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*Activating arbitration: Delos launches global study
to develop a practitioner's Guide to Arbitration Places*

Delos launches today an international study to develop a Guide for in-house counsel, corporate lawyers and arbitration practitioners to arbitral seats around the world.

As arbitration becomes more widespread, including in smaller contracts and among SMEs and start-ups, users without routine access to arbitration expertise need clear and reliable tools to select safe places of arbitration in an informed manner.

The Guide will review the legal infrastructure and track record of a large number of potential places of arbitration. The aim is to assess to what extent these seats support recourse to arbitration as a cost-effective, reliable and binding dispute resolution mechanism.

Delos is honoured to have [Professor David D Caron](#) and [Professor Maxi Scherer](#) as Co-Chairs for this study. Their short bios are provided overleaf.

The Guide will include contributions from reputed, leading law firms for each of the jurisdictions under study. Delos is proud to announce that over 20 such law firms are already actively involved with this initiative and will be featured in September 2017.

The study will also involve experienced young international arbitration practitioners from around the world, who will be introduced in September 2017 as well.

Lastly, the General Editors of the Guide are [Thomas Granier](#) and [Hafez R. Virjee](#). They can be reached at safeseats@delosdr.org for further information on this initiative.

About the Co-Chairs

Professor David D Caron serves as a Member of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal. He was previously the Dean of the Dickson Poon School of Law of King's College London and is presently a member of the faculty. Professor Caron is also a member of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Institut de Droit International and the Board of Editors of the American Journal of International Law. He is further a member of Chambers at 20 Essex Street and a Bencher of Inner Temple. He was formerly the C. William Maxeiner Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of California, at Berkeley, and served as the President of the American Society of International Law from 2010 to 2012. Professor Caron received his Doctorate in Law from the University of Leiden.

Professor Maxi Scherer is Special Counsel at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, holds the Chair for International Arbitration, Dispute Resolution and Energy Law at Queen Mary, University of London, and is the General Editor of the Kluwer Journal of International Arbitration. She is also Queen Mary's Director of the Centre for Commercial Law Studies in Paris and of the LLM in Paris programme. Professor Scherer was previously Global Professor of Law at NYU Law School, Visiting Professor at SciencesPo Law School Paris and Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown Centre of Transnational Legal Studies. Professor Scherer received her Doctorate in Law from University Paris 1 – Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Professors Caron and Scherer are the authors of numerous articles and books in the field of international arbitration and dispute resolution, including for Professor Caron: Practising Virtue: Inside International Arbitration (co-editor), OUP 2015, The UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules: A Commentary (co-author), OUP 2nd ed., 2013, and The Iran-United States Claims Tribunal: Its Contribution to the Process of International Claims Resolution (co-editor), Transnational Publishers, 2000; and, for Professor Scherer: Transparency in International Investment Arbitration, A Guide to the UNCITRAL Standard on Transparency in Treaty-Based Investor-State Arbitration (co-editor), Cambridge University Press, 2015; Arbitrating under the 2014 LCIA Rules (co-author), Wolters Kluwer, 2015, and The New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (co-author), C. H. Beck München & Hart Publishing Oxford, 2012.

About Delos Dispute Resolution

Delos is an independent institution that helps to reduce risk for businesses globally, by promoting time and cost efficiency in the resolution of disputes through arbitration. Delos provides an innovative approach to commercial dispute resolution, which combines quality with flexibility. Delos is advised by Professors Pierre Mayer and David D Caron.