

The Arc of International Investment Law: Evolution or Regression?

12 October 2026 Cairo, Egypt

10:00-10:10 Welcome Address

10:10-10:25 Opening Remarks

Judge Moustafa Elbahabety – Deputy Minister of Justice for Arbitration and International Disputes

10:25-11:00 Keynote Speech

Prof. Jan Paulsson – Professor of Law; President of the Bahrain International Commercial Court

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:15 Panel 1

New Trends in the Latest Generation of IIAs and Investment Contracts

Moderated by **Chaymaa Shady** – Senior associate, Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes

With

... **Counselor Mahmoud Elkhharashy** – Former Vice President of the Foreign Disputes and International Arbitration Department at the Egyptian State Lawsuits Authority; Former Legal Advisor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bahrain

... **Prof. Diego P. Fernández Arroyo** – Professor of Law at Sciences Po Law School

... **Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abd El Wahab** – Founding Partner and Head of International Arbitration, Construction and Energy Disputes at Zulficar & Partners; Professor of International Arbitration, Private International Law and English Contract Law at Cairo University

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12:15-13:00 Lunch Break

13:00-14:00 **Panel 2**
Interaction Between Investment Arbitration and Contracts
Governing Mega-Projects – Coordination or Confusion?

Moderated by **Rana Hatata** – Senior associate at Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes

With

- **Christina Hioureas** – Partner and Chair of the United Nations Practice Group at Foley Hoag LLP
- **Girgis Abd El-Shahid** – Managing Partner at Shahid Law Firm
- **Youssef Daoud** – Partner at Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes

14:00-14:30 **Closing Remarks**
Mohamed Shelbaya – Founding Partner at Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes

Venue

Nile Ballroom, Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza
1089 Corniche El-Nil, Garden City
Cairo, Egypt

Registration

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