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On a number of occasions in the past, the World Bank as an institution and the President of the Bank in his personal capacity have assisted in mediation or conciliation of investment disputes between governments and private foreign investors. The creation of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in 1966 was in part intended to relieve the President and the staff of the burden of becoming involved in such disputes. But the Bank's overriding consideration in creating ICSID was the belief that an institution specially designed to facilitate the settlement of investment disputes between governments and foreign investors could help to promote increased flows of international investment.

ICSID was established under the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States (the Convention) which came into force on October 14, 1966. ICSID has an Administrative Council and a Secretariat. The Administrative Council is chaired by the World Bank's President and consists of one representative of each State which has ratified the Convention.



United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

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UNCTAD has a long standing work programme on issues related to international investment agreements (IIAs), looking at their development dimension and focusing primarily on identifying the implications for developing countries by canalizing technical assistance and promoting capacity building. The work is undertaken through an integrative approach that combines research and policy analysis, technical assistance and consensus-building activities.

Specifically, the work programme undertakes research and policy analysis on IIAs through the pink paper series on Issues in IIAs (28 publications), the second generation series on International Investment Policies for Development, various studies (including survey on Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) practices), the on-line database of BITs (2.000 texts and lists per country), the compilation of other international investment instruments (including treaty models) and the database of investor-State dispute settlement cases.

UNCTAD's work programme on IIAs also comprises technical assistance and capacity-building activities consisting of intensive training programmes for negotiators of IIAs delivered in all regions, a distance-learning programme on key issues in IIAs (available in 5 languages), as well as ad hoc technical assistance to developing countries and regional organisations.

In the area of investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS), the work programme has expanded its work through:

- Focused training activities (advanced training courses on managing investment disputes),
- Seminars and symposia to inform and create awareness (seminars with OECD, APEC, OAS, ad hoc technical assistance activities to countries...),
- Research and analysis (publications on ISDS (review, impact, negotiating options, alternative dispute resolutions...), IIA Monitor on ISDS trends and implications, database of treaty-based ISDS cases), and
- international consensus-building (UNCTAD's Commission on Investment and expert meetings)

At the last UNCTAD's Investment Commission in 2006, it was recognized that UNCTAD "should serve as the key focal point in the United Nations system for dealing with matters related to international investment agreements, and continue to provide the forum to advance the understanding of issues related to international IIAs and their development dimension, including with reference to investor-State dispute resolution".

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

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The International Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1919 with an overriding aim that remains unchanged: to serve world business by promoting trade and investment, open markets for goods and services, and the free flow of capital.

ICC activities cover a broad spectrum, from arbitration and dispute resolution to making the case for open trade and the market economy system, business self-regulation, fighting corruption or combating commercial crime.

ICC has direct access to national governments all over the world through its national committees. The organization's Paris-based international secretariat feeds business views into intergovernmental organizations on issues that directly affect business operations.

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To help parties pursue dispute resolution in an international setting, the AAA has established the International Centre for Dispute Resolution® (ICDR). The Centre is charged with the exclusive administration of all of the AAA's international matters. The ICDR's experience, international expertise, and multilingual staff form an integral part of the dispute resolution process. The ICDR's international system is premised on its ability to move matters forward, facilitate communications, ensure that qualified arbitrators and mediators are appointed, control costs, understand cultural sensitivities, resolve procedural impasses, and properly interpret and apply its International Arbitration and Mediation Rules. Additionally, the ICDR has many cooperative agreements with arbitral institutions around the world for facilitating the administration of its international cases.

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The Centre for Mediation and Commercial Arbitration of the Argentine Chamber of Commerce (CEMARC) is an arbitral institution. The Rules of Arbitration (Reglamento) includes the most modern rules on arbitral procedure. Further information on its Board Members, List of arbitrators, and costs chart may be found at www.cac.com.ar.

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The **Comité Argentino para el Arbitraje Nacional y Transnacional** (CARAT) is the area of Fores (www.foresjusticia.org.ar) dedicated to promote domestic and transnational arbitration. The mission of CARAT is also to harmonize legislation, to train arbitrators and to promote other forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

The CARAT is a non profit academic institution. It does not administer arbitration cases nor designates arbitrators.

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Disputes in the business world are part of our daily lives. Resolving them usually implies allocating resources, time and energy in a climate of uncertainty as to the outcome that puts a strain on business relations.

Aware of the need to implement new mechanisms to achieve an effective resolution of disputes, the Santiago Chamber of Commerce created the Santiago Arbitration and Mediation Center in 1992 (CAM Santiago).

This Center has successfully offered ARBITRATION services since that time. In 1998, CAM SANTIAGO incorporated MEDIATION as a new mechanism of commercial dispute resolution.

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Founded in 1933, the Section of International Law is the leader in the development of policy in the international arena, the promotion of the rule of law and the education of international law practitioners. It is the only ABA entity that focuses on the full range of international legal issues and is involved in a wide variety of substantive legal activities.

The Section's purposes are to promote interest, activity, and research in international and comparative law and related areas; to further its development; to diffuse knowledge among members of the legal profession and others; to formulate professional opinion thereon; to promote professional relationships with lawyers similarly engaged in foreign countries; and to implement Goal VIII of the Association -- "To advance the rule of law in the world."