

**ICCA-ASIL TASK FORCE ON DAMAGES IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION
SEMINAR ON DAMAGES**

On 11 April 2017, the Joint ICCA-ASIL Task Force on Damages in International Arbitration (Task Force), co-chaired by Catherine Amirfar and Gabrielle Nater-Bass, will convene to present its ongoing work to promote consistency and rigor in the quantification of damages in international arbitration. The Task Force, which is comprised of leading legal and economics experts from diverse jurisdictions across the globe, aims to develop a damages tool of practical application. Participants will be invited to assist the Task Force in identifying legal and policy gaps and inconsistencies and to comment on the Task Force's work to date. The seminar is open to all interested participants.

Date: 11 April 2017
Venue: ICSID
1818 H Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20433
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00pm

Seminar Program

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Registration	
9:30 am – 9:55 am	Opening Keynote / Q&A Session	Meg Kinner, ICSID Secretary-General
9:55 am – 10:00 am	Overview of Task Force Mandate & Lifecycle of a Damages Case	Catherine Amirfar
	<p>The Task Force Co-chair will introduce the Task Force and its mandate to analyze the legal, economic, and policy issues underpinning quantification of damages computations in the field of international arbitration. The Task Force will consider its work from an interdisciplinary perspective and in the context of the various financial methodologies used in traditional damages analyses.</p>	
	Working Group Presentations	Gabrielle Nater-Bass/ Catherine Amirfar/ Task Force Members
	Using the lifecycle of a typical damages presentation as a means of organizing and sequencing the discussion, this session will focus on developing a rigorous, interdisciplinary approach to some of the thorniest issues arising in damages jurisprudence today.	
10:00 am – 10:40 am	Procedural Working Group	
10:40 am – 11:20 am	Legal Working Group	
11:20 am – 12:00 pm	Financial Working Group	

12:00 pm – *Lunch Break*
1:30 pm

1:30 pm – **Working Group Sessions for Procedural, Legal and Financial Issues** Task Force Members
3:00 pm

In this session, the Task Force Members will divide into three Working Groups: (i) legal and policy issues relevant to damages computations (e.g., applicable legal standards, categories of damages, and statutory and contractual limitations on damages); (ii) procedural issues (e.g., structuring of an arbitration to maximize an efficient approach to damages, and use of experts, including by the tribunal); and (iii) financial issues specifically arising in the context of the prevailing valuation and quantification methods used in international arbitration. The three Working Groups will discuss each subject matter area with an eye towards achieving a consensus around principal issues. The members of the Audience are invited to consider in advance which Working Group they would like to join and what the basis for a consensus on fundamental principles could be.

3:00 pm – *Coffee Break*
3:15 pm

3:15 pm – **Report from Working Group Sessions and Open Discussion.** Task Force Members
4:15 pm

The Working Groups will give an overview on their discussions, including preliminary findings, as well as any areas of consensus and/or discrepancies. The Co-chairs and the Task Force Members will then discuss potential preliminary findings and the future course for the work of the Task Force.

4:15 pm –
5:00 pm

Closing Remarks

Donald Francis Donovan,
ICCA President

Catherine Amirfar/
Gabrielle Nater-Bass