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This issue of the ICSID Caseload – Statistics updates the profile of the ICSID caseload, historically and for the Centre’s Fiscal Year 2018 (FY2018). It is based on cases registered or administered by ICSID as of June 30, 2018.

As in the previous issues, this document illustrates: the number of cases registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules; the number of other cases administered by the ICSID Secretariat; the basis of consent to ICSID jurisdiction invoked in registered arbitration and conciliation cases; the geographic distribution of ICSID cases by the State party to the dispute; and the economic sectors involved in ICSID disputes. It also contains data on outcomes in ICSID arbitration and conciliation proceedings, including further information on disputes decided by arbitral tribunals, data on discontinued ICSID arbitration proceedings, and outcomes to date in annulment proceedings under the ICSID Convention. The nationalities and geographic origins of arbitrators, conciliators and ad hoc committee members appointed in ICSID cases are also featured.

The Secretariat will continue to publish the ICSID Caseload – Statistics on a bi-annual basis, and welcomes any comments or suggestions by email at ICSIDsecretariat@worldbank.org.
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The ICSID Secretariat offers various levels of administrative and organizational support for non-ICSID dispute settlement in State-State or investor-State proceedings. Among the State-State cases administered in the past decade are the Southern Bluefin Tuna case (Australia and New Zealand v. Japan), an expert determination proceeding under the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960, and an arbitration under the Softwood Lumber Agreement of 2006 (United States v. Canada).

The Centre also frequently provides administrative assistance to investor-State arbitrations under the UNCITRAL Rules, free trade agreements and other ad hoc dispute settlement provisions. The Centre’s services in these proceedings range from support with the organization of hearings to administrative services comparable to those provided in ICSID cases. The Secretariat also acts as appointing authority, and decides proposals for disqualification of arbitrators, upon request. In addition to administering UNCITRAL arbitrations, ICSID has also assisted with the organization of hearings in arbitration proceedings conducted under the auspices of the ICC, LCIA, PCA, and other institutions.
4. Basis of Consent Invoked to Establish ICSID Jurisdiction in Registered ICSID Cases

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* "Other Treaties" refers to the Agreement on Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among Member States of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference; ASEAN Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments; Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement; Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement; Central America-Panama Free Trade Agreement; Chile-Colombia Free Trade Agreement; Colombia-Mexico Free Trade Agreement; U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; Oman-U.S. Free Trade Agreement; U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement; Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union; and the Agreement on Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments in the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Community.
5. Geographic Distribution of All ICSID Cases, by State Party Involved

Chart 6: Geographic Distribution of All Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules, by State Party Involved*:

- North America (Canada, Mexico & U.S.) 4%
- Eastern Europe & Central Asia 26%
- Central America & the Caribbean 6%
- Western Europe 8%
- South America 23%
- Sub-Saharan Africa 15%
- South & East Asia & the Pacific 7%
- Middle East & North Africa 11%

6. Distribution of All ICSID Cases by Economic Sector

Chart 7: Distribution of All Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules, by Economic Sector*:

- Oil, Gas & Mining: 24%
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- Agriculture, Fishing & Forestry: 4%
- Transportation: 9%
- Financial: 7%
- Information & Communication: 6%
- Water, Sanitation & Flood Protection: 5%
- Construction: 8%
- Tourism: 4%
- Other Industry: 13%
- Services & Trade: 3%

7. ICSID Arbitration and Conciliation Proceedings – Outcomes

Chart 8: Arbitration Proceedings under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Outcomes:

- Dispute decided by Tribunal: 64%
  
  (see charts 8a and 8b)

- Dispute settled or proceeding otherwise discontinued: 36%
  
  (see charts 8a and 8c)
Chart 8a: Arbitration Proceedings under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Tribunal Rulings, Settlement & Discontinuances:

- Award upholding claims in part or in full: 30.6%
- Award dismissing all claims: 17%
- Award declining jurisdiction: 16.2%
- Proceeding discontinued at the request of both parties: 16.8%
- Proceeding discontinued at the request of one party: 9.1%
- Settlement agreement embodied in an award at parties' request: 5%
- Proceeding discontinued at the initiative of the Tribunal: 0.2%
- Proceeding discontinued for lack of payment of the required advances: 3.2%
- Proceeding discontinued for failure of parties to act: 1.3%
- Award deciding that the claims are manifestly without legal merit: 0.6%

