

# Global and African perspectives on investment law and policy

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NCCR Trade Regulation Seminar

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Silva Casa Auditorium, World Trade Institute, University of Bern  
Hallerstrasse 6, 3012 Bern, Switzerland

## Invitation

Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

It is a pleasure to invite you to the NCCR Trade Regulation Seminar on “**Global and African perspectives on investment law and policy**” by **Prof. Laurence Boule**, Director of the Mandela Institute for Global Economic Law at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

### Abstract

The seminar will present a global picture of trends in cross-border foreign direct investment before examining some of the issues currently being raised by emerging economies, including the retention of local policy space, concerns over interpretations of expropriation and approaches to resolving host-investor disputes through private arbitration. It will end with a short case study on a current investment disputes between South Africa and Zimbabwe.

### Biography of the speaker

Laurence Boule is currently Director of the Mandela Institute for Global Economic Law at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. He is also Professor of Law in Bond University,

Queensland. He has practiced and published in mediation and ADR for 20 years, his most recent publication being *Mediator Skills and Techniques: Triangle of Influence* (with M Nestic, Bloomsbury Professional, London, 2010). In recent years he has taught and published in international trade and investment law, including *The Law of Globalisation* (Kluwer Law International, The Netherlands, 2009.) He is currently focusing on dispute resolution in the World Trade Organisation and in cross-border investment disputes.

Please feel free to forward this invitation. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. Participation is free of charge, no registration is needed.

We warmly welcome you to join our seminar at the World Trade Institute!

Yours sincerely,

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