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# PROGRAMME & PARTICIPANT LIST

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09:00 - 09:30 – **Registration and coffee**

09:30 – 09:50 – **Welcoming remarks**

* Richard Samans, World Economic Forum, Geneva
* Pierre Sauvé, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Bern

09:50 – 12:00 **Session 1: The case for and against an investment court – the actors**

Chair: Anabel Gonzalez, The World Bank Group, Washington, D.C.

* Government perspectives, the treaties so far:
  + Rupert Schlegelmilch, European Commission (DG Trade), Brussels
  + Ambassador Jonathan Fried, Permanent Mission of Canada to the WTO, Geneva
  + Le Dinh Ba, Deputy Permanent Representative of Vietnam to the WTO, Geneva
* Practitioner perspectives, Georgios Petrochilos, Three Crowns, Paris
* Arbitrator perspectives, Gabrielle-Kaufmann Kohler, Lévy, Kaufmann Kohler, Geneva
* Investor perspectives,
  + Arminio Muñoz, Repsol, Madrid
  + Nicolas Grégoire, SGS Société Générale de Surveillance SA, Geneva

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:30 **Session 2: The case for and against an investment court – the stakeholders**

Chair: Cristián Rodríguez Chiffelle, World Economic Forum, Geneva

* International organization perspectives, Ana Novik, OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, Paris
* Civil society perspectives, Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder, IISD, Geneva
* Business perspectives, Jan von Herff, BASF Group, Ludwigshafen
* Litigator perspectives, Brendan Casey, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Geneva
* Arbitral institution perspectives, Meg Kinnear, ICSID, Washington, D.C.
* Expert perspectives , William Burke-White, Penn Law, Philadelphia
* Academic perspectives, Joost Pauwelyn, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

15:30 – 15:50 Coffee Break

15:50 – 17:50 **Session 3. Do we really need ISDS? A closing roundtable**

Chair: Rodrigo Polanco, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Bern

* James Zhan, UNCTAD, Geneva
* Ricardo Melendez Ortiz, ICTSD, Geneva
* Stephan Schill, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam
* Robert Howse, New York University, New York
* Nikos Lavranos, European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration, Brussels
* Hendrik Bourgeois, GE, Brussels
* James Bacchus, Greenberg Traurig, Washington, D.C.

17:50 – 18:00: **Closing Remarks**

* Joseph François, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Bern
* Sean Doherty, World Economic Forum, Geneva

18:00 – 19:00 Farewell Cocktail

*Participation by invitation only. Meeting to be held under the* ***Chatham House Rules.***

*Other confirmed participants:*

* Elsbeth Akkerman, Deputy Permanent Representative to WTO of the Netherlands, Geneva
* Matthew Clinton Bate, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Geneva
* Azernoosh Bazrafkan, University of Antwerp, Antwerp
* Koen Berden, World Trade Institute (WTI), Bern
* Francesca Bianchi, World Economic Forum, Geneva
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* Ambassador Marcelo Cima, Permanent Mission of Argentina to the WTO, Geneva
* Fabian Gehl, European Commission (DG Trade), Brussels
* Nicolle Graugnard, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Paris
* Michael Hahn, University of Bern, IEW, Bern
* Felipe Hees, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the WTO, Geneva
* Katarina Hruba, World Economic Forum, Geneva
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* Rashmi Jose, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Geneva
* Joachim Knoll, Lalive, Geneva
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* Claudia Locatelli, Trade in Services Division, WTO, Geneva
* Abdel-Hamid Mamdouh, Trade in Services Division, WTO, Geneva
* Susan Mathews, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Geneva
* Krista Nadakavukaren Schefer, University of Basel, Basel
* John O’Neill, Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the WTO, Geneva
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* George Riddell, Permanent Mission of the UK to the WTO, Geneva
* Hugo Romero, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the WTO, Geneva
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* Sabina Sacco, Levy Kaufmann-Kohler, Geneva
* Felipe Sandoval, Chile’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs Economic Directorate (DIRECON), Santiago
* Michael Schneider, Lalive, Geneva
* Harsha V. Singh, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, Geneva
* Ambassador Ms Tan Yee Woan, Permanent Mission of Singapore to the WTO, Geneva
* Jorge Vinuales, Cambridge University School of Law, Cambridge
* Andre Von Walter, European Commission (DG Trade), Brussels
* Christian Wegener, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the WTO, Geneva
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**SPEAKERS** ** **

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Le Dinh Ba is Minister Counselor of Permanent Mission of Vietnam to the World Trade Organization. He is in charge of the commercial activities in the framework of the WTO and APEC. He negotiates international agreements, particularly with North America and Asia Pacific region. He organizes and inspects the implementation and impact evaluation of international agreements. Previously he participated in the Government Negotiation Delegation and presided the activities relating to international dispute settlement with other countries, international organizations and foreign enterprises. He oversees the activities related to the Advisory Centre on WTO Law.

