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2024 Investment Law Training International Investment Law

Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) is at a pivotal moment. As global economies become increasingly interconnected, the framework governing the protection of investments faces both opportunities and challenges. The ISDS system, as one of the most important pillars of investment protection, is now under discussion for reform. Critics argue for changes to enhance the consistency of international investment arbitration awards, transparency of proceedings, and balance between fairness and efficiency. Concerns also arise regarding substantial protection issues, such as States' power to regulate and environmental-related issues.

Ms Teresa Cheng GBM GBS SC JP, Founder Member and Co-Chairman of AAIL, will share her insights into navigating these complexities and potential pathways for reform. Dr Dini Sejko, a member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators, will provide an in-depth analysis of recent developments in substantial protection issues and their implications.

This lecture is essential for anyone interested in the evolving landscape of international investment law and ISDS. Register now to engage with thought leaders and expand your understanding of these critical issues.

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The Former French Mission Building
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Speakers



Teresa Cheng

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Teresa Cheng is a Senior Counsel, Chartered Engineer, Chartered Arbitrator and Mediator, with a distinguished record of public service in the Hong Kong SAR. From January 2018 to June 2022, Ms Cheng was the Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong SAR. Ms Cheng specialises in a wide range of legal areas, including construction, international commercial contracts and investment arbitration, and is an experienced practitioner in international arbitration and mediation. She is frequently engaged as counsel or arbitrator in complex international commercial/investment disputes. She is one of the Founder Members of the Asian Academy of International Law, Past Vice President of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration, Past Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, and Past Chairperson of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. In 2008, she became the first Asian woman elected through a global election as President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She served as Deputy Judge/Recorder in the High Court of Hong Kong from 2011 to 2017, and she was also a member of the World Bank's Sanctions Board. Ms Cheng is a Fellow of King's College in London, and she established the International Arbitration and Dispute Settlement Course at the Law School of Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, and is an Adjunct Professor as well as the Course Director.



Dini Sejko

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Dr Dini Sejko has been appointed to the Panels of Arbitrators and Conciliators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID, World Bank). Dr Sejko graduated from the Faculty of Law of The Chinese University of Hong Kong with an LL.M. in International Economic Law and a Ph.D. in Laws. He is based in Hong Kong and acts as a mediator, an arbitrator, and advises on international economic law. Dr Sejko teaches at the Business School of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. His recent work includes an article in the *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law* titled 'Sovereign Investors as ICSID Claimants: Lessons from the Drafting Documents and the Case Law'.