Arbitration Services under UNCITRAL and other Non-ICSID Procedural Rules

ICSID provides a variety of services to parties and Tribunals in cases governed by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law's Arbitration Rules (UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules) and other non-ICSID investor-State arbitration rules. These range from full-service secretariat support to more limited assistance with the organization of hearings and management of case finances.

SERVICES IN DETAIL

Parties and Tribunals may select from all or some of the following services offered by the ICSID Secretariat.

CASE MANAGEMENT TEAMS

ICSID Legal Counsel is available to serve as the Secretary to the Tribunal, offering a wide range of support and expertise. The Secretary is joined by paralegals and legal assistants who assist the parties and the Tribunal throughout the process.

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT

ICSID provides comprehensive support for the organization of hearings, sessions, telephone and video conferences and meeting rooms to the Tribunal and the parties. ICSID also has access to a wide network of experienced court reporters, translators, interpreters and other service providers.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

ICSID can manage the finances in cases under non-ICSID procedural rules. The Parties' advances are held in an interest-bearing account, and ICSID handles all payments to arbitrators and service providers. Detailed interim financial statements are available to the parties at any time. At the conclusion of the case, interest accrued is returned to the parties in the proportion in which they contributed the funds.

HEARING FACILITIES

ICSID has a full-service hearing centre in Washington, D.C. with three large hearing rooms and eight breakout and deliberation rooms. Parties that request ICSID's full case administration may also use the World Bank Group's conference center in Paris, France, or any of the Bank's offices in 138 countries.

APPOINTING AUTHORITY

The Secretary-General of ICSID may be requested to act as the appointing authority in cases under non-ICSID procedural rules. As the Appointing Authority, the Secretary-General will assist the parties with the appointment of arbitrators and in deciding challenges to arbitrators.

FEE STRUCTURE

As a not-for-profit institution, ICSID is able to provide the most cost-effective and transparent fee structure to users.

FULL-SERVICE CASE ADMINISTRATION

ICSID charges the same flat annual fee provided for under its Schedule of Fees for its full administration services (as of October 2026, US$52,000), which includes all of the services described above.

APPOINTING AUTHORITY

For cases that are not administered by ICSID, a fee of US$10,000 is charged per requested appointment or determination of a challenge.

FACILITIES

ICSID's hearing facility in Washington, D.C. is available to parties in non-ICSID investor-State cases at competitive daily rates. ICSID can also organize access to top-tier court reporters, interpreters, and translators.