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New Challenges in Foreign Direct Investments in India and the Role of Lawyers

Seminar presented by the UIA & the UIA India Chapter in collaboration with Bar Association of India (BAI) & Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA)

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 24
& SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 25, 2024**



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Introduction

India Ahead: Exploring legal, regulatory and geopolitical updates impacting FDI in the world's fastest growing economy

While the world is going through a slow-down, India continues to remain a beacon of hope. Foreign investment into India continues to remain on the rise, with e-commerce, manufacturing, fintech having a more prominent focus. After redefining the "Global South" with a successful G20 Conference, the nation continues to stay ahead of the curve with landmark developments in data, climate action, ADR mechanisms and numerous regulatory reforms.

On the geopolitical front, India has solidified its position as a stable alternative to many jurisdictions in South-East Asia, making it, as The Economist put it, "America's (and the West's) New Best Friend".

The Seminar promises the best of the nation's financial capital, with the best in the nation and the world, underscoring the new era of *Doing Business in India*.

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Saturday, February 24

08:30 – 09:30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

09:30 – 10:15 WELCOME & INAUGURATION

Mr. A K GANGULI, *Senior Advocate and President, UIA India Chapter, New Delhi, India*

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Inauguration

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, *Judge, Supreme Court of India*

10:15 – 10:45 PLENARY SESSION

Chair: Cyril SHROFF, *Conference Chairperson, UIA Mumbai and Managing Partner – Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas*

Keynote Speakers:

Nitin Thakker, *President – Bombay Bar Association*

Pramod RAO, *Executive Director – Securities Exchange Board of India*

10:45 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 FDI IN INDIA: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS

An overview of India's FDI policy and policy development within G20.

Chair: Matthieu POUCHPADASS, *Bredin Prat, Paris, France*

Speakers:

Avimukt DAR, *IndusLaw, New Delhi, India*

Nivedita RAO, *Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Bengaluru, India*

Geetu SINGH, *KPMG, New Delhi, India*

Neeti SACHDEVA, *MCIA, Mumbai, India*

12:00 – 13:00 INVESTING IN INDIA: A PERSPECTIVE FROM ASIA AND EUROPE

Discussion on key investor considerations and global perception of 'Ease of Doing Business' in India; Impact of global slowdown and financial institution failures on market outlook.

Chair: Mr. Brajesh SINGH, *Arthur Little, New Delhi, India*

Speakers:

Dev BAJPAI, *GC, HUL, Mumbai, India*

Christopher ECK, *Gide Loyrette Nouel, Paris, France*

Imran KHAN, *Uryu & Itoga Law Office, Tokyo, Japan*

Ashu THAKUR, *Ashu Thakur & Associates, Mumbai, India*

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 15:00 M&A, PRIVATE EQUITY AND VENTURE CAPITAL UPDATES

Overview of regulatory updates focussing on emerging sectors and recent market trends; Discussion on management of regulatory, merger control, and money laundering risks in FDI.

Chair: Aarthi SIVANANDH, *AZB& Partners, Chennai, India*

Speakers:

Raj BALAKRISHNAN, *Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Mumbai, India*

Himanshu DODEJA, *Blackstone Inc., Mumbai, India*

Alice GEORGE, *Reliance Industries, Mumbai, India*

Harman WALIA, *Induslaw, New Delhi, India*

15:00 – 16:00 FROM 'OFFSHORING' TO 'FRIEND-SHORING': POLICY INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS

Discussion on geopolitical implications, macro-economic advantages offered by India, and government initiatives promoting 'Ease of Doing Business'; Tax structuring and incentives for 'Friend-Shoring' in India.

Chair: Dinesh KANABAR, *Dhruva Advisors, India*

Speakers:

Hiten KOTAK, *Khaitan & Co, Mumbai, India*

Clayton CARTWRIGHT, *Vice President of the UIA Immigration and Nationality Law Commission, The Cartwright Law Firm LLC, Columbus, GA, USA*

Amit SINGHANIA, *Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., New Delhi, India*

16:00 – 16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:15 – 17:15 BIG-TECH: ANTI-TRUST, DATA PROTECTION AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT

India's growth as the favoured Big-Tech 'back office' and rise of domestic tech and 'super apps'; Impact of the global anti-trust crackdowns, proposals for a domestic digital competition act, and implications of the new Indian data privacy laws on business.

Chair: Arun PRABHU, *Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Bengaluru, India*

Speakers:

Nikhil NARENDRAN, *Trilegal, Bengaluru, India*

Shreya SURI, *Partner, IndusLaw, India*

Avantika BAJAJ, *GC, Swiggy, India*

Shalini SAXENA, *GC, CoinDCX, India*

20:00 DINNER

Venue to be confirmed

Sunday, February 25

09:15 – 09:30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

09:30 – 10:30 SMOOTHER DISPUTE RESOLUTION: MECHANISMS AND STRATEGIES (I)

ADR Innovation in resolution of Foreign Investment Disputes – use of experts, funding strategies and digitalisation tools and evolving dispute resolution landscape in India with a focus on speedier litigation mechanism.

