About the Training Programme

The 2015 Autumn Session of the Energy Charter Executive Training Programme will focus on the topic of Investment Mediation/Conciliation. Participants in the programme will benefit from in-depth exposure to the knowledge and experience accumulated by the Energy Charter, as well as several leading international negotiators and mediators. This seventh edition of the Energy Charter Training Programme will include:

- An optional, informative pre-training session on the Energy Charter Treaty
  Tuesday 3rd November 2015 | 15h30-18h00
  Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels

  During this session, Energy Charter Officials will discuss the legal aspects of the Energy Charter Treaty with participants in an interactive and dynamic manner, in order to prepare them for the highly challenging programme.

- The Training Programme instruction sessions
  Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th November 2015 | Morning Session
  Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels

  Participants will have the unique chance to learn about mediation and conciliation directly from real-life negotiators and mediators, as well as from international institutions, including the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), the International Mediation Institute (IMI) and the UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). Participants will become acquainted with:
  - Personal negotiating experiences of instructors
  - Differences & analogies between mediation, conciliation & arbitration
  - Negotiation skills
  - Dealing with Deadlock
  - Applicable rules for mediating & conciliating investment disputes
  - Drafting a settlement agreement.

- The Training Programme negotiation scenario
  Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th November 2015 | Afternoon Session
  Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels

  Participants will be fully engaged in a negotiation scenario that will cover the entire process: choosing conciliation or mediation, negotiating a settlement agreement, and drafting the final document. Participants will be divided into investor companies and states and will be supported by professional mediators in their discussions.
Who should attend

Participants are invited from the legal sector, both private and public, the wider energy industry.

Participants should have a relevant academic or professional background in law, investment, energy, finance, international government relations, etc.

The Programme caters to a maximum of 30 persons, so interested candidates are warmly invited to register early.

Participation Fee

The Training Programme fee is Eur 2,850 per participant and covers the cost of all deliverable learning modules throughout the course, including all learning materials, orientation sessions, receptions, lunches, coffee breaks, dinners, and networking cocktails. It is envisaged that participants will cover the cost of their accommodation and travel to Brussels.

Participants nominated by national authorities from across the wider Energy Charter constituency are likely to be exempt from the payment. Priority for fee-exemption will be given to nationals of countries who were not represented in previous training. Representatives from Brussels-based Missions may participate in programme sessions as guests but will not be awarded a Certificate of Excellence.

Participants from academic institutions are invited to inquire about the academic rate of Eur 1,500.

Venues

The seminar on Complex Investment Negotiations (only for government officials) will take place at the Brussels Offices of King & Wood Mallesons, Square de Meeûs 1, 1000 Brussels.

The informative pre-training session and the Training Programme will take place at the Energy Charter Secretariat, Boulevard de la Woluwe 56, 1200 Brussels.

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