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Mairée Uran Bidegain is an independent arbitrator and public international law consultant with two decades of experience in international dispute resolution.

She has worked across public and private sectors, international arbitral institutions, and academia, spanning France, the United States, and Latin America. Fluent in English, Spanish, and French, she was appointed by the Republic of Colombia to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators for the 2024–2030 term, in recognition of her expertise.

A Colombian, Uruguayan and French national, throughout her career, Mairée has served in various roles in the field of dispute resolution, including as arbitrator, counsel and secretary of arbitral tribunals, annulment committees and conciliation commissions. She advises on public international law matters and is the chair of the Task Force on ISDS and Climate Change of the American Society of International Law.

From 2018 to 2023, she advised the Office of the Vice-Minister of Trade of Chile on foreign investment matters. As Head of the Program for the Defense of the State in International Investment Arbitration (2018–2022), she led Chile’s defense in investor-State disputes and represented the country in multilateral negotiations, including UNCITRAL’s Working Group III on ISDS Reform and ICSID rule amendments. She also participated in the negotiation of trade agreements and spearheaded the development of dispute prevention policies.

At ICSID (2011–2018), she oversaw the administration of more than 60 cases as Team Leader and Senior Legal Counsel, and served as secretary to tribunals, *ad hoc* committees, and conciliation commissions in dozens of proceedings. Between 2006 and 2011, Mairée was an associate at the international arbitration practice at White&Case LLP, in Washington D.C.

She has taught as an adjunct professor at American University, Washington College of Law, Georgetown University Law Center and the Heidelberg Center for Latin America. She co-edited *Building International Investment Law: The First 50 Years of ICSID* and frequently speaks at specialized conferences. She holds a law degree from Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), a master’s in International Economic Law from Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris I), and an LL.M. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She is admitted to practice in New York.

EXPERIENCE

- Present-10/2023 **ARBITRATOR AND INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT** **Santiago, Chile**
- Consultant on public international law, state responsibility, investment arbitration and prevention of international disputes;
 - Designated by Colombia to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators (2024-2030).
- 09/2023 -10/2018 **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REPUBLIC OF CHILE** **Santiago, Chile**
Vice Ministry of Trade – Office of the Vice Minister
Head of State Defense Program in International Investment Arbitration (2018-2022) and Advisor to the Vice Minister of Trade (2018-2023)
- Led the defense and representation of the Republic of Chile in investment arbitrations related to various sectors, including Santiago’s public bus transportation system, the development of Chile’s largest energy transmission line, the concession of Santiago’s International Airport, and the closure of a publishing enterprise;
 - Represented the State in consultations and complex negotiations initiated by foreign investors under international treaties in connection with the pension sector and the construction of a hydroelectric plant;
 - Advised the Vice Minister of Trade and the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs on the implementation of international treaties on foreign investment matters;
 - Participated in the negotiation of trade agreements and led the Chilean delegation in multilateral negotiations before the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group III and the amendments of the ICSID Rules and Regulations.
- 08/2018 -07/2011 **WORLD BANK GROUP** **Washington, D.C.**
Int’l Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
Team Leader/Senior Counsel (08/2018 - 08/2016); Legal Counsel (08/2016-07/2011)
- Supervised an 11-member team handling the administration and resolution of over 60 disputes brought before ICSID involving a variety of sectors, including transportation, infrastructure and construction, renewable energy, oil, gas and mining, telecommunications, and the health and financial sector;
 - Acted as secretary of international tribunals, commissions, and *ad hoc committees* in international arbitration, conciliation, and annulment proceedings in English, French, and Spanish, assisting tribunals in the preparation of procedural orders, decisions and awards;
 - Participated in the institution’s management team, including its strategic planning and objectives setting;
 - Led and participated in institutional initiatives and outreach activities.
- 06/2011 -09/2006 **WHITE & CASE LLP** **Washington, D.C.**
Associate
- Advised States and private parties on cross-border transactions, project restructurings, and resolution of international disputes relating to sectors such as energy, natural resources, infrastructure projects, and financial instruments;
 - Skills developed include drafting memorials, opinions, and reports; preparation of oral arguments and cross-examinations; participating in multilingual negotiations and hearings; reviewing contracts, memoranda of understanding, and term sheets; and identifying, gathering, and managing large volumes of evidentiary materials.

Academic Experience

- 06/2018 - **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER** **Washington, D.C.**
05/2016 *Adjunct Professor*, Spring Terms 2016 and 2018: “ICSID Arbitration: Jurisdiction and Core Procedural Aspects.” In charge of the design and implementation of the first course of its kind, taught exclusively by legal counsel at ICSID.
- 05-10/2015 **AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASH. COLLEGE OF LAW** **Washington, D.C.**
Adjunct Professor, Spring Term 2015: Investment Treaty Arbitration and lecturer in the online program of the *Center on International Commercial Arbitration*.
- 2024-2025 **HEIDELBERG CENTER LATIN AMERICA, HEIDELBERG UNIV. Santiago de Chile**
- Lecturer, Master of Laws in International Law (LL.M) (October 22-24, 2024); Substantive Standards of Protection under International Investment Law
- Thesis supervisor on “A critical approach to the role of environmental issues in ISDS”.

