



Global Mediation Summit

Friday, 8 May 2026 | Hong Kong, China

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- Mode** : Hybrid (in person and virtual live-stream)
- Language** : English (with simultaneous interpretation in Putonghua and Cantonese)
- Venue** : Room S421, Hong Kong Conference and Exhibition Centre, HKSAR
- Time** : 08:30 – 17:30 (HK Time)

*The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points are being applied for (for in-person participants only).

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08:30 - 09:20 **Registration**

09:20 - 09:30 **Special Address**

Officiating Guest



The Hon John KC LEE, GBM, SBS, PDSM, PMSM
The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

09:30 - 09:55 **Opening Remarks**

Officiating Guests



Professor Teresa CHENG, GBM, GBS, SC, JP
Secretary-General of the International Organization for Mediation



The Hon Paul LAM Ting-kwok, GBS, SC, JP
The Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

09:55 - 10:15 **Keynote Speech**

Speaker



H.E. Willy BETT
Vice-Chairperson of the IO Med Governing Council, Ambassador of Kenya to China

10:15 - 10:30 **Coffee Break**



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10:30 - 12:00

Panel 1: The Facilitators of Peace: Wisdom from World-class Mediators

This panel will bring together world-class mediators to share their experience on mediating state-to-state and investor-state disputes, and discuss how mediators can help the parties bridge gaps across various cultural backgrounds.

Moderator



Dr. Anthony NEOH, SC, JP

Chairman of the Asian Academy of International Law

Panelists



Professor Dr. Surakiart SATHIRATHAI

Former Deputy Prime Minister and
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand



Mr. Craig James SOUTH

Senior mediator,
Center for Effective Dispute Resolution



Mr. Michael VATIKIOTIS

Senior Advisor, the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue



Mr. Wolf VON KUMBERG

ICSID Conciliation Panel Member,
Independent Arbitrator and Mediator

12:00 - 14:00

Lunch (by invitation only)

14:05 - 15:35

Panel 2: The Clients' Voice: Why States and Investors Choose Mediation

This panel puts the focus on users of mediation and will bring together government officials and legal officers of top-tier corporations and financial institutions to share their experience on choosing mediation as their first choice in resolving disputes or as a parallel dispute resolution mechanism.

Moderator



Professor CHI Manjiao

Professor of Law School, University of International Business and Economics, China

Panelists



Ms. Mariam GOTSIRIDZE

Principal Research Fellow,
Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy



Mr. Duncan SPELLER

Global co-chair of the International Disputes Division
of Duane Morris' Trial Practice Group



Dr. YANG Yuntao

Chief Compliance Officer,
Head of Risk Management Department and Legal &
Compliance Department, China Merchants Group

*More panelists to be confirmed



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15:35 - 15:50 **Coffee Break**

15:50 - 17:20 **Panel 3: Beyond the Horizon: Developing the Global Mediation Ecosystem**

As awareness of the value of mediation increases across the world, the focus shifts to a new question: What next? This panel will bring together lawyers, academics and leaders of international institutions in the field of dispute resolution to explore practical means to make mediation more accessible and feasible for more people and countries, and have a forward-looking dialogue on fostering a global mediation ecosystem that reinforces international rule of law.

Moderator



Professor SHAN Wenhua

Vice President of Northwest University of Political Science and Law, Senior Professor of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Dean of the Law School at Xi'an Jiaotong University, China

Panelists



Professor Shahla ALI

Professor and Associate Dean (International), Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong



Ms. Frauke NITSCHKE

Chief Counsel of International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)



Justice Fatsah OUGUERGOUZ

Member of the Administrative Tribunal of the African Development Bank and Rector of the African Institute of International Law



Professor ZHAO Yun, JP

Henry Cheng Professor in International Law and Associate Dean (Mainland Affairs), Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong; Representative of Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of HCCH

17:20 - 17:30 **Closing Remarks**

