



# Global Mediation Summit

Friday, 8 May 2026 | Hong Kong, China

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- Mode** : Hybrid (in person and virtual live-stream)
- Language** : English (with simultaneous interpretation in Putonghua and Cantonese)
- Venue** : Room S421, Hong Kong Conference and Exhibition Centre, HKSAR
- Time** : 08:30 – 17:30 (HK Time)

\*The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points are being applied for (for in-person participants only).

## Tentative Program (subject to update)



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08:30 - 09:20 **Registration**

09:20 - 09:30 **Special Address**

Officiating Guest



**The Hon John KC LEE, GBM, SBS, PDSM, PMSM**  
The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

09:30 - 09:55 **Opening Remarks**

Officiating Guests



**Professor Teresa CHENG, GBM, GBS, SC, JP**  
Secretary-General of the International Organization for Mediation



**The Hon Paul LAM Ting-kwok, GBS, SC, JP**  
The Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

09:55 - 10:15 **Keynote Speech**

Speaker



**H.E. Willy BETT**  
Vice-Chairperson of the IO Med Governing Council, Ambassador of Kenya to China

10:15 - 10:30 **Coffee Break**



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10:30 - 12:00

### Panel 1: The Facilitators of Peace: Wisdom from World-class Mediators

This panel will bring together world-class mediators to share their experience on mediating state-to-state and investor-state disputes, and discuss how mediators can help the parties bridge gaps across various cultural backgrounds.

#### Moderator



**Dr. Anthony NEOH, SC, JP**

Chairman of the Asian Academy of International Law

#### Panelists



**Professor Dr. Surakiart SATHIRATHAI**

Former Deputy Prime Minister and  
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand



**Mr. Craig James SOUTH**

Senior mediator,  
Center for Effective Dispute Resolution



**Mr. Michael VATIKIOTIS**

Senior Advisor, the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue



**Mr. Wolf VON KUMBERG**

ICSID Conciliation Panel Member,  
Independent Arbitrator and Mediator

12:00 - 14:00

### Lunch (by invitation only)

14:05 - 15:35

### Panel 2: The Clients' Voice: Why States and Investors Choose Mediation

This panel puts the focus on users of mediation and will bring together government officials and legal officers of top-tier corporations and financial institutions to share their experience on choosing mediation as their first choice in resolving disputes or as a parallel dispute resolution mechanism.

#### Moderator



**Professor CHI Manjiao**

Professor of Law School, University of International Business and Economics, China

#### Panelists



**Ms. Mariam GOTSIRIDZE**

Principal Research Fellow,  
Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy



**Mr. Duncan SPELLER**

Global co-chair of the International Disputes Division  
of Duane Morris' Trial Practice Group



**Dr. YANG Yuntao**

Chief Compliance Officer,  
Head of Risk Management Department and Legal &  
Compliance Department, China Merchants Group

\*More panelists to be confirmed



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15:35 - 15:50 **Coffee Break**

15:50 - 17:20 **Panel 3: Beyond the Horizon: Developing the Global Mediation Ecosystem**

As awareness of the value of mediation increases across the world, the focus shifts to a new question: What next? This panel will bring together lawyers, academics and leaders of international institutions in the field of dispute resolution to explore practical means to make mediation more accessible and feasible for more people and countries, and have a forward-looking dialogue on fostering a global mediation ecosystem that reinforces international rule of law.

### Moderator



**Professor SHAN Wenhua**

Vice President of Northwest University of Political Science and Law, Senior Professor of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Dean of the Law School at Xi'an Jiaotong University, China

### Panelists



**Professor Shahla ALI**

Professor and Associate Dean (International), Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong



**Ms. Frauke NITSCHKE**

Chief Counsel of International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)



**Justice Fatsah OUGUERGOUZ**

Member of the Administrative Tribunal of the African Development Bank and Rector of the African Institute of International Law



**Professor ZHAO Yun, JP**

Henry Cheng Professor in International Law and Associate Dean (Mainland Affairs), Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong; Representative of Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of HCCH

17:20 - 17:30 **Closing Remarks**