- Dispute decided by Tribunal (64%)
- Dispute settled or proceeding otherwise discontinued (36%)
**Cart 8b: Disputes Decided by Arbitral Tribunals under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Findings:**

*Pursuant to ICSID Arbitration Rule 41(5) and Article 45(6) of the Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rules, as adopted by the ICSID Administrative Council in 2006, a party may, at an early stage of the proceeding, file an objection that a claim is manifestly without merit. If the Tribunal decides that the claims are manifestly without legal merit, it shall render an award to that effect.*
Chart 8c: Disputes Settled or Proceedings Otherwise Discontinued under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Basis:

- Proceeding discontinued at the request of one party\(^1\) (25%)
- Settlement agreement embodied in an award at parties' request\(^2\) (14%)
- Proceeding discontinued at the Initiative of the Tribunal\(^3\) (1%)
- Proceeding discontinued for lack of payment of the required advances\(^4\) (9%)
- Proceeding discontinued for failure of parties to act\(^5\) (4%)
- Proceeding discontinued at the request of both parties\(^6\) (47%)

\(^1\) ICSID Arbitration Rule 44. No case concluded to date on the basis of Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 50.
\(^2\) ICSID Arbitration Rule 43(2) and Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 49(2).
\(^3\) In accordance with Article 44 of the ICSID Convention.
\(^5\) ICSID Arbitration Rule 45 and Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 51.
\(^6\) ICSID Arbitration Rule 43(1) and Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 49(1).
Chart 9: Conciliation Proceedings under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Outcomes:

- Conciliation Commission Report issued 75%
  (see chart 10)
- Proceeding Discontinued 25%

Chart 10: Conciliation Proceedings under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Commission Reports:

- Report recording failure of the Parties to reach agreement 83%
- Report recording agreement of the Parties 17%
8. Annulment Proceedings under the ICSID Convention – Outcomes

Chart 11: Awards Rendered and Outcomes in Annulment Proceedings under the ICSID Convention, by Decade:

- Number of Convention awards rendered
- Number of decisions rejecting the application for annulment
- Number of decisions annulling the award in part or in full
- Number of annulment proceedings discontinued
9. Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in ICSID Cases

**Chart 12:** Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Distribution of Appointments by Geographic Region:

- North America (Canada, Mexico & U.S.) 21%
- Western Europe 47%
- South America 11%
- Sub-Saharan Africa 2%
- Middle East & North Africa 4%
- South & East Asia & the Pacific 11%
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3. Basis of Consent Invoked to Establish ICSID Jurisdiction in New Cases Registered in FY2018

Chart 3: Basis of Consent Invoked to Establish ICSID Jurisdiction in New Cases Registered in FY2018 under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules:

- Bilateral Investment Treaty 60%
- U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement 2%
- Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement 3%
- Energy Charter Treaty 8%
- North American Free Trade Agreement 2%
- Investment Law of the Host-State 5%
- Investment Contract between the Investor and the Host-State 14%
- Eurasian Economic Union Treaty 2%
- Dominican Republic-United States-Central America Free Trade Agreement 2%
- Eurasian Investment Agreement 2%

Chart 4: Geographic Distribution of New Cases Registered in FY2018 under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules, by State Party Involved*:

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- Transportation: 2%
- Agriculture, Fishing & Forestry: 6%
- Information & Communication: 5%
- Services & Trade: 5%
- Finance: 12%

6. ICSID Arbitration Proceedings Concluded in FY2018 – Outcomes

Chart 7: Arbitration Proceedings under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules concluded in FY2018 – Outcomes:

- Dispute decided by Tribunal: 65% (see charts 7a and 7b)
- Dispute settled or proceeding otherwise discontinued: 35% (see charts 7a and 7c)
Chart 7a: Disputes Decided by Arbitral Tribunals under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules in FY2018 – Tribunal Rulings, Settlement & Discontinuances:

- Award upholding claims in part or in full: 40.5%
- Award dismissing all claims: 8.1%
- Award declining jurisdiction: 16.2%
- Proceeding discontinued at the request of both parties: 19%
- Proceeding discontinued at the request of one party: 2.7%
- Settlement agreement embodied in an award at parties’ request: 2.7%
- Proceeding discontinued for lack of payment of the required advances: 8.1%
- Proceeding discontinued for failure of parties to act: 2.7%
- Settlement agreement embodied in an award at the request of the tribunal: 2.7%