Chair: Mr. A K GANGULI, *Senior Advocate and President, UIA India Chapter, New Delhi, India*

Speakers:

Steven FINIZIO, *Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP London, United Kingdom*

Shreyas JAYASIMHA, *Aarna Law, Bengaluru, India*

Pavan DUGGAL, *Pavan Duggal Associates, New Delhi, India*

Rebecca JAMES, *Linklaters, Singapore*

10:30 – 11:30 SMOOTHER DISPUTE RESOLUTION: MECHANISMS AND STRATEGIES (II)

Global consensus on the rise and rise of ADR – with Arbitration and Mediation as a focus.

Chair: Avinash PRADHAN, *Rajah & Tann, Singapore City, Singapore*

Speakers:

Rosario ZACCA, *Gianni & Origoni, Milan, Italy*

Shweta BIDURI, *Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Mumbai, India*

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11:30 – 11:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:45 – 12:45 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND ESG INDICES: FACILITATING RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

Overview of mandatory BRSR / ESG standards and recent regulatory initiatives and proactiveness; Investor perception of compliance and its impact on FDI in India.

Chair: Bose VARGHESE, *Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Mumbai, India*

Speakers:

Aditi MATHUR, *Shook Lin & Bok, Singapore City, Singapore*

Purti MINAWALA, *Khaitan & Co, Mumbai India*

JN GUPTA, *Stakeholders Empowerment Services (SES), Mumbai, India*

12:45 – 13:15 VALEDICTORY SESSION

CLOSING REMARKS

Krishnan VENUGOPAL, *Vice President, UIA India Chapter and National Representative of India*

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.R. Shriram, *Judge, Bombay High Court.*

VOTE OF THANKS

Mamta TIWARI, *Secretary General UIA India Chapter*

13:15 – 15:00 LUNCH

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The working language will be **English**.

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Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Seminar documentation on the UIA Website www.uianet.org
- Coffee breaks on February 24 & 25
- Lunches on February 24 & 25
- Dinner on February 24

Please note that the number of places at the seminar is limited. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registrations in the event of excess applications.

In order for your name to appear in the **list of participants**, which will be distributed during the seminar, your registration form must be received by **February 16** at the latest. An updated electronic list will be sent by email to all the participants after the seminar.

HOTEL RESERVATION

A limited number of rooms have been pre-booked at a preferential rate. Reservations should be made directly through the hotel. Credit card details must be given in order to secure your reservation. Please note that the number of rooms is limited. We recommend that you proceed with your reservations as soon as possible.

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UIA CANCELLATION CONDITIONS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

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Participants who have paid the total registration fee and who are unable to attend the seminar personally may send a colleague as a substitute after informing the UIA. A €50 processing fee will be charged.

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COVID-19

For any cancellation of onsite participation after **January 24, 2024**, a credit voucher or a full refund of the registration fees* will be offered in the following cases:

- if you test positive for Covid-19 less than 14 days before the seminar (a medical certificate or a proof of positive test result will be required);
- border shutdown by Austrian government or by your country's government;
- if country where you live is under lockdown.

For any other reason, the standard cancellation policy will apply.

(*) If you wish, part of the amount paid for the seminar can be carried forward to another UIA event or refunded.

Should the onsite seminar be cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns, participants will be able to request a credit voucher or a full refund of their registration fees.

If a virtual alternative is offered, part of the amount paid for the onsite seminar can be used for the virtual seminar. The remaining amount can be carried forward to another UIA event or refunded.

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“Force majeure” means any events external to the parties, of both an unforeseeable and insurmountable nature that prevents either the client or the participants, or the agency or service providers involved in organising the seminar, from executing all or part of the obligations provided for in the present agreement. By express agreement, such will be the case in the event of a strike affecting the means of transport, hotel staff, air traffic controllers, an insurrection, a riot or any prohibition whatsoever decreed by governmental or public authorities.

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The organisers decline any responsibility in case of any health problems existing prior to the seminar that may lead to complications or be aggravated during the entire period of the stay: pregnancy, cardio-vascular problems, any allergies, special diets, any disorders under treatment and not yet consolidated on the day the seminar starts, psychic or mental or depressive illness, etc. (Non exhaustive list).

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Please indicate below whether you plan to attend the following events **included** in the cost of your registration.

- Lunch – Saturday, February 24
- Dinner – Sunday, February 24
- Lunch – Sunday, February 25

C. TOTAL

Total (A) – Registration Fees	€.....
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I, the undersigned, confirm having read and accepted the cancellation policy and the general terms and conditions given on page 6 of the registration programme. My registration will only be taken into account after receipt of my payment.

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