

Weekly Webinars Series on Justice Sector Reform in Kazakhstan

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Kazakhstan's Judicial Cycle of Development – Improving Dispute Resolution and Prevention Mechanisms: Prevent, Arbitrate, and Mediate

This week's webinar will delve into Kazakhstan's efforts to improve dispute resolution and prevention mechanisms as an essential requirement for an enabling investment climate. The objective will be to share international good practices that promote investment, increase investors' trust, and attract and retain more diversified FDIs. The session will provide the views of top international leaders as well as Kazakhstani officials relative to the international framework and trends, lessons learned, as well as salient justice challenges and the impact of investment disputes on the Investment Climate. It will also be an opportunity to share Kazakhstan's experience and reforms for Improved Dispute Resolution and Prevention Mechanisms.

BACKGROUND

In less than two decades, Kazakhstan has become the economic success story of Central Asia, transitioning from a lower-middle income to an upper-middle income country. Given its aspiration to join the OECD, its strategic location between China and Russia and its extensive links with the European Union (EU), Kazakhstan is a premier trading and investment partner, at the heart of the Eurasian connectivity.

In that context, in 2017, Kazakhstan embarked on a justice modernization reform with the support of the World Bank. The reform signals Kazakhstan's commitment to enhancing the enabling environment for businesses and investors, aligning its judicial and legal system with OECD standards, and raising public confidence in the capacity of justice institutions to enforce their rights. Through the World Bank project support, Kazakhstan endeavoured to improve its regulatory framework for business and investment while strengthening justice institutions to enhance access to justice and service delivery.

The weekly webinar series explores Kazakhstan's judicial reform cycle and its approach to strengthening its institutional and regulatory framework for a people and business-centred justice transformation. Starting with the improvement of the policy and rule-making process, the series delves into Kazakhstan's new business, streamlined justice service delivery, the modernization of its court system, and the creation of administrative justice to enhance the accountability and transparency of state bodies. It further examines Kazakhstan's investment framework, including recent efforts to improve dispute prevention and resolution mechanisms. Each session covers a key area of reform, offering a forum for discussion and mutual exchange of good practices and lessons learned for justice institutions in Kazakhstan, local and international experts and other key stakeholders.

SPEAKERS

Welcome Remarks

Jean Francois Marteau,
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Kazakhstan, World Bank

Marat Beketayev, Minister of
Justice, Kazakhstan

Moderator

Prof. George Bermann,
Professor and Director of the
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Arbitration, Columbia Law
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Presenters

Meg Kinnear, Vice President
World Bank and Secretary
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Prof. Dr Kaj Hober, Professor of
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Trade Law at Uppsala University,
Associate member 3 Verulam
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Prof. August Reinisch,
Professor of International
and European Law at the
University of Vienna

Akerke Akhmetova, Vice
Minister of Justice, Kazakhstan

Closing remarks

Waleed Malik, Senior Public
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