



PRIME FINANCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE: 3 TO 4 FEBRUARY 2020,

PEACE PALACE

Day 1 – February 3, 2020

08:00 – 09:00	Registration
	Opening proceedings
	<p>Welcome and opening remarks by H.E. Hon. Sir David Baragwanath KNZM, Chairman, P.R.I.M.E. Finance Advisory Board; Appellate Judge, former President and Presiding Judge, Special Tribunal for Lebanon; former Judge, Court of Appeal of New Zealand; President, New Zealand Law Commission; Member for New Zealand, the Permanent Court of Arbitration The Hague; Honorary Professor, University of Waikato (New Zealand); Visiting Professor, University of Northumbria (UK); Overseas Bencher, Inner Temple; Door Tenant, 3 Hare Court Chambers</p> <p>Opening remarks from Saskia Bruines, Deputy Mayor of The Hague</p>
09:45 – 10:15	P.R.I.M.E. Finance and the Permanent Court of Arbitration
	<p>Hugo Hans Siblesz, P.R.I.M.E. Finance Advisory Board; Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration; former Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to France, Monaco and Andorra; former Director-General for Political Affairs and former Finance Management Director of the Consular Department of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the Netherlands)</p> <p>Robert G. Pickel, Chair, P.R.I.M.E. Finance Management Board; Affiliate, Rutter Associates LLC (New York); former Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice Chairman and General Counsel, International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA); P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert</p>
10:15-10:30	Group picture
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 11:45	Benchmarks Update
	The transition from LIBOR and other IBORs to alternative rates represents a monumental shift across financial markets worldwide. What are some of the ramifications that benchmark transition poses? What alternatives are being developed? What are the challenges - and the solutions? This panel will focus on the effects of benchmark transition and some of the implications.
11:45 to 12:30	Brexit and Its Impact on Financial Services
	More than three years after the UK's Brexit referendum, it is looking increasingly likely that the UK will leave the European Union on 31 January 2020. This very timely update will look at the implications for financial markets.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 16:30	Climate Change and Sustainable Finance
	What is the impact on the financial sector of climate change and sustainable finance? What are the risks and opportunities? Amongst other things, this panel will explore: the UN sustainable development goals; recent regulatory developments; the development and functioning of green bonds and loans; the asset management and investor perspective; the impact of bringing Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into business and public policies; and possibilities for climate change disputes.



Day 2 – February 4, 2020

09:00 – 09:30	P.R.I.M.E. Update
	Robert Pickel (Chair) , P.R.I.M.E. Finance Management Board; Affiliate, Rutter Associates LLC (New York); former Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice Chairman and General Counsel, ISDA; P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert Kasper Krzemiński , Secretary-General of P.R.I.M.E. Finance, Partner at NautaDutilh
09:30 – 10:30	Arbitration in the Financial Services Sector: An Update
	Historically, financial institutions tend to prefer litigation in the courts to arbitration. But times are changing, and financial institutions are increasingly making use of arbitration. This panel will consider when financial institutions are most likely to choose arbitration, what more could be done to encourage them and whether Brexit may have an impact.
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	New Challenges in Dispute Resolution: A View from the Bench and from Arbitrators
	This panel will discuss new challenges in dispute resolution, and how decision-makers are dealing with them. Examples include: conflicts; dealing with sanctions, money laundering and corruption; striking a balance between a fair hearing and efficiency; and the interplay between the courts and arbitration.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 14:30	Emerging Themes in Financial Law
	This panel will cover a range of topics including: sovereign immunity in financial law; liability issues under the EU Payments Services Directive (PSD2); and EU proposals for a regulation on the law applicable to the assignment of claims.
14:30 -15:30	New Trends in Financial Disputes
	This panel will discuss a range of themes including: EU proposals for collective redress in mass claim actions and the impact on financial institutions; and the ramifications of recent derivatives cases.
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 16:45	Third Party Funding
	Third party funding is becoming more prevalent and more creative. This panel will consider the latest trends, the process and some of the issues that arise, such as: what it is like to work as counsel on a case that is funded by third parties; what cases are best suited to third party funding; and what view judges and arbitrators take of funding arrangements.
16:45 – 17:00	Closing Remarks

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