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Join us on 4 April in Ljubljana, Slovenia, for an exciting debate on some of the currently most salient issues in international arbitration. We have invited a lineup of world class speakers for engaging discussions on the following topics:

- New trends in organizing arbitral proceedings;
- A regional angle to international arbitration;
- Hot topic - Future of investment arbitration.

SESSION 1: New trends in organizing arbitral proceedings

The first session will address the upcoming trends in the organization of arbitral proceedings, featuring one of the very first presentations of the 2016 revision of the UNCITRAL Notes on Organizing Arbitral Proceedings. The notes are a useful tool for arbitral tribunals and parties as they deal with typical matters that arise at different stages of the proceedings. The session will also feature the introduction of the ASA Toolbox, a groundbreaking online tool for assisting arbitration users.

SESSION 2: A regional angle to international arbitration

In the second session we will host practitioners from Central and Southeastern Europe, who will present arbitration environments in their respective home jurisdictions. They will focus on important topics such as the legislative frameworks and their specific features, the attitude of national courts towards arbitration and the practice in enforcement and setting aside proceedings.

SESSION 3: Hot topic - Future of investment arbitration

In light of the recent initiatives and proposals for reform of the ISDS we have invited world class speakers for an exciting afternoon session on the current developments and the future of investment arbitration. We will discuss the growing trend of transparency as well as the recent initiatives to create a standing international tribunal for investments and an appellate mechanism for the awards. Together we will consider whether and how these initiatives for reform could be handled at a multilateral level, addressing one of the most topical question of the moment.

We are looking forward to welcoming some of the most renowned members of the arbitration community as well as connecting participants from around the world, in particular arbitrators, lawyers representing parties in arbitrations, in-house counsels, state officials and globally operating businesses. Last year we welcomed more than one hundred participants from eighteen countries so, besides offering engaging discussions on the upcoming developments in international arbitration, the conference is also an excellent opportunity for networking.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Ljubljana.

WHEN:

4 April 2017

WHERE:

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia,
Dimičeva 13, Ljubljana, Slovenia

WHO:

Arbitrators, lawyers representing parties in arbitrations, state officials dealing with investor-state arbitration, in-house counsel and globally operating businesses

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9.30-10.00 [Registration](#)

10.00-10.05 Welcome address by the LAC Chairman

10.05-10.25 Morning keynote speaker:
Michael Schneider (*Vice-President UNCITRAL*)

SESSION I

10.25-11.40 **New trends in organizing arbitral proceedings**
moderator: Peter Rižnik (Ljubljana Arbitration Centre)
Presentation of the UNCITRAL Notes on Organizing Arbitral Proceedings and the ASA Toolbox
Elliott Geisinger (*Schellenberg Wittmer, Geneva*)
Party autonomy vs. discretion of the arbitral tribunal
Jennifer Kirby (*Kirby, Paris*)
Multiple languages in arbitration
Rabab Yasseen (*Mentha Avocats, Geneva*)
In-house costs
Hélène van Lith (*ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris*)
Manner of taking oral evidence
Jason Fry (*Clifford Chance, Paris*)

11.40-12.00 [Coffee/Tea Break](#)

SESSION II

12.00-13.20 **A regional angle to international arbitration**
moderator: Aleš Galič (Vice-chairperson LAC)
Marcin Aślanowicz (*WOLF THEISS, Warsaw*)
Heidrun Halbartschlager (*Konrad & Partners, Vienna*)
Maja Menard (*Ulčar & Partners, Ljubljana*)
Djordje Novčić (*JPM Dispute Resolution Partner, Belgrade*)
Boris Porobija (*Porobija & Porobija, Zagreb*)

13.20-14.20 [Buffet lunch](#)

14.20-14.40 Afternoon keynote speaker:
Rashda Rana SC (*39 Essex Chambers, London*)

SESSION III

14.40-17.50 **Hot topic - Future of investment arbitration**
Introduction by Corinne Montineri (UNCITRAL)
Recent reform - Transparency in ISDS:
Judith Knieper (*UNCITRAL*)
Maria Vicien Milburn
Adela Llatja (*GIZ, Tirana*)
Roadmap for a reform of ISDS:
Michele Potesta (*Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, Geneva*)
16.40-17.00 **Coffee/Tea Break**
Roundtable:
moderator: Anna Joubin-Bret (Joubin-Bret, Paris)
Nathalie Bernasconi (*IISD, Geneva*)
Ursula Kriebaum (*University of Vienna*)
Daniel Magraw (*Johns Hopkins University, Washington D.C.*)
Pavle Pensa (*Law office Jadek & Pensa, Ljubljana*)
Michele Potesta (*Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, Geneva*)
Jeremy Sharpe (*Shearman&Sterling, London*)
Alfred Siwy (*zeiler.partners, Vienna*)

17.50 [Cocktail reception](#)

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