



INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (SERIES NO.1 2012)

MANAGING INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT CONFLICTS

DATE

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VENUE HOSTED BY

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INTRODUCTION

The Southeast Asia is one of the major destinations for foreign direct investment (FDI). At the same time corporations from Southeast Asia also invest in other countries. Thus, it is of utmost importance for the corporations to fully understand their rights under the international investment agreements (IIA) in order to protect their investments in foreign country. Southeast Asian countries being recipients and host country of the FDI need to understand their obligations under the IIA in order to avoid disputes. In order to assist the investors and the host countries, the International Investment Initiative (I3) of the World Trade Institute, University of Bern organises a one day workshop on "Managing International Investment Conflicts".

THE WORKSHOP is an intensive one day event to discuss latest issues in managing international investment disputes. Taking into account dispute settlement provisions in the International Investment Agreements (IIA) and Preferential Trade Agreements, the Workshop will concentrate on four issues of interest to the Host Government and Investors:

- What events trigger international investment disputes?
- Why is conciliation and mediation rarely used to settle investment disputes?
- What is the difference between dispute resolution and conflict management?
- How can conflict management lead in practice to dispute prevention?

This program is designed to build global capacity to further equip the investors and the host governments with investment dispute prevention. The Workshop will look at the possible strategies to avoid international investment litigation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The Workshop is specially designed for Investment Decision Makers, Senior Management, Corporate and Investment Strategists and Legal Professionals both from the Government and Investor Corporations; Government Linked Companies and Sovereign Wealth Funds; Government Officials dealing with investors; Investment Promotion Agencies; and Investment Implementation Agencies.

FEES ~ Workshop Fees@RM1,750.00 per person (group discount available).
NOTE ~ Fees include refreshment and lunch, workshop material, Certificate of Attendance and 6% Service Tax.

WORKSHOP PANELISTS



Ambassador
Roberto Echandi

MPhil (Oxford), LL.M (Michigan) Director, International Investment Initiative, World Trade Institute, Switzerland.

- Former Ambassador of Costa Rica to the European Union and Ambassador Trade Affairs of Costa Rica to the USA.
- Lecturer at WTI and University of Barcelona.
- Speaker and Consultant to various international organisations including United Nations, World Bank, European Union, various countries including Malaysia.
- Chief Negotiator CAFTA-EU FTA, CAFTA US FTA.



Mrs. Anna Joubin-Bret
Partner, Folley Hoag, Paris.

- Formerly Senior Legal Advisor, Investment Division, United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- Launching of the UNCTAD-facilitated Conversations on improvements to the investor-State dispute settlement system; work program on investment mediation, ADR and Dispute Prevention Policies.
- Organization of the International Investment Agreements Conference for the World Investment Forum in Xiamen – September 2010 (China).
- Setting-up of an advisory facility for Latin American countries on investor-State disputes.



Dr. Sufian Jusoh

PhD (Bern), External Consultant, WTI, Adjunct Professor, International Islamic University (School of Pharmacy).

- External Consultant, World Trade Institute.
- Consultant to ASEAN for the Promotion of ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement.
- Lecturer, trainer and consultant in international trade and investment to governments, ADB, World Bank, UNCTAD, APEC.

WORKSHOP PROGRAM



TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
8.30 - 9.00	Registration	
9.00 - 10.30	International Investment Agreements and Dispute Settlement Mechanisms: The Malaysian and ASEAN Perspective	Dr. Sufian Jusoh
10.30 - 10.45	Refreshment & Networking	
10.45 - 11.45	Major Causes of International Investment Disputes and Alternatives to Investor-State arbitration	Ambassador Roberto Echandi Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret
11.45 - 12.30	Why are conciliation and mediation rarely used to settle International Investor-State Disputes?	Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret
12.30 - 14.00	Networking Lunch	
14.00 - 15.30	How to prevent investor-State conflicts from escalating into full-blown international disputes?	Ambassador Roberto Echandi
15.30 - 15.45	Refreshment & Networking	
15.45 - 17.00	Managing International Investment Conflicts: Lessons from practice	Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, Ambassador Roberto Echandi Dr. Sufian Jusoh
17.00 - 17.30	Question & Answer	

REGISTRATION FORM



DELEGATES' DETAILS

Name _____
Position _____ Email _____
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*COMPANY DETAILS

Organisation _____
Address _____
Town _____ State _____ Postcode _____
Tel () _____ Fax () _____
Nature of Business _____ Company Size _____

*FINANCE DEPARTMENT CONTACT DETAILS

Name _____
Position _____ Email _____
Tel () _____

*AUTHORISATION

Signatory must be authorised to sign on behalf of contracting organisation
Name _____
Position _____ Signature _____

This sales contract is invalid without signature & company stamp

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REGISTRATION

Kindly register early to ensure space availability as seats limited to 50 persons only. Group discounts are available for multiple attendees from the same company. Substitutions can be made up to the time of the workshop. For cancellations, a refund minus 15% will be charged to the participant, if cancellation received in writing by 20th June 2012. No refund will be made for cancellations received after 20th June 2012.

PAYMENT

The fee must be paid in full and in advance of the workshop. Walk-in participants, with payment will be admitted on space availability basis. All cheques should be crossed and made payable to WTI Consulting.

Banker: RHB Bank Berhad Account No: 21212500121931

An official receipt will be issued and kindly retain your bank-in slip for proof of payment upon workshop registration day.

FOR PRIVATE SECTOR

The organizer reserves the right to stop a registered participant from taking part in the workshop if no proof of payment can be presented. This only applies to registered participants who have NOT paid the registration fee PRIOR to the workshop date. Should for any reason, the venue, speakers, date of event change for any reason outside the control of organizer, the organizer shall have the rights to reschedule but the client hereby indemnifies and holds the organizer not liable for any claims, costs, damages and expenses which are incurred by the client.

FOR GOVERNMENT SECTOR

A Local Order or letter of approval to participate must be presented before the workshop.

For workshop information and registration, please contact our Conference Manager **Pn. Wirnie Mahmud +6016 3983 588 or email: wirniemahmud@gmail.com or fax your registration form to +603 9011 1575**

NOTE ~ To confirm your registration, kindly complete the form below and send to us by fax or email.