- Dispute decided by Tribunal (65%)
- Dispute settled or proceeding otherwise discontinued (35%)
Chart 7b: Disputes Decided by Arbitral Tribunals under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules in FY2018 – Findings:

* Pursuant to ICSID Arbitration Rule 41(5) and Article 45(6) of the Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rules, as adopted by the ICSID Administrative Council in 2006, a party may, at an early stage of the proceeding, file an objection that a claim is manifestly without merit. If the Tribunal decides that the claims are manifestly without legal merit, it shall render an award to that effect.
Chart 7c: Disputes Settled or Proceedings Otherwise Discontinued under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules in FY2018 – Basis:

- Proceeding discontinued at the request of both parties: 54%
- Proceeding discontinued at the request of one party: 7%
- Settlement agreement embodied in an award at parties’ request: 8%
- Proceeding discontinued for lack of payment of the required advances: 23%
- Proceeding discontinued for failure of parties to act: 8%

1 ICSID Arbitration Rule 44. No case concluded on the basis of Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 50.
2 ICSID Arbitration Rule 43(2). No case concluded to date on the basis of Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 49(2).
4 ICSID Arbitration Rule 45. No case concluded to date on the basis of Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 51.
5 ICSID Arbitration Rule 43(1) and Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 49(1).
7. Arbitrators, Conciliators and ad hoc Committee Members Appointed in ICSID Cases in FY2018

Chart 8: Arbitrators, Conciliators and ad hoc Committee Members Appointed in FY2018 in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Distribution of Appointments by Geographic Region*:

* The classification of the geographic regions above is based on the World Bank’s regional system, available at http://web.worldbank.org/WEBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/0,,pagePK:180619~theSitePK:136917,00.html, and also includes World Bank donor countries. The chart reflects appointments made to Tribunals and ad hoc Committees constituted in FY2018.
Chart 9: Arbitrators, Conciliators and ad hoc Committee Members Appointed in FY2018 in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Distribution of Appointments by ICSID and by the Parties (or Party-appointed Arbitrators) by Geographic Region*:

* The classification of the geographic regions above is based on the World Bank’s regional system, available at http://web.worldbank.org/WEBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/0,,pagePK:180619~theSitePK:136917,00.html, and also includes World Bank donor countries. The chart reflects appointments made to Tribunals and ad hoc Committees constituted in FY2018.
Chart 10: State of Nationality of Arbitrators, Conciliators and ad hoc Committee Members Appointed in FY2018 in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules:

- Argentina/Spain: 1
- Canada/Lebanon: 1
- Czech Republic: 1
- Dominican Republic: 1
- France/Lebanon/Ecuador: 1
- Germany/Austria: 1
- Ireland/United States of America: 1
- Japan: 1
- Morocco: 1
- Pakistan: 1
- Peru/Switzerland: 1
- Portugal: 1
- Somalia: 1
- Switzerland/Ireland: 1
- United Kingdom/Italy: 1
- United Kingdom/Pakistan: 1
- United States of America/United Kingdom: 1
- Australia/Ireland: 2
- Bahamas: 2
- Canada/New Zealand: 2
- France/Sweden: 2
- Guatemala: 2
- Korea, Rep. of: 2
- Netherlands: 2
- New Zealand/United Kingdom: 2
- Paraguay: 2
- Argentina/United States of America: 3
- Austria: 3
- Brazil: 3
- China: 3
- Costa Rica: 3
- Egypt: 3
- France/Switzerland: 3
- Iran, Islamic Rep. of: 3
- Ireland/Germany: 3
- Nigeria: 3
- Slovak Republic: 3
- United Kingdom/France: 3
- United Kingdom/Nigeria: 3
- Colombia: 4
- Peru: 5
- Chile: 5
- New Zealand: 7
- Singapore: 7
- Australia: 9
- Canada: 9
- Germany: 9
- Italy: 9
- Mexico: 9
- Spain: 9
- Argentina: 10
- Belgium: 10
- Bulgaria: 14
- Switzerland: 14
- United Kingdom: 20
- United States of America: 20
- France: 27