

# FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION MOOT (FDI Moot)

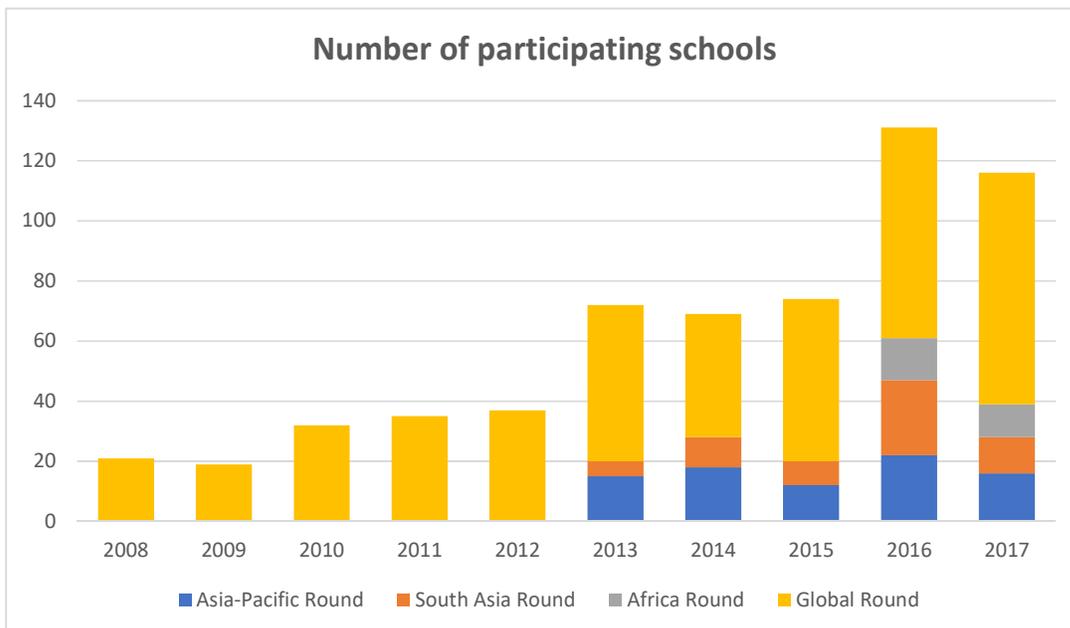
## Overview

Increasing international investment, the proliferation of international investment treaties, domestic legislation, and international investment contracts have contributed to the development of a new field of international law that defines obligations between host States and foreign investors and refers to internationalised procedures (e.g. ICSID) for resolving related disputes. These disputes involve not only vast sums, but also a panoply of rights, duties, and shifting objectives at the juncture of national and international law and policy.

The FDI Moot helps future lawyers attain a practical understanding of these issues. The case and hearings offer a unique forum for academics and practitioners from around the world to discuss developments - and assess emerging talents. The FDI Moot spans approximately six months each year in two phases, written memorials for claimant and respondent and the hearing of oral argument with regional rounds for Asia Pacific (Seoul), South Asia (New Delhi), and Africa (Nairobi), and pre moots in Budapest, St Petersburg, Sao Paulo and Warsaw.

## History

The FDI Moot was firstly held in 2008, with only one global round. Since 2013 the competition has two regional rounds in Asia-Pacific and South Asia. In 2016, the Africa regional round has been added. The number of participating schools varied over the years,



although overall it is still in upward trend.

## Founders

1. Center for International Legal Studies

2. Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit
3. King's College London
4. Pepperdine University School of Law
5. Suffolk University Law School

### **Sponsors**

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

## **FDI Moot 2018**

### **Global Orals**

Time: 8-11 November 2018

Venue: Stockholm University, Sweden

Organizer: Center for International Legal Studies

### **Asia-Pacific Regional Round**

Time: 21-24 August 2018

Venue: Seoul National University

Organizer: Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB)

Teams from the Asia Pacific Round may participate in the Global competition either:

*i.* via the Seoul Regional, with the top six Regional Orals teams advancing to the Globals, and the top three oral teams receiving cash prizes to support this, or

*ii.* directly: Teams not among the top six oral performers in Seoul may also re-register for the Globals within 10 days of the Asia Pacific Regional Orals, if any of the four slots remain available.

### **FDI Moot 2018 Calendar**

1 June 2018 (0:00 UTC)	Registration Deadline
30 July 2018 (8:00 UTC)	Skeleton Brief Due
17 August 2018 (11:30 Asia/Kolkata)	South Asia Regional
21 August 2018 (8:00 Asia/Seoul)	Asia-Pacific Regional (Seoul, Korea)
6 September 2018 (8:00 EAT)	Africa Regional
17 September 2018 (8:00 UTC)	Claimant Memorials Due
24 September 2018 (8:00 UTC)	Respondent Memorials Due
Ngày 8/11/2018	Vòng quốc tế

### **Registration fee**

An official fee transferred by each Team to cover the administrative expenses for the Moot. The fee is currently EUR600; teams from institutions in countries with a "Medium" HDI

(including Vietnam) pay EUR400; teams from institutions in countries with "Low" HDI pay EUR200.

## **Participation and Eligibility**

### ***Team Composition***

Any university level institution that has a law-related program of study ("the School") may participate in the Moot. The number of the Teams originating from the same country is not restricted.

### ***Team Members ' Eligibility***

1. Persons shall be eligible to become members of a Team irrespective of previous participation in the Moot.
2. A student member shall be enrolled in a program of undergraduate or advanced legal studies when he or she becomes a Team member or will have completed such program of legal studies within six months prior to the deadline to submit memorials. A visiting student, a student enrolled as an extern or apprentice may also become a team member. Participation of students enrolled in programs other than law may be allowed upon prior written consent of the Organizer.
3. A student who has or will have been admitted to the bar or legal practice in any jurisdiction more than six months prior to the deadline for submitting memorials may only become a Team member with the prior written consent of the Organizer.

### ***Participation***

1. In each match of the Oral Rounds, each Team shall be represented by exactly two student members. The same or different student members may participate in different matches.

Where, for extraordinary reasons such as sudden serious illness or denial of visa, a Team becomes unable to field two advocates for the oral hearings, the Organizer may in its discretion permit the Team to participate with its sole remaining student member pleading (i) only half the issues/allotted time or (ii) all the issues/allotted time.

2. Team members are responsible for their own travel to, visas for, and accommodations at the venue of the Oral Hearings.