LANGUAGES

- Spanish (Native); English (Fluent); French (Fluent).

NATIONALITIES

- Colombia; France; Uruguay.

EDUCATION

- 2006-2005 **UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL** **Philadelphia, PA**
Master of Laws (*LL.M.*)
- 2004-2003 **UNIVERSITY OF PARIS I, PANTHÉON-SORBONNE** **Paris, France**
Diplôme d’Études Approfondies (Master’s degree) in International Economic Law
- 2003-1999 **UNIVERSITY OF PARIS II, PANTHÉON-ASSAS** **Paris, France**
Maîtrise in International Law
Licence, D.E.U.G. (Bachelor of Laws)
- Duke University School of Law** **Durham, N.C.**
Exchange program with University of Paris II (semester program 2002)

Certificates

- 05-07/2024 University of Oxford - Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment
Law and Sustainability: Tackling Global Environmental Challenges – online
- 09-11/2023 British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL)
Climate Change Litigation – online
- 08-12/2023 Mujeres Empresarias, Cambridge Business Association
Board of Women, Senior Management Program

MEMBERSHIPS/ PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Admitted to the New York State Bar (Supreme Ct, Appellate Division, 3rd Judicial Dept), 2008
- American Society of Int’l Law (Co-chair Task Force on Climate-Change and ISDS (2024-present); Annual Meeting Program Committee (2018), *ILM* Editorial Advisory Committee, *ILM* (2016-2019))
- Member of the International Bar Association, Arbitration Committee
- Member of the American Society of International Law
- Member of the Latin American Arbitration Association
- Member of WomenWay in Arbitration Latam //Member of Arbitral Women.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

EXPERIENCE AS ARBITRATOR

- ***Fengzhen Min v. Republic of Korea*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/20/26). Member of the ad-hoc Committee appointed by the Chairman of the Administrative Council of ICSID in a dispute relating to real estate activities.

EXPERIENCE AS COUNSEL

- ***ADP International S.A. and Vinci Airports S.A.S. v. Republic of Chile*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/21/40). Coordination of the defense of the Republic of Chile (“Chile”) in the initial stages of an investment arbitration initiated under the France-Chile BIT concerning the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the concession contract for the expansion and operation of Santiago’s International Airport.
- ***Interconexión Eléctrica S.A. E.S.P. v. Republic of Chile*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/21/27). Coordination of Chile’s defense in the initial stages of an investment arbitration concerning Chile’s longest power transmission line, initiated under the Colombia-Chile FTA.
- ***Carlos Rios and Francisco Javier Rios v. Republic of Chile*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/17/16). Coordination of Chile’s defense in a dispute regarding Santiago’s public transportation sector, initiated under the Colombia-Chile FTA.
- ***Víctor Pey Casado and Fundación Presidente Allende v. Republic of Chile*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/98/2) - Second Annulment Proceeding. Coordination of Chile’s defense in the second annulment proceeding and termination of the longest-running dispute in ICSID history, brought 22 years earlier under the Chile-Spain BIT, concerning a dispute in the media sector.
- ***Fundación Pres. Allende et al. v. Republic of Chile*** (PCA Case No. 2017-30). Coordination of Chile’s defense in a parallel investment arbitration initiated under UNCITRAL rules brought under the Chile-Spain BIT, concerning a dispute in the media sector.
- ***Aguaytia Energy, LLC v. Republic of Peru*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/06/13). Representation of the Republic of Peru in an arbitration relating to the Peruvian energy sector, arising under a legal stability agreement.
- ***Abaclat et al. v. Argentine Republic*** (formerly *Giovanna a Beccara et al.*) (ICSID Case No. ARB/07/05). Representation of the claimants in a sovereign bond dispute arising under the Italy-Argentina BIT.
- ***Corporación Quiport S.A. v. Republic of Ecuador*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/09/23). Representation of an investor and concessionaire consortium in the successful restructuring and renegotiation of the Quito International Airport project.
- ***TECO Guatemala Holdings, LLC v. Republic of Guatemala*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/10/23). Representation of investors in the initial stages of a dispute concerning Guatemala’s electricity tariff regime.

EXPERIENCE AS SECRETARY OF ARBITRAL TRIBUNALS AND ANNULMENT COMMITTEES

- ***Lidercón, S.L. v. Republic of Peru*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/17/9). Arbitration related to the transportation and storage sectors initiated under the Peru-Spain BIT.
- ***ESPF Beteiligungs GmbH, ESPF