CEDR Mediator Skills Training

Module 1 - Skills, Process and Practice
Delivered in cooperation with ICSID & ADGM
Friday 18 March – Sunday 20 March 2022
In person, ADGM, Abu Dhabi

There is increasing interest in the potential for mediation to settle Investor-State disputes. Much work has been done by institutions in this context, including ICSID’s Investor-State Mediation Rules. A growing number of investment treaties contain specific provisions on mediation to resolve investment disputes, therefore it is of particular interest to arbitrators familiar with the investment context to understand the mediation process.

In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has heightened interest in the use of timely and cost-effective methods of dispute settlement such as mediation around the world. The Singapore Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, which entered into force in September 2020, is also a key development in the field of mediation globally.

Accordingly, ICSID, ADGM and CEDR are continuing their cooperation, to expand the pool of mediators equipped to mediate disputes arising in this particular area.

WHY ATTEND?
This 3-day interactive, practice-based course will provide dispute resolution professionals who want to become an accredited mediator, with training on the theory, process, and key skills for mediating effectively.

By alternating the methods of demonstration and practice we take participants through a 5-phase framework including preparation, mediator opening, what and how to explore as well as active listening skills. The course then goes on to explore the theory and process in the bargaining and concluding phases of a mediation, looking at managing offers, negotiation skills for mediators, dealing with deadlock and challenging parties. Throughout the training, participants will receive coaching and feedback from our expert trainers who are also experienced mediators.

Please note this course does not result in CEDR accreditation. Completion of this training enables participants to proceed to a future 3-day assessment module for CEDR Accreditation, either in-person in London or virtually through our online assessment courses.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
Course registration is open to –

- Arbitrators and counsel/ in-house counsel, who want to expand their skills to the field of mediation in the context of these disputes
- Other professionals who would like to train to become a mediator

COURSE REGISTRATION & FEE
- US $2995 for the 3-day course. Email us here to register

DATE & VENUE:
The course will be held from 18 – 20 March 2022 at ADGM Arbitration CentreLevel 20 Al Maqam Tower, ADGM Square, Al Maryah Island, Abu Dhabi.
YOUR TRAINERS

James South
James is the Chief Executive of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), lead trainer of CEDR Mediator Training Faculty and a highly experienced dispute resolution consultant. James, a qualified lawyer in his native New Zealand has 20 years’ experience as a mediator. He acts as mediator both in the UK and internationally, specialising in corporate and commercial disputes, with particular experience in International commercial contracts, Insurance & Finance, Property, Sales of Goods & Services and Employment & Workplace. Boards, leadership teams and other groups which find themselves in conflict.

Wolf von Kumberg
Wolf is a qualified arbitrator and mediator with a wide-ranging interest in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and conflict management. He has global investment experience as GC to several multi-national companies. In addition, he has been involved in a large variety of international commercial and investment litigation and arbitration proceedings in multiple jurisdictions. He has worked extensively with the ECT, ICSID and CEDR to develop the field of Investor State Mediation.

Frauke Nitschke
Frauke is a Senior Counsel/Team Leader at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID (World Bank Group)). She holds law degrees from the Freie Universität Berlin (Staatsexamen), Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M.), and a Master’s degree in Organizational Psychology focusing on Alternative Dispute Resolution from the Fern Universität Hagen. She is admitted to practice law in the State of New York.

TESTIMONIALS

“I was concerned beforehand that the learning experience would be reduced in a virtual world but was not the case at all...by some distance the best training course I’ve participated on in over 20 years! The fact it was delivered virtually with such slickness & good humour only makes this more remarkable”
– Rachel Ward, Founder & MD, Weddell George Consulting

“I was hugely impressed by CEDR’s ability to create a virtual environment that easily supported my learning”
– Euan Graham, Principal Consultant, EG Advisory Ltd

“Thanks to the trainers, I’m confident that I can be a good listener, process manager & mediator...in both a virtual & live setting”
– Richard Johnson-Brown, Partner, KeyStone Law