

# 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL UPDATE *ON* WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

A presentation and debate on cases and developments in WTO Dispute Settlement during 2017

*Thursday, 3rd May 2017, 18:00 to 20:00*

Auditorium A1A, Maison de la Paix, Geneva

## Programme

18:00 to 18:30

### **OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN 2017**

#### **WTO Dispute Settlement Body Developments in 2017**

H.E. Ambassador **Junichi IHARA** (Japan), 2017 Chairperson of the DSB

#### **Appellate Body Developments in 2017**

H.E. Ambassador **Ujal Singh BHATIA**, 2017 Chairperson of the Appellate Body

18:30 to 20:00

### **PANEL DISCUSSION ON WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IN 2017 with**

**Maria ALCOVER**, Counsel, Advisory Centre on WTO Law

**Rambood BEHBOODI**, Partner, King & Spalding

**Nadiya NYCHAY**, Partner, Dentons Europe LLP

**Colette van der VEN**, Director, Trade and Development, Emerging Enterprises Pro Bono Program, Sidley Austin LLP

Moderator: **Robert MCDUGALL**, Visiting Fellow, Centre for Trade and Economic Integration, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Senior Fellow, CIGI and ICTSD

## About the panelists

### H.E. Ambassador Junichi IHARA



Ambassador Junichi IHARA has been serving as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva since November 2015. He was the Chair of the Dispute Settlement Body from March 2017 until March 2018, and he is currently Chair of the WTO General Council. Ambassador Ihara joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 1979 and his past positions include: Director of WTO Division (Economic Affairs Bureau), Director-General of North American Affairs Bureau and Director-General of Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau.

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### H.E. Ambassador Ujal Singh BHATIA, Chairman of the Appellate Body



Ujal Singh Bhatia was appointed to the Appellate Body in December 2011, and he was reappointed to a second four-year term in December 2015. He is currently an independent consultant and academic engaged in developing a policy framework for Indian agricultural investments overseas, while at the same time working with the Commonwealth Secretariat on multilateral trade issues. From 2004 to 2010, Mr. Bhatia was India's Permanent Representative to the WTO and he was an active participant in the dispute settlement process, representing India in a number of dispute settlement cases both as a complainant and respondent in disputes relating to anti-dumping, as well as taxation and import duty issues. Mr. Bhatia previously served as Joint Secretary in the Indian Ministry of Commerce, and he was also a Member of the Appellate Committee under the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act. Mr. Bhatia was also Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and held various positions in the public and private sectors of the Indian state of Orissa. Mr. Bhatia holds an M.A. in Economics from the University of Manchester and from Delhi University, as well as a B.A. (Hons.) in Economics, also from Delhi University.

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### Maria Alcover, Counsel ACWL



Ms Maria Alcover joined the ACWL as Counsel in June 2013. Previously, she served as a legal officer at the Appellate Body Secretariat of the WTO from 2011 to 2013. In that capacity, she provided legal and administrative support to Appellate Body Members in appeals of WTO panel reports, as well as in arbitration proceedings to determine the reasonable period of time for compliance with adverse WTO rulings. She also participated in the WTO's technical cooperation and training programs in Geneva. Prior to joining the WTO, Ms Alcover served as an intern at the Directorate-General for Trade of the European Commission in Brussels. She worked for the Legal Aspects of Trade Policy Unit, where she was involved in the litigation of WTO disputes and the negotiation of FTAs on behalf of the European Union. Ms Alcover is a Spanish national. She holds a Law Degree and a Master of Laws degree (LL.M.) in International Economic Law and Policy from the Universitat de Barcelona, as well as a Translation and Interpretation Degree from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

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**Colette van der VEN, Director, Trade and Development, Emerging Enterprises Pro Bono Program, Sidley Austin**

Colette is responsible for establishing, managing and directing the Trade for Development initiative under Sidley's Emerging Enterprises pro bono program. Under this initiative, Sidley lawyers provide free legal advice to developing countries on how to better leverage the available policy space under the WTO and other international economic frameworks. Colette also advises SMEs on issues related to digital trade. Previously, Colette worked as an associate in Sidley's international dispute settlement practice. Colette holds a joint J.D./MPP from Harvard Law School and the Kennedy School of Government, respectively, and an undergraduate degree from Middlebury College. Colette also consults on issues related to trade and development, has published in various outlets, and regularly speaks at international conferences.

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**Nadiya Nychay, Partner Denton Europe**

Nadiya Nychay is a Partner in Denton Europe LLP (Brussels office) and an expert on international trade law, dispute resolution, including in the WTO, and regulatory matters. In her practice, Nadiya draws on more than 15 years of experience in leading international law firms and as a legal officer at the WTO secretariat. She has been advising private clients, sovereign governments and international organizations on trade matters out of Brussels, Washington D.C. and Geneva. Due to her diverse background and experience, Nadiya has established herself as a leading authority on the WTO, EU regulatory and trade matters. Prior to joining Dentons, Nadiya served for five years at the WTO. Nadiya holds an LL.M. from Georgetown University.

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**Rambod BEHBOODI, Partner, King & Spalding**

Rambod Behboodi has extensive experience as a trade litigator advising on and arguing NAFTA and WTO cases. He served on diplomatic postings to the WTO and the European Commission in Geneva and Brussels. As General Counsel, General Legal Services, Finance Canada, he advised on regulatory responses to the 2008 financial crisis, financial services trade negotiations, money laundering, and trade issues. He was Counsellor at the Rules Division of the WTO before joining K&S.

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**Robert MCDUGALL, Visiting Fellow, CTEI The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Senior Fellow, CIGI and ICTSD**

Robert McDougall is a Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre for Trade and Economic Integration (CTEI). He spent 15 years as an international trade lawyer and diplomat at Global Affairs Canada. As permanent delegate to the WTO for five years, he was Canada's representative to the Dispute Settlement Body, in negotiations to improve the dispute settlement system, and in many disputes involving Canada. Prior to that, he was a permanent delegate to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), in Paris. He is a Senior Fellow at both the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) and the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD).

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## CTEI Forthcoming Events

### CTEI in Washington alongside the SIEL 2018 Global Conference

*The CTEI announces the following events just before the Society for International Economic Law (SIEL) 2018 Global Conference of 12-14 July 2018*

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#### **G2 Conference on Resolving Disputes in International Economic Law\***

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 | 9:00 – 17:45**

**Georgetown University Law Center**

A one-day conference, the day before SIEL – registration required

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#### **TradeLab General Assembly**

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 | 17:45 – 19:45**

**Georgetown University Law Center**

General Assembly meeting of TradeLab, the NGO, for its Members and the Advisory Board

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#### **TradeLab Showcase**

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 | 12:00 – 13:00**

**American University Washington College of Law**

A presentation of recent TradeLab projects – open to the public – registration requested

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### CTEI in Geneva alongside the WTO Public Forum

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#### **Trade impacts of fossil fuel subsidies**

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 | 9:00 – 17:00**

**Graduate Institute, Geneva**

A one-day conference – the call for papers is open, abstracts due by 25 May 2018

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