Mr. Ba’s policy areas and expertise are: foreign trade, particularly in natural resources sector; border trade policies and investment policy. He acted as consultant for the Import and Export Department; the Department of Commerce; the National Committee for International Economic Cooperation, and Department of Energy. He has fulfilled various positions within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism; Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment; Ministry of Public Security; Ministry of Defense, and Ministry of Planning and Investment.

# James Bacchus

*Shareholder and Chair, Global Practice, Greenberg Traurig, Washington, D.C.*

James Bacchus is Chair of Greenberg Traurig's Global Practice and a leader in the firm’s overall worldwide practice. He is a former Chairman and Member of the WTO Appellate Body, a former Member of the US Congress (from 1991 to 1995, representing the 15th Congressional District of Florida as a Member of the United States House of Representatives), and a former Special Assistant to the U.S. Trade Representative in the Executive Office of the President. From 1974 to 1976, Bacchus served as a senior aide to Florida Governor Reubin Askew. From 1979 to 1981, he served as his special assistant while Askew was U.S. Trade Representative in the Executive Office of the President during the Carter Administration. At USTR, he helped monitor U.S. trade negotiations worldwide, and helped negotiate and implement trade agreements with numerous nations. He was the first Member of the Congress of the United States to have served previously at USTR.

Bacchus is among the "B20" global business leaders selected to advise the "G20" heads of state on the international economy; he chairs the global Commission on Trade and Investment Policy of the Paris-based International Chamber of Commerce; and he has chaired the Global Agenda Council on Governance for Sustainability of the Davos-based World Economic Forum. He has served the United Nations as a member of the High Level Advisory Panel to the President of the Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. He is a member of the board of directors of the Geneva-based International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development.

# Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder

*Group Director, Economic Law & Policy, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), Geneva*

Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder is a senior international lawyer and heads the Economic Law & Policy work of the International Institute on Sustainable Development (IISD). In this role, she has advised over 20 developing country governments across Africa, Asia and Latin America in relation to bilateral and regional investment treaty negotiations, investor-state contracts, model investment treaties and foreign investment laws. Ms. Bernasconi has extensive legal, policy, and training experience in the area of international trade, investment, sustainable development, human rights, international environmental law and arbitration.

She previously worked as an attorney at the Center for International Environmental Law in Washington and Geneva, where she also managed the office. For several years Ms. Bernasconi worked in Hanoi, Vietnam, for a legal reform project of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and for the Australian law firm Phillips Fox. In Switzerland Ms. Bernasconi is admitted to the Bar of Basel and has worked for the Justice Department, Berne, in the Section for International Law.

# Hendrik Bourgeois

*Vice President European Affairs, General Electric (GE), Brussels*

Hendrik Bourgeois is the Vice President European Affairs at GE (General Electric Company). His most recent prior positions at GE include General Counsel EMEA, Senior Counsel, Competition, Regulation and Government Relations for Europe, and European Competition Counsel, serving all GE businesses on a wide variety of competition law matters involving mergers and acquisitions, distribution, R&D activities and compliance issues. In his preceding role, Hendrik Bourgeois headed the legal department of one of GE’s business divisions, GE Industrial Systems, as European General Counsel. Prior to joining GE, he was an attorney with Jones Day, based in Washington DC and Brussels, where he practiced mainly US antitrust and European competition law.

Mr. Bourgeois obtained his law degree at the Rijksuniversiteit Gent, Belgium and has an LL.M degree from Harvard Law School. He is a former member of the Brussels Bar and current member of the New York Bar. Hendrik Bourgeois is a frequent speaker and writer on competition law issues. He was elected Chairman of AmCham EU in October 2011.

# William Burke-White

*Richard Perry Professor and Inaugural Director, Perry World House; Professor of Law, U. of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia*

William Burke-White, an expert on international law and global governance, served in the Obama Administration from 2009-2011 on Secretary Clinton’s Policy Planning Staff, providing the Secretary direct policy advice on multilateral diplomacy and international institutions. He was principal drafter of the Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review (QDDR), Secretary Clinton’s hallmark foreign policy and institutional reform effort.

