam Harwood (Partner, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle).

KPMG Session on Quantum

Wednesday 24 October (2:00 pm – 3:30 pm)

Jiří Urban (Associate Director, KPMG, Prague) will walk the participants through the KPMG study on damages in ICSID awards, provide practical context and discuss the findings with legal practitioners – Bart Wasiak (Associate, Arnold & Porter), Matthew Hodgson (Partner, Allen & Overy), Dora Ziyeva (Senior Managing Associate, Dentons). The participants will also have a chance to ask any questions in relation to quantum assessment.

ICC Young Arbitrators Forum

Wednesday 24 October (4 pm – 6:30 pm)

A session intended not only for young arbitration practitioners under the age of 40, focused on exchange of young practitioners' ideas and their views on current topics in international arbitration. Welcome address by Anna Bilanová (Deputy Head of International Arbitration Department, Ministry of Finance, Czech Republic).

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