

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHANGING DYNAMICS OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION IN INDIA

**Saturday, October 31, 2015 - The Viceroy, The Claridges,
12, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi**

To provide a platform for arbitration practitioners, arbitrators, corporate counsels, academicians and students to discuss the emerging issues relating to International Commercial Arbitration, Investment Arbitration and its related practices in India. This conference will provide the delegates with an opportunity to debate and exchange experiences on practical aspects of International Arbitration as well as to strengthen links with arbitration community via networking opportunities.

8:30 - 9:00 **REGISTRATION**

9:00 – 10:00 **INAUGURAL SESSION**

Welcome Address:

Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Principal Director,
Symbiosis

Inaugural Address:

Mr. Salman Khurshid, Senior Advocate, Former
Minister of Law & Justice and Former Minister of
External Affairs

Address By:

Prof. Martin Hunter, Barrister & International
Arbitrator, Essex Court Chambers (London) and
Emeritus Professor (International Dispute
Resolution) at Nottingham Trent University.

Address By:

Mr. P.K. Malhotra, Secretary, Ministry of Law
and Justice

Launch of UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee - India

Introduction to UNCCI:

Shreyas Jayasimha, Coordinator, UNCCI.

Introduction of UNCCI members:

Adwaita Sharma, Secretary, UNCCI.

Message from:

Renaud Sorieul, Secretary, UNCITRAL.

ADDRESS BY:

Fali S. Nariman, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, and Chairman of UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee – India

Address by: Gourab Banerji, Vice Chairman, UNCCI.

Closing remarks:

George Pothan, Coordinator, UNCCI.

Vote of Thanks:

Sonal Kumar Singh, Partner, A.K. Singh & CO, Regional Representative-ICC YAF, Asia and Chief Coordinator-IIDAC

10:00 - 11:45

SESSION 1: CHANGING FACE OF COMMERCIAL AND INVESTOR- STATE ARBITRATION IN INDIA

Debate 1: Commercial Arbitration: Lessons from the past and proposed reforms (including the Law Commission's Report on, and Cabinet's proposed amendments to, the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996). Will it lead to a pro-arbitration future?

Debate 2: Investor-State Arbitration: India's experience with investor- State arbitration, backlash and proposed reforms (including the Model BIT and Law Commission's Report on the Model BIT). A model well drafted?

CHAIR:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P Shah, Former Chief Justice, High Court of Delhi and Former Chairman, Law Commission of India.

SPEAKERS:

Prabhash Ranjan, Assistant Professor, South Asian University

Gourab Banerji, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Overseas Associate, Essex Court Chambers (London)

Christophe Bondy, Partner, Volterra & Fietta

Shreyas Jayasimha, Advocate, Aarna Law

Abhimanyu Bhandari, Partner, Axon Partners LLP

11:45 - 12:00 **TEA BREAK**

12:00 - 1:30 **SESSION 2: DRAFTING ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS AND PROCEDURAL CONDUCT OF ARBITRATION**

The session would aim to discuss the drafting of effective arbitration clauses and pitfalls that ought to be avoided. It will cover issues such as: (1) significance of the law governing the arbitration agreement in the Indian context, choice of appropriate institutional rules and seat of arbitration; (2) practical guidance on the selection and appointment of arbitrators; (3) techniques for effective case management with controlling time and costs; (4) witness evidence and cross-examination in international

arbitration.

CHAIR:

Tushar Mehta, Additional Solicitor General of India (TBC).

SPEAKERS:

Tejas Karia, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas

Janie Wong, Of Counsel, Orrick, Hong Kong

Manish Aggarwal, Senior Associate, Three Crowns LLP

Thomas Sebastian, Barrister, Monckton Chambers

Pranav Mago, Regional Head for South Asia, Singapore International Arbitration Center (SIAC)

Ajay Thomas, Director and Registrar at London Court of International Arbitration (India)

1:30 – 2:30

LUNCH

2:30 – 2:45

SESSION 3: BOOK LAUNCH: “REDFERN AND HUNTER ON INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION”, 6TH EDITION

2:45 – 3:30

MINI INTERVIEW WITH THE AUTHORS FOLLOWED BY Q&A SESSION

This would be an interactive session with the esteemed speakers sharing their experiences on the evolution and growth of International Arbitration in the previous decades (synonymous to different editions of Redfern & Hunter) followed by an open dialogue with the speakers on the prospects of having career in international arbitration.

MODERATORS:

Sonal Kumar Singh, Partner, A.K. Singh & Co.

Alexander Lütgendorf, Amereller Legal Consultants

SPEAKERS:

Prof. Martin Hunter, Barrister & International Arbitrator, Essex Court Chambers (London) and Emeritus Professor (International Dispute Resolution) at Nottingham Trent University

Constantine Partasides QC, Founding Partner, Three Crowns LLP, London, United Kingdom

3:30 – 3:45

TEA BREAK

3:45 – 5:15

SESSION 4 – PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE IN-HOUSE COUNSEL’S PERSPECTIVE ON ARBITRATION AS A MODE OF RESOLVING DISPUTES

In this session, In-house counsel from different sectors will discuss their experiences with arbitration as a method of dispute resolution, including: (1) their preferences for arbitration provisions in negotiated contracts; (2) in-house approach towards ADR mechanisms (including mediation) as part of a dispute resolution strategy; (3) their expectations in relation to the management, conduct, timing and costs of arbitration; and (4) Opportunities and barriers in the development of Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) mechanism.

CHAIR:

Ashok Kumar Singh, Senior Advocate

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Govind, CEO, National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)

Rohit Kumar, General Counsel, United Phosphorous Ltd. (UPL)

Shukla Wassan, General Counsel and Company Secretary (Head Legal), Coca-Cola, India

Manish Lamba, General Counsel, Bharti Realty Limited

Pulin Kumar, Director Legal, Adidas India

Rajbeer Sachdeva, Group General Counsel, DLF

5:15 - 5:30

CLOSING REMARKS

5:30 - 05:40

Vote of Thanks

Dr. C J Rawandale, Director, Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA

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