BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CHARTER FORUM

MOBILISING INVESTMENTS FOR A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUTURE

Jointly organised by

International Energy Charter
Florence School of Regulation (FSR)
Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC)
International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)

Hosted by the International Energy Charter

12 May 2017

Venue: Boulevard de la Woluwe 46, Brussels
The forum aims to deliver cutting-edge thinking and debate on policy, legal and regulatory aspects concerning the undergoing transition towards a sustainable energy model. The global energy architecture needs to build on stable and transparent frameworks to mobilise huge investment to enable the low-carbon energy transition. From different and complementary angles, the five institutions co-organising the forum participate in the promotion and protection of energy investment and in the analysis and policy dialogue on energy markets.

The first morning session deals with the necessity of stable investment conditions to implement the UNFCCC Paris Agreement and achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals on universal energy access. The second session focuses on best practices in regulatory reform to attract investment while minimising disputes.

The policy-oriented, preventive and ex-ante regulatory presentations of the morning, are complemented in the afternoon with an ex-post legal approach related to dispute settlement. The third session tackles the concept of investment protection standards, which are ultimately interpreted by arbitral tribunals in actual investor-state disputes. The forth and last session reviews the work in progress in investment dispute settlement.

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**9.00 – 9.30 Opening remarks**
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**9.30 – 09.45 Signing of the International Energy Charter by the Republic of Mali**
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- Signing by [Filling in placeholder content]

**9.45 – 10.00 Keynote speech : [Filling in placeholder content]**

**10.00 – 11.15 First Session: The necessity of stable investment conditions to implement the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals**

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11.15 – 11.30 Coffee break

Signing of MoU between ECS and ECOWAS Electricity Regulatory Authority
Signing of MoU between ECS and University of Tehran

11:30 – 13.00 Second session: The Right to Regulate: Best practices in regulatory reform to attract investment and minimise investment disputes

Moderator: [Name], Expert, Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS)

- [Name], European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators
- [Name], Economic Community Of West African States - ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA)
- [Name], African, Caribbean and Pacific Secretariat
- [Name], DG Energy, European Commission

13.00– 13.10 Family photo
13:15 – 14.15 Lunch

14:15 – 15.45 Third Session: Investment protection standards under the Energy Charter Treaty, is there a need to clarify?

Moderator: [Name], Mannheimer Swartling

- [Name], University College London (UCL)
- [Name], Kyoto University
- [Name], United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD),
- [Name], Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
- [Name], Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Investment Division

15.45 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17.20 Fourth Session: Works-in-progress in investment dispute settlement

Moderator: [Name], ICSID

- Investment Mediation: [Name], International Mediation Institute (IMI)
- Investment Court: European commission,
- Current trends in damage calculation: [Name]
- Procedural Innovation in Investment Arbitration: [Name]
- PCA
PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The forum is free for public officials upon registration at [email protected].

Participants from the private sector and academics will have to pay a fee of 200 euro upon registration at [email protected]

The evening before, 11 May, from 17:30 to 19:30 hours there will be a reception (at the same building) for participants and the diplomatic community to inaugurate the new premises of the International Energy Charter.