



DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY BUSINESS

2-3 OCTOBER 2025

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◆ THE EVENT:

The "Dispute Resolution in the International Energy Business" brings together global experts to discuss the legal, economic, and geopolitical challenges faced in the international energy industry. With a focus on historical cases, current disputes, and emerging trends, this forum provides valuable insights into conflict resolution in the energy sector.

This event is organized in collaboration with two of the most prestigious names in the fields of arbitration, international dispute resolution and energy projects: the AIEN (Association of International Energy Negotiators) and the ICC International Court of Arbitration, from the ICC office in São Paulo.

◆ ABOUT THE CO-HOSTS:

AIEN (Association of International Energy Negotiators):

The AIEN is a global organization dedicated to promoting best practices in international energy negotiations and transactions. Its members include lawyers, energy company executives, consultants, and academics who work together to develop innovative solutions to the challenges faced in the energy sector. The AIEN plays a key role in shaping the legal and contractual foundations that govern international energy transactions.

ICC International Court of Arbitration:

The ICC International Court of Arbitration, headquartered in Paris, is one of the most recognized and trusted institutions worldwide for international arbitration. Its rules and procedures are widely used in commercial and investment disputes, including those related to the energy sector. The ICC office in São Paulo plays a strategic role in connecting Latin America to the ICC's global network, promoting international trade, arbitration, and dispute resolution in both regional and global contexts.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **OIL & GAS ARBITRATION | RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFLICTS**
- **BOUNDARY DELIMITATION | JOINT VENTURE DISPUTES**
- **DAMAGES VALUATION | INFRASTRUCTURE MEGA-PROJECTS**

THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER**08:30 – 09:00 Registration and Refreshments****09:00 – 09:15 Opening Remarks**

Chair: Tim Martin, Managing Director, Northumberland Chambers, Calgary, Canada.

- Valeria Galindez, Partner, Galíndez Arb, Vice President of the ICC Court, São Paulo, Brazil.
- Shakwa Nyambe, AIEN President & Managing Partner, SNC Incorporated, Windhoek, Namibia.
- Juan Pablo Argentato, Managing Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration.

09:15 – 10:45 First Session: History of Energy Disputes

Energy disputes have a long and distinguished history going back more than a hundred years. In addition to being the business sector that perennially dominates both investor state and commercial disputes, energy disputes, in particular oil & gas disputes, have established the principles of investment law and international arbitration, which are now widely accepted and used throughout the world. This panel discusses the early historical cases and how they have influenced today's disputes world.

Chair: Danielle Gomes de Almeida Valois, Partner, Trench, Rossi e Wannabe, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

- Tim Martin, Managing Director, Northumberland Chambers, Calgary, Canada.
- José Emilio Nunes Pinto, Founding Partner, José Emilio Nunes Pinto Advogados, São Paulo, Brazil.
- Meg Kinnear, Founding Member, LKDR, Washington DC, USA.

10:45 – 11:15 Break**11:15 – 12:45 Second Session: Boundary Disputes**

The delimitation of boundaries is a major area of disputes amongst sovereign states. A large majority of them deal with competing governments wanting to access oil & gas reserves and mineral deposits. Amongst a number of sovereign boundary disputes, this panel will discuss sovereign boundary disputes that have arisen in South America and the Caribbean as a result of the recent discovery of world class oil fields in offshore Guyana. Major legal, economic and geopolitical issues have arisen between adjacent states that have been exacerbated by the complexities of the shifting coastline in South America and the difficulties in delimiting the outer continental shelf.

Chair: Mike Josephson, Independent Arbitration Counsel, Victoria, Canada.

- Kathryn Khamsi, Partner, Three Crowns, Paris, France.
- Robert van de Poll, Global Director Law of the Sea, Fugro, Hanwell, NB, Canada.
- Sandra González, Partner, Ferrere Dispute Resolution, Uruguay.

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch at Conference Venue**14:00 – 15:30 Third Session: Disputes Involving States and State Entities**

The panel will present a review of disputes between energy companies and states/state entities arising from treaties and contracts along with emerging trends in their resolution. Some topics of the panel will include disputes and arbitrations that have dealt with cost recovery, tax disputes, decommissioning, operational standards and the stabilization of financial terms in energy contracts.

Chair: Valeria Galindez, Partner, Galíndez Arb, Vice President of the ICC Court, São Paulo, Brazil.

