

**TRENDS ON INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL
&
INVESTMENT TREATY ARBITRATIONS**

“Insights from leading International Arbitration Practitioners”

New Delhi, 21 January 2017

VENUE

Juniper Hall, Habitat World at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, 110003- INDIA

OBJECTIVE

India is an attractive destination for foreign investment and is the fastest economy growing in the world. Foreign investors entering the Indian market prefer a strong dispute resolution mechanism i.e. an international arbitral institution for resolution of their disputes.

There are a number of reasons that parties elect to have their international disputes resolved through arbitration. These include the prime desire to avoid the uncertainties and local practices associated with litigation in national courts, the desire to obtain a quicker, efficient decision, the relative enforceability of arbitration agreements and arbitral awards, the parties’ freedom to select and design the arbitral procedures, confidentiality and other prime benefits.

To address this issue, the Government of India amended the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 with the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2015.

This conference is being organized to discuss the increasing relevance and impact of International Arbitration in India with a comparative study of different forums and jurisdiction. The deliberations of the Conference will chiefly emphasize on International Arbitration.

The deliberations and discussions are intended to bring about some practical and useful suggestions from speakers across leading arbitration jurisdictions in the world who aim provide a global perspective to the Indian business community on important trends and practices currently prevailing in international commercial arbitration.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

8.30 – 9.00	Registration of Attendees and morning tea/coffee
9.00 – 9.05	WELCOME ADDRESS:
9.05 – 9.40	MORNING KEYNOTE ADDRESS <i>Mr. Amitabh Kant – CEO NITI Aayog*</i>
9.45 – 10.50	FIRST PANEL - SESSION 1 <i>TALE OF DIFFERENT CITIES : INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES</i> <i>Choosing between different forums and jurisdictions- A comparative study of different cities: All foreign speakers speak on their jurisdictions - Panel discussion - Practical Tips for Conducting International Arbitration : Trends, Challenges & Strategy</i>

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10.50 – 11.00	Q&A Session
11.00 – 11.10	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
11.10 – 12.10	SECOND PANEL - SESSION 2: <i>WHATS HAPPENING IN INDIA</i> <i>Introduction on Arbitration in India and discussion on the Recent Amendments to the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996: Will it influence Foreign –Seated Arbitrations in India? Challenges to enforcing an award or Arbitration in India and way forward</i>
12.10 – 13.10	THIRD PANEL – SESSION 3: <i>Hot Topics in International Arbitration</i>
13.10 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.30	AFTERNOON SPECIAL LECTURE <i>By: Mr. Fali S. Nariman, Senior Advocate – Supreme Court of India*</i>
14.30 – 15.30	FOURTH PANEL – SESSION 4: <i>Discussion on Investment Treaty Arbitration</i>
15.30 – 15.45	Q&A Session
15.45-16.00	VALEDICTORY SESSION
16.00 – 17.00	B2B / NETWORKING/ COFFEE/TEA BREAK