Mr. Burke-White has written extensively in the fields of international law and institutions, with focus on international criminal and international economic law. His work has addressed issues of post-conflict justice; the International Criminal Court; international human rights, and international arbitration. His current research explores gaps in the global governance system and the challenges of international legal regulation in a world of rising powers and divergent interests. In 2008 he received the A. Leo Levin Award and in 2007 the Robert A. Gorman award for Excellence in Teaching.

# Brendan Casey

*Associate at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP*

Brendan Casey is an Associate at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and he is a member of the litigation group. His practice focuses on international arbitration and litigation in a variety of industries, including the energy, pharmaceutical and financial services sectors. He also has experience in public international law disputes. He previously practiced in the London office of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP and worked as an international arbitration paralegal for Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. At Northwestern Law, he was the managing editor of the Journal of International Human Rights.

He has a JD (*cum laude*) from Northwestern University School of Law and a BA in political science and French and international studies from Penn State University.

# Sean Doherty

*Head of International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum, Geneva*

Sean Doherty heads the International Trade & Investment team at the World Economic Forum. As such he leads the Forum’s work on trade and investment policy, concentrated in the E15 Initiative, is the acting director of the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation and supports the Global Agenda Council on Trade & FDI.

Mr. Doherty holds a Master's in Aeronautical Engineering, Imperial College; a Master's in Structural Molecular Biology, University of London; an MBA, Collège des Ingénieurs; and an Executive Master's in Global Leadership, World Economic Forum. He previously worked with IBM Business Dynamics; Energy Practice, Booz & Co.

# Joseph François

*Managing Director, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Bern*

Joseph François is Managing Director and professor of economics at the World Trade Institute. He also serves as deputy director of the NCCR Trade Regulation. Previously he was professor of economics (with a chair in economic theory) at the Johannes Kepler Universität Linz. He is a fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (London), director of the European Trade Study Group and the Institute for International and Development Economics, senior research fellow with the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies, and a board member of the Global Trade Analysis Project. He serves on the editorial board of the Review of Development Economics, and the World Trade Review. Past professional incarnations have included professor of economics at Erasmus University Rotterdam, research economist for the World Trade Organization, and chief of research and acting director of economics for the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Mr. François studied economics at the University of Maryland and economics and history at the University of Virginia. His current research interests include: cross-border production chains and employment; globalization and inequality; trade in services; open economy competition policy and the regulation of firm behavior; financial market integration; open economy growth and development; economic integration broadly defined; the multilateral trading system; trade and investment policy under imperfect competition (including the location of industry); the role of the service sector (finance, margin and intermediate services, etc.) in trade and development; competition policy in open markets; computational partial and general equilibrium modeling; and estimation and inference within large nonlinear systems (like large scale, multi-sector general equilibrium econometric models).

# Jonathan T. Fried

*Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the World Trade Organization, Geneva*

Jonathan T. Fried is Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization in Geneva. Previously he was visiting professor at the University of Toronto (Faculty of Law), and has been adjunct professor at the University of Ottawa (Faulty of Law), Georgetown University Law Center and the Norman Peterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University. He served as a member and Chair of the Inter-American Juridical Committee, and he was Chair of the APEC Expert’s Group on Dispute Mediation (1994-1997), and was Vice-Chair of the OECD Trade Committee (1995-1997). He has also served abroad as Counselor for Congressional and Legal Affairs at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C., and as a Second Secretary and Vice Consul at the Canadian Embassy in Brazil. Mr. Fried has also held various positions with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, notably as Associate Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade; Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade, Economic and Environmental Policy; Chief Negotiator on the accession of China to the WTO; Director General of the General Trade Policy Bureau and Coordinator for the North American Free Trade Agreement, and earlier Principal Legal Counsel, Canada’s leady lawyer, for NAFTA and its side agreement negotiations, drafting of the agreement, and oversight of its implementation.

He studied philosophy and law at University of Toronto and he holds an LLM from Columbia University. Formerly he was Ambassador of Canada to Japan; Executive Director for Canada, Ireland and the Caribbean at the International Monetary Fund; Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister and Head of the Canada-United States Secretariat, Privy Council Office; Senior Assistant Deputy Minister for the Department of Finance, member of the Board of Directors of EDC and Canada’s deputy for the G-7.