- Artur Watt, Federal Attorney, AGU, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Meg Kinnear, Founding Member, LKDR, Washington DC, USA.
- Rafael Souto Monteagudo, Manager, Petrobras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

15:30 – 16:00 Break**16:00 – 17:30 Fourth Session: Joint Venture Disputes**

The energy sector's projects are predominantly done through joint ventures. Members of this panel have published leading textbooks and articles on disputes arising from joint ventures in the energy and natural resource sectors. Their discussion will cover disputes arising from both incorporated and unincorporated joint ventures in the oil & gas, solar, wind and nuclear industries. Their research and analysis covers hundreds of cases from around the world, including previously unpublished international arbitral awards that arose in South America.

Chair: Camila Biral, Partner, Demarest, São Paulo, Brazil.

- Tim Martin, Managing Director, Northumberland Chambers, Calgary, Canada.
- John Gilbert, Partner, Bracewell, London, UK.
- Elisabeth Eljuri, Independent Arbitrator, Elisabeth Eljuri P.A., Miami, USA

17:30 – 19:30 Networking Reception

FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER**9:00 – 10:30 First Session: Damages in Energy Disputes**

The primary remedy provided in international energy arbitration awards is damages, whether in state investment or commercial disputes. This segment will review the kinds of valuation methods and compensation standards applied in such disputes and how damages are assessed in large, complex energy transactions.

Chair: Leticia Abdalla, Partner, Correa, Fleury, Gama e Silva, São Paulo, Brazil.

- Kathleen Paisley, Partner, Ambos NBGO, Brussels, Belgium.
- Daniel Johnston, Petroleum Economist, Fort Worth, USA.
- Fabiano Robalinho, Partner, Sergio Bermudes Advogados, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

10:30 – 11:00 Break**11:00 – 12:30 Second Session: Alternative Energy Disputes**

As alternative energy sources expand their share of energy projects, so do their disputes. This panel will discuss emerging disputes from the solar, wind, nuclear and power generation industries. These include state investment, joint venture, financing, IP technology, licensing, regulatory and construction disputes.

Chair: Ignacio Zapiola, Manager, YPF, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

- Paula Butti, Federal General Attorney, AGU, São Paulo, Brazil.
- Oisin Brady, Independent Expert, Strasbourg, France.
- Gretta Walters, Partner, Chaffetz Lindsey, New York, USA.

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch at Conference Venue**14:00 – 15:30 Third Session: Energy Infrastructure Disputes**

Energy companies are involved in some of the largest construction projects in the world. This session provides an in-depth analysis of the infrastructure and construction disputes that arise in the international energy business.

Chair: Cristiano Zanetti, Partner, Zanetti Advogados, São Paulo, Brazil.

- Ajey Chandra, Chief Executive Officer, Baker & O'Brien, Houston, USA.
- Silvia Marchili, Partner, White and Case, Miami, USA.
- Erica Franzetti, Partner, King & Spalding, Miami, USA.

15:30 – 16:00 Break**16:00 – 17:30 Fourth Session: Energy Transition: Challenges to Latin America**

Latin America has some unique challenges in meeting the energy transition. A number of governments have established various incentives to make the energy transition and then retracted them, resulting in disputes. There have also been disputes between multinational energy companies and local partners, and between owners/operators and suppliers. This panel will discuss the disputes that have arisen in Central and South America that are arising from the energy transition.

Chair: Flavio Spaccaquerche, Partner, Mattos Filho, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

- Marcela Veríssimo, Legal Manager, Total Energies EP, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Gustavo Fernandes, Partner, Tauil & Chequer, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Marie Hubbard Amande, Senior Legal Counsel, Shell, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

17:30 – 17:45 Closing Remarks

- Mike Josephson, Independent Arbitration Counsel and Co-Chair, Victoria, Canada.
- Patricia de Figueiredo Ferraz, Director, Arbitration and ADR, Latin America, ICC Dispute Resolution Services, São Paulo, Brazil.

◆ VENUE & LOGISTICS

Fairmont Hotel Rio de Janeiro

- Address: Av. Atlântica, 4240 – Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro.
- Accommodation: Special rates for delegates (code: EVESPE).
- Website: <https://fairmontrio.com/>



◆ REGISTRATION

Early Bird (by 30 June 2025)

- **Member: \$300 | BRL 1,785.00**
- **Non-member: \$400 | BRL 2,380.00**

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