

# ICSID Mediation Rules and Services

States and investors increasingly view mediation as an option for resolving international investment disputes. This is in the inclusion of mediation in the dispute settlement provisions of a growing number of investment treaties, and in the new multilateral framework for the recognition and enforcement of mediated settlements—the Singapore Convention on Mediation

ICSID supports investor-State mediation through the provision of services to parties, specialized rules of procedure, and events and training courses.

## MEDIATION SERVICES

ICSID helps parties to resolve investment disputes through mediation, which is available at all stages of a dispute.

Services include:

- Assistance in identifying qualified mediators
- A dedicated staff team to support mediators and parties throughout the mediation, and handle all aspects related to the organization of joint or separate mediation sessions
- Management of the finances of the process, which includes holding advances, handling payments, and providing detailed financial statements to the parties
- State-of-the-art conference facilities and technology at ICSID's hearing centre in Washington, D.C., and at the World Bank Group's country offices around the world

Parties to mediation proceedings may select the services desired. As a not-for-profit institution, ICSID provides a highly cost-effective and transparent fee structure.

## MEDIATION RULES

In 2022, ICSID introduced a new set of mediation rules. These are the first institutional mediation rules designed specifically for investment disputes.

Under the rules, ICSID is authorized to administer any mediation involving a State, State agency or Regional Economic Integration Organization. This provides broad access to investment mediation.

The mediation rules complement ICSID's rules for arbitration, conciliation and fact-finding. They may be used either independently of, or in conjunction with, arbitration or conciliation proceedings.

## CAPACITY BUILDING

As part of its efforts to increase knowledge about investor-State mediation, ICSID regularly organizes events on investment mediation, including webinars and conferences.

ICSID also organizes courses for experienced mediators and government officials. These focus on the context, framework and practice of investor-State dispute settlement, and provide participants with the skills to effectively mediate or participate in investment mediation.

ICSID encourages those who are interested in improving their knowledge and skills in the area of investor-State mediation to contact the ICSID Secretariat for more information.