# Anabel González

*Senior Director, Trade and Competitiveness Global Practice, Trade & Competitiveness, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.*

Anabel González is Senior Director of the World Bank Group Global Practice on Trade and Competitiveness (from July 2014). In this capacity, she leads a team of 500 people to design and implement the World Bank Group's global and country agenda in the areas of trade, investment climate, competitiveness, innovation and entrepreneurship. Previously, she served as Costa Rica’s Minister of Foreign Trade (2010-14) During her tenure, Anabel led Costa Rica’s efforts to join the OECD, negotiated, approved, and implemented six major free trade agreements, and implemented investment climate enhancement policies that contributed to attracting over 140 new investment projects. She also had a lead role in Costa Rica’s Competitiveness and Innovation Council. During her more than 15 years of service with the Ministry of Foreign Trade, she held various positions including Director General for International Trade Negotiations (1990-97), Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade (1998-2001) and Ambassador-Chief Negotiator (2003-04). She also served as Director of Costa Rica's Investment Promotion Agency (2001-02), Director to the Agriculture and Commodities Division of the World Trade Organization (2006-09), and Senior International Consultant on Trade and Investment at the Inter-American Development Bank (2009-10).

She is the current Chair of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Competitiveness (2014-16), after serving as Chair of the Council on Trade and Foreign Direct Investment (2012-14). Ms. González has lectured in over 40 countries and written on many trade and competitiveness issues. She holds an LLM from Georgetown University and a law degree from the University of Costa Rica.

# Nicolas Grégoire

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Nicolas Grégoire is originally from Montreal (Canada). He holds a LL.B. (Sherbrooke, Canada), a M.A. in Diplomatic Studies (Westminster, UK), a LL.M. in European Law (Lausanne), and a Doctorate in Law (Geneva). Nicolas is admitted to practice law in Canada (Quebec) and is currently Group Legal Counsel at SGS Société Générale de Surveillance SA in Geneva.

Mr. Grégoire has particular expertise in public-private partnerships and public concessions in Africa and the Middle East, notably for projects related to e-government, trade efficiency, and border security. Nicolas is Vice President of the Canadian-Swiss Chamber of Commerce.

# Jan von Herff

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Jan von Herff is the Senior Manager on Trade and Industry Policy, Communications and Government for the BASF Group, where previously he has worked as Regional Manager for Asia-Pacific (October 2005 - June 2009), and as Product Manager Intermediates (February 2002 - September 2005). He is responsible for issues of trade and economic policy. In this role he has worked intensively for the company among other things in expert hearings and information sessions on the TTIP and he is also the Co-Chair of the trade working-group at the Transatlantic Business Council (TABC, [www.transatlanticbusiness.org](http://www.transatlanticbusiness.org)).

Mr. von Herff graduated from the University of Mannheim, where he studied economic and social history, politics, and philosophy; and from the University of Applied Science Ludwigshafen (Master of Business Administration).

# Robert Howse

*Lloyd C. Nelson Professor of International Law, New York University, New York*

Robert Howse received his BA in philosophy and political science with high distinction, as well as an LLB with honors, from the University of Toronto, where he was co-editor-in-chief of the Faculty of Law Review. He also holds an LLM from Harvard Law School. Mr. Howse has been a visiting professor at, among other institutions, Harvard Law School, Tel Aviv University, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and the University of Paris 1 (Pantheon-Sorbonne). His books include Leo Strauss Man of Peace (Cambridge University Press, 2014), The Regulation of International Trade (with Michael Trebilcock and Antonia Eliason; fourth edition, 2013), and The WTO System: Law, Politics, and Legitimacy (2007).

He is also co-translator and principal author of the interpretative commentary Alexandre Kojeve, Outline of a Phenomenology of Right (2000). Mr. Howse has been a frequent consultant or adviser to government agencies and international organizations such as the OECD, UNCTAD, and the Inter-American Development Bank. He has also been a consultant to the investor’s counsel in a number of investor-state arbitrations. Mr. Howse is a member of the Board of Advisers of the NYU Center for Law and Philosophy. He serves on the editorial advisory boards of the London Review of International Law, The Journal of World Investment and Trade, Transnational Legal Theory, and Legal Issues of Economic Integration. He is co-founder of the New York City Working Group on International Economic Law and is currently chair of the Executive Committee, AALS Economic Globalization and Governance Section.

