

## INVESTOR-STATE MEDIATION: A WORKSHOP FOR STATE OFFICIALS

There is increasing interest in the potential for mediation to resolve investor-State disputes. This is seen in the growing body of international bilateral and multilateral investment agreements or contracts that refer to mediation as an optional—or in some cases mandatory—dispute settlement mechanism. In July 2016, the Energy Charter Conference endorsed the Guide on Investment Mediation and encouraged Contracting Parties to consider to use mediation on voluntary basis as one of the options at any stage of the dispute to facilitate its amicable solution and to consider the good offices of the Energy Charter Secretariat. For government officials with responsibilities for addressing investor grievances, there is therefore a need to build expertise in applying mediation as an effective conflict management tool.

### WHY ATTEND?

This online program has been specifically designed to focus on the State representative's role in an investor-State mediation. Over two 3-hour sessions, the workshop will address questions that State officials may have about how the mediation process works and how to prepare for and participate in mediation procedures effectively. Designed and delivered jointly by the International Energy Charter, the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), and the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), the workshop aims to equip government officials to:

- Review the landscape of investor-State dispute settlement and be able to compare various dispute settlement mechanisms
- Understand the mediation process for investment disputes, including the roles of the mediator, parties and counsel
- Assess the suitability of mediation and address commonly voiced concerns about mediation in investment disputes
- Practice key advocacy skills as a State representative during an investment mediation

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Course registration is open to government officials involved in investment grievances and investor-State disputes.

### DATE & VENUE

The course will be held on 13 and 14 April, online via Zoom from 1 pm to 4.15 pm CET.



### COURSE REGISTRATION

To register for this free workshop email at [legalaffairs@encharter.org](mailto:legalaffairs@encharter.org)

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