

Moderators of the Conference



Mr. Danny McFadden

CEDR Representative Asia Pacific and Regional Mediator World Bank

Danny worked as a CEDR Director (London) since 2004 and is dually qualified as a lawyer both in Australia and the UK. He has been involved in negotiation, conflict resolution training, mediation and international business for over 20 years. After completing his Masters in Commercial Law he specialised in dispute resolution and international trade.

Danny speaks Mandarin Chinese fluently and mediates regularly in Hong Kong, China and overseas using both English and Mandarin. He has worked with people of all nationalities and has a clear understanding of the dynamics of mediating and arbitrating across national boundaries. Based in Hong Kong he mediates regularly in the commercial, employment, construction, succession and trusts, banking, insurance, and property sectors with a particular expertise in cross-cultural and multinational disputes. He is also an expert trainer and facilitator providing training in conflict management, negotiation, change management, unconscious bias and mediation to organisations such as the UN, ADB, IHG, World Bank and MTR

Since 2010 he has acted the Asian Regional Mediator for the World Bank Group and he is currently in 2015 also the Regional Mediator to the United Nations in South East Asia.

He is an author of many articles on ADR and negotiation; in 2013 his book "Mediation in Greater China" was published by Kluwer Law. He was Editor of "Mediation in Singapore: A practical guide" a Sweet & Maxwell publication which was launched by the Chief Justice of Singapore in March 2015. Currently editing and writing "Business Transactions in China" due to publish 2016.

In 2009 was appointed Director of Mediation at the United Nations in New York, mediating cases and this followed on from 2008, when he joined the United Nations Ombudsman's New York Office in as an expert adviser on the establishment of a new Mediation Division. His Report formed part of the terms of reference for mediation in the new internal UN Justice System.

Danny has worked as a trainer in many countries including Azerbaijan, China, Cameroon, Guyana, Hong Kong, Ireland, Mongolia, Singapore, Sweden, UK and the USA. He is a visiting Professor at Singapore Management University and Kobe University Japan teaching International Dispute Resolution. He has provided consultancy to the legislatures of Hong Kong, China and Vietnam.

Danny is a member of the Hong Kong Government's Steering Committee on Mediation, HKMAAL Council Member, Chair HKMAAL CPD Committee, Law Society of England and Wales, UK Civil Mediation Council, International Bar Association, World Jurist Association and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Currently Mediator Panels: World Bank, United Nations Mediation Division New York, Financial Dispute Resolution Centre Hong Kong, CEDR London, CEDR Asia Pacific Hong Kong, Shanghai Free Trade Zone Mediation Centre, Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC), the CCPIT Mediation Centre Beijing and the International Mediation Institute (IMI).