# Gabrielle-Kaufmann Kohler

*Partner, Lévy, Kaufmann Kohler, Geneva*

Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler practices in international commercial, investment and sports arbitration. She acted in over 200 international arbitrations, mainly as arbitrator. She appears on numerous institutional arbitration panels (including ICC, ICSID, AAA, LCIA, SIAC, CIETAC) and conducts arbitrations under the rules of all major institutions. She is regularly ranked among the top arbitrators worldwide; a study of investment arbitration released in 2016 concluded that she was the “most influential arbitrator in the world”. She is also a professor at Geneva University Law School and the founder and director of the Geneva LLM in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS), a joint program of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and Geneva Law School. She is further a co-director of the Center for International Dispute Settlement (CIDS). She teaches international arbitration law and heads a number of research projects in this area.

Among other positions, Gabrielle is an Honorary President of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) and was ASA President from 2001 to 2005. She is also a member of ICCA’s Governing Board, the HKIAC Advisory Board, the President of FIAA and a former member of ICC Court, LCIA Court, and AAA Board. She was a member of the Swiss delegation to the UNCITRAL Working Group II and UNCITRAL Commission on transparency in investment arbitration (2010 – 2013). Formerly, she was assistant professor (private international law), University of Geneva Law School, (1993-1997); partner of Schellenberg Wittmer (1996-2007), and partner (1985-1995) and associate (1981-1985) of Baker & McKenzie, Geneva and New York. After studies at the University of Geneva (law degree 1974) and a doctorate from the University of Basle (1979), she was admitted to the Geneva Bar (1976) and New York State Bar (1982).

# Meg Kinnear

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Meg Kinnear is currently the Secretary-General of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) at the World Bank. She worked as Senior General Counsel (2006-2009) and Director General of the Trade Law Bureau of Canada (1999-2006). Prior to this, Ms. Kinnear also worked as the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Justice of Canada (1996 -1999) and Counsel at the Civil Litigation Section of the Canadian Department of Justice (1984-1996).

Ms. Kinnear holds degrees from the University of Virginia (LL.M.) and McGill University (LL.B.). She is admitted to the Bar of the Law Society of Upper Canada (Ontario) and the District of Columbia Bar. She has frequently spoken on and published with respect to international investment law and procedure, including as a co-author of Investment Disputes under NAFTA (Kluwer Law Publications, June 2006; updated editions released January 2008 and June 2009).

# Nikos Lavranos

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Dr. Nikos Lavranos is the current Secretary General of the European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration (EFILA) in Brussels. EFILA promotes the knowledge of all aspects of EU and international investment law, including arbitration, at the European level. Previously, he worked as a Senior Policy Advisor responsible for all Dutch BITs at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague. Before that, he was a Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy, and a Senior Researcher and Assistant Professor at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He received both his Ph.D. in Law and LL.M.-degree (with distinction) from Maastricht University, the Netherlands and a Law degree from J.W. Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany.

Mr. Lavranos has published widely on EU law, WTO law, investment law and public international law. He has been invited to speak at numerous international conferences & seminars and has delivered many guest lectures and keynote speeches worldwide. Since 2011 he is also Editor-in-Chief of the Hague Yearbook of International Law (HYIL).

# Ricardo Meléndez-Ortíz

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Ricardo Meléndez-Ortíz is co-founder of ICTSD and has been its Chief Executive since 1996. Previously, he co-founded and was General Director of Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano (Quito). He has represented Colombia as a negotiator in several multilateral fora, including as permanent delegate of Colombia in Geneva and as a negotiator in GATTs Uruguay Round, the Rio’92 UN Conference process, UNCTAD VIII, the Climate Change Convention, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Montreal Protocol. He acted as spokesperson for the G-77 in several fora and served as chair of the UN Standing Committees on Commodities and on Trade Preferences. Earlier, he had served as Principal Adviser to the Colombian Minister of Economic Development and as a Chief of Administration of the Office of the President of Colombia. Since 1997, Meléndez has been the publisher and director of BRIDGES and its sister publications, and has edited, authored and published a wide range of books, articles and opinion pieces in English, French and Spanish on economic governance, trade, sustainable development and conflict management.

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# Arminio Muñoz Bravo

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Arminio Muñoz is the Global Affairs Manager of Repsol (since 2014) and between 2012 and 2014 he was the European Affairs Manager at Repsol. Previously he was in charge of contracts and claims area within Repsol Trading. As manager, he has been responsible for developing the non-fuel services portfolio for Solred Servicios. He was Vice-President of Europe Net in Brussels.

