



# LUNCH SEMINAR

**Competence building for developing countries in Investment Treaty Issues**

*with* **MEG KINNEAR**

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- Speakers** **Meg Kinnear**, Secretary-General, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)  
**Diego Gosis**, Of Counsel, Smith International Legal Consultants (SILC)  
**Rukia Baruti**, Managing Director, Africa International Legal Awareness (AILA)
- Date and Time** 17 January 2013 Thursday 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
(A Sandwich lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
- Venue** King & Spalding LLP  
1185 Avenues of the Americas Conference Centre  
New York, NY 10036
- Who is it for?** Government officials, State Attorneys, officers of the foreign office and finance departments, private practice lawyers, and investment dispute practitioners wishing to form part of the US based AILA Faculty

## About the seminar

### Presentation Outline

AILA is a non-profit organization that has been working to build legal professional competence in investment treaty law and arbitration among practitioners from Africa through a series of training workshops and other exchanges of knowledge. AILA's flagship program is an annual week-long training session in London, UK offered to government and private practice lawyers dealing with investment treaty issues. The training is delivered on a *pro bono* basis by a team of the most eminent practitioners and supported by a distinguished Advisory Board.

The purpose of this seminar is two-fold (1) to extend AILA's coverage to other developing countries, and (2) to open up New York as a potential location for AILA's training sessions.

The speakers will address the roles of countries as members of ICSID and as litigants in investment dispute claims, the role of U.S. law firms in building legal professional competence in investment treaty law and the role of AILA and its prospects.

## About the Speakers

### Meg Kinnear

Meg Kinnear is the ICSID Secretary-General since February 2009. Prior to joining ICSID she served as Senior General Counsel and Director General of the Trade Law Bureau of Canada, a joint legal unit of the Departments of Justice and of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada. In this capacity she advised on international investment and trade law questions, as well as legal support for investment and trade treaty negotiations, and for the implementation of such treaties. She has also appeared as counsel before international investment tribunals, participated in the negotiation of bilateral and multilateral investment and trade treaties, and advised on Canada's international investment and trade obligations.

### Diego Gosis

Diego Gosis is Of Counsel to SILC. He has acted for the Argentine government in the defense of its ICSID and other arbitration cases, and currently represents Venezuela in an investment dispute. He has appeared in over 30 investment arbitration or annulment proceedings, and has also advised other sovereigns in the region and corporates within and without the Americas on the matter of investment arbitration. Diego also practices in the field of commercial arbitration, where he has appeared in over a dozen cases under the rules of the ICC, AAA, FINRA, UNCITRAL in international arbitrations, and some local rules in the context of domestic arbitrations, and has been ranked by Chambers & Partners among the notable practitioners of arbitration in Latin America.

### Rukia Baruti

Rukia Baruti is founder and Managing Director at Africa International Legal Awareness (AILA), a non-profit organization working to build capacity in Africa and other developing countries on international economic law, with a core focus on investment treaty law and investment arbitration. Prior to founding AILA Rukia practiced at SJ Berwin's International Arbitration Group in London. She also holds the position of Vice-President of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) Africa Users' Council. She regularly sits as arbitrator both as sole arbitrator and as a member of a panel of three. She benefits from experience in the roles of Counsel, Arbitrator and Secretary to the Tribunal in arbitrations conducted under various arbitration rules including ICC, UNCITRAL, ICSID, SCC and the LCIA Rules.

## Programme

- 12.00 – 13:00 Lunch
- 13:00 – 13:30 *Rukia Baruti*- "AILA, its role and prospects"
- 13:30 – 14:00 *Meg Kinnear* - "Participation in the ICSID Process"
- 14:00 – 14:30 *Diego Brian Gosis* - "The role of US law firms in building legal professional competence in investment treaty law"
- 14:30 Networking/End of Programme