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Date: 8 December 2026 (Tuesday)

Time: 08:30 - 17:00 (Hong Kong SAR Time)

Venue: HKJC Auditorium, LG/F, Hong Kong Palace Museum

8 Museum Drive, Kowloon, Hong Kong SAR, China

Language: English

with simultaneous interpretation in Putonghua and French

Mode: Hybrid

In-person and Live-streaming

*5 CPD Points have been accredited by The Law Society of Hong Kong for in person participation of the forum

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ABOUT IOMed FORUM

On 8 December 2026, the International Organization for Mediation (IOMed) will host the inaugural edition of its signature event IOMed Forum under the theme "Mediation for Peace and Prosperity — The New Frontier" in Hong Kong SAR, China.

Peace is the foundation of prosperity, and prosperity in turn helps realize sustainable peace. This inaugural IOMed Forum will bring together government officials, business leaders, esteemed mediators, legal professionals and scholars from around the world. Through insights of esteemed speakers and two distinguished panels, the Forum will explore how mediation, a time-honored yet underused means of dispute resolution, can bring about peace and prosperity in a challenging global context, and how IOMed, as the first intergovernmental legal organization dedicated to mediation, can boost the development of a global mediation ecosystem in which mediation is not an afterthought but a natural choice.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM (subject to update)

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:50 **Opening Session**

Welcoming Remarks by Prof. Teresa CHENG
Secretary-General, International Organization for Mediation

Remarks by Representatives of IOMed Contracting States

09:50 - 10:20 **Keynote Speech I: Pursuing Peace in a Turbulent Time**
Judge XUE Hanqin
Member of the International Court of Justice (ICJ)

10:20 - 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 - 12:15 **Panel 1: Mediation for Peace**
This panel will focus on mediation primarily in the State-to-State context, where renowned mediators will share their expertise.

Moderator
Mr. MA Xinmin
Member of the UN International Law Commission (ILC)

Panelists
Mr. XIA Huang
Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region of Africa

Dr. Stephen Jackson
UN Resident Coordinator in China

Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild
Senior Policy Advisor at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy;
Former United Nations Under Secretary General and
Special Advisor to the Secretary-General;
Senior Advisor of the Global Youth Development Alliance (GYDA)

Mr. Siddharth Chatterjee
CEO, Global Neighbors; Former UN Resident Coordinator in China and Kenya

Mr. El-Ghassim Wane
Visiting Senior Research Fellow, African Leadership Centre, King's College London;
Former Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of MINUSMA

12:15 - 14:30 Luncheon (by invitation only)

14:30 - 15:00 **Keynote Speech II (video)**
Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret
Secretary of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

15:00 - 16:30 **Panel 2: Mediation for Prosperity**
This panel will focus on mediation in the investor-State context as well as international commercial disputes, with views shared by mediators, legal practitioners and potential users.

Moderator
Mr. Vuk Jeremić
President, Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD);
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia

Panelists
Mr. Alberto Ninio
General Counsel, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Mr. Ignacio De Castro Llamas
Director, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center

Amb. Matilda Aku Alomatu Osei-Agyeman
Ambassador of Ghana to Austria and Permanent Representative to
UN Agencies in Vienna

Dr. Kraijakr Thiratayakinant
Minister Counsellor, Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand

Mr. Quentin Drew
Claims Director (Hong Kong), West of England P&I Club

16:30 - 17:00 **Closing Remarks** by the Hon John KC LEE
Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

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