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# Ana Novik

*Head, Investment Division of the Directorate for Financial and Entreprise Affairs, OECD, Paris*

Ana Novik, as Head of the Investment Division of the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, supports the Director in DAF’s contribution to the strategic orientations of the Secretary General, with a focus on improving the international investment climate, promoting good domestic policies to support investment and Responsible Business Conduct. She establishes strategies for the OECD to secure a leadership role in the international investment debate and to advance a more structured economic analysis of investment flows and impact. She also contributes to OECD-wide initiatives, including horizontal work streams on competitive neutrality, global value chains and OECD contributions to the G20.

Prior to joining the OECD, Ms. Novik was the Ambassador Director of Multilateral Economic Affairs in the Economics Directorate of Chile’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade from 2011 to 2014. During this period, she represented Chile in international organizations, such as WTO, OECD and APEC, and acted as the country’s G20 Sherpa during the year 2012, when Chile was invited to the G20. She also headed and supervised negotiations on behalf of Chile in the investment and services areas, with China, Australia, TPP, Pacific Alliance and MERCOSUR, among others, and participated in Chile’s accession to OECD, particularly in the areas of investment and trade. She worked at the WTO from 2000-2005 as the Chilean Permanent Representative in charge of rules (i.e. antidumping, subsidies and safeguard), services, trade facilitation and regional trade agreements; and from 1997-2000 as the Head of the WTO Department at Economics Directorate of Chile’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DIRECON) where she headed the Chilean team in charge of implementing the WTO/Uruguay Round commitments. Ms. Novik, a Chilean national, holds a Major in Business and Administration from Universidad Católica de Valparaiso, Chile and a Masters in International Affairs, Economic and Political Development from Columbia University, United States.

# Joost Pauwelyn

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Joost Pauwelyn is Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland since 2007. He is also Visiting Professor of Law at Georgetown Law Center. Previously he was Professor of Law at Duke University (USA). He has also taught at Neuchâtel, Columbia, NYU, Stanford and Harvard law schools and worked as legal adviser for the WTO Secretariat (1996-2002). From 2007 to 2014, he was Senior Advisor with the law firm of King & Spalding. He specializes in international economic law, in particular trade law and investment law, and its relationship to public international law. He also frequently advises governments and industry in WTO dispute settlement and investment arbitration and is a leading force behind www.tradelab.org.

Mr. Pauwelyn received degrees from the Universities of Namur and Leuven, Belgium as well as Oxford University and holds a doctorate from the University of Neuchâtel. He was appointed on the roster of WTO panelists and as arbitrator under Free Trade Agreements and the Energy Charter Treaty. He is the author of one of the leading casebooks on International Trade Law (Aspen, 2012, 2nd ed., with A. Guzman) and, most recently, co-editor of The Foundations of International Investment Law (OUP, 2014) and Informal International Lawmaking (OUP, 2012). He also authored, amongst other works, Optimal Protection of International Law (CUP, 2008), The Transformation of World Trade (Michigan Law Review, 2005) and Conflict of Norms in Public International Law (Guggenheim Prize, 2005). In 2009, he received the Francis Deak prize, awarded to a younger author for meritorious scholarship published in The American Journal of International Law for his article on non-discrimination.

# Georgios Petrochilos

*Partner, Three Crowns, Paris*

Formerly the head of the Paris arbitration team of a leading international firm and of that firm’s public international law group, Georgios has a broad practice covering inter-state, investment, and commercial disputes. He has represented States, international organizations, and private parties in more than 70 disputes, including the largest maritime delimitation case to date in the International Court of Justice (Peru v Chile), the ground-breaking “Black Economic Empowerment” case before ICSID (Foresti and ors v South Africa), and some of the most critical cases in the European energy industry in the past decade. He is an Avocat (France) and an Advocate of the Supreme Court (Greece), and registered with the Law Society of England & Wales.

Georgios has published extensively on international law and international arbitration, including the well-known monograph Procedural Law in International Arbitration, and he is the co-author, with Jan Paulsson, of a commentary on the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. Georgios represents a Member State at UNCITRAL since 2007; is a visiting professor at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland; and the current rapporteur of the International Law Association International Arbitration Committee. He holds graduate degrees, including a doctorate, from Oxford, as well as degrees from Strasbourg and Athens. His working languages are English, French, and Greek.

# Rodrigo Polanco Lazo

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