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present the

Third International Conference for a Euro-Mediterranean Community of International Arbitration

Palazzo Turati, Milan (Italy) – 18 January 2017



By bringing together experts in international arbitration and investment, the conference aims at promoting a sustainable Euro-Mediterranean arbitration community as part of a broader agenda for securing investments, key for stabilization and economic growth in the South and the East of the Mediterranean.

For Italian participants : 4 credits granted by the Milan Bar Association

PROGRAMME

UNCITRAL / OECD / ISPRAMED Joint Conference – Milan – 18 January 2017

Registration of participants (8:30-9:00)

Welcome Speech (9:00 -9:15)

Paolo Sannella, *President, ISPRAMED, Italy*

Renaud Sorieul, *UNCITRAL Secretary, UNCITRAL Secretariat, Austria*

Joachim Pohl, *Legal Expert, Investment Division, OECD, France*

Opening Statements (09:15 – 9:45)

A representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

Morning Session (9:45 – 13:00)

PANEL A (9:45-11:00): **Investment and economic relations between Europe and southern countries of the region and the potential impact of dispute settlement mechanisms**

Speakers:

- **Joachim Pohl**, *Legal Expert, Investment Division, OECD, France*
- **Carol Khouzami**, *Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Finance and Market, World Bank, Lebanon*
- **Elisabeth Türk**, *Chief, International Investment Agreements Section, Division on Investment and Enterprise, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Switzerland*

This panel will deliver a general overview of the economic relations and the high potential for developing trade and investment in the region. Further, it will address how an effective dispute resolution system - such as commercial and investment arbitration - plays a crucial role in mitigation risks

Coffee Break (11:00 -11:30)

PANEL B (11:30-13:00): **Roundtable on the characteristics of the arbitration framework in the Euro-Mediterranean region**

Rapporteur: **Charles Jarrosson**, *Professor of Law, University Panthéon Assas Paris II and Coordinator of ISPRAMED Network of Mediterranean Arbitration Centres, France*

Speakers:

- **Stefano Azzali**, *Secretary Treasurer of IFCAI, Secretary General of Milan Chamber of Arbitration and ISPRAMED Director, Italy*
- **Bennar Aydoğdu**, *Founder of BennArb Law Firm, Turkey*
- **Mostefa Trari-Tani**, *Professor of Law at Oran University and Attorney, Algeria*
- **Nassib Ziadé**, *Chief Executive Officer, Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution, Bahrain*

Suggested topics:

- Current trends in the MENA Region: specificities of procedures and decisions, improvements needed...
- The role of MENA countries as seats of international arbitration
- How to develop international arbitration in the MENA Region as a means to resolve business disputes expeditiously and satisfactorily, at a reasonable cost (including assistance to law reform, modernization of arbitration infrastructure, academic resources, regional efforts to create a regional community)
- Judicial assistance to arbitration in the MENA Region: efficiency of the judiciary in support of arbitration

Standing Business Lunch (13:00 – 14:00)

Afternoon training sessions (14:00 – 16:30) with Q&A session

	Training in Room 1	Training in Room 2
Topic	The Application of the New York Convention (NYC)	Practical issues raised by investment arbitration
Targeted audience	Judges and lawyers	Government Officials
Goal	<p>This training session aims at informing the audience about the main issues raised by the application of the NYC and the challenges that it may imply for domestic judges.</p> <p>It will also include a presentation of the UNCITRAL tools created to assist judges when applying the NYC, such as the Guide on the New York Convention, which is an objective analysis of the judicial application of the Convention by reference to case law from over 45 contracting States that spans several decades, and the interactive online platform www.newyorkconvention1958.org, which is a sophisticated global legal database that offers free access to more than 1,200 cases from a wide number of common law and civil law jurisdictions.</p>	<p>This training session aims at informing the audience about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the recommendations when facing a claim from an investor,- the issues to consider when preparing/signing an investment treaty or reforming a domestic legislation as regards the dispute mechanism- the impact of multilateral investment treaties on the general framework for investments <p>The key provisions and benefits of UNCITRAL instruments on transparency in treaty based investor-State arbitration (the UNCITRAL Rules on transparency and the Mauritius Convention on Transparency) will be presented during this session.</p>
Trainers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jean-Pierre Ancel, <i>Honorary President of Chamber at the Court of Cassation, France</i>- Mohamed Shelbaya, <i>Lawyer and Partner, Shearman and Sterling, France</i>- Miriana Belhadj, <i>Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat, Austria</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mathias Audit, <i>Law Professor, University of Paris 1 (Panthéon -Sorbonne) and Partner, Steering Legal, France</i>- Antonio Crivellaro, <i>Of Counsel, Bonelli Erede, Italy</i>- Michael Schneider, <i>Lawyer, arbitrator, Founding Partner, Lalive, Honorary President of Swiss Arbitration Association, Switzerland; Vice-President, UNCITRAL (48th Session – 2015)</i>- Judith Knieper, <i>Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat, Austria</i>

Wrap up session (16:30 – 17:00)

Rapporteurs of the two trainings shall briefly report to all participants on the afternoon sessions

Closing Remarks (17:00 – 17:30)

A representative of the Ministry of Economic Development, Italy
Paolo Sannella, *President, ISPRAMED, Italy*

The conference will be held mainly in English with simultaneous translation in French, Italian and Arabic.

Logistic and registration

Participation is free of charge.

Please note that for security and organisational reasons registration is compulsory.

Access to the conference venue will be granted to registered participants only.

Registration can be made **from 23 November 2016 to 3 January 2017** directly through the online registration form available at : www.3rdmenaconference.promoest.com

Information concerning directions to get to the conference venue and accommodation options in Milan can be found on the dedicated website. For further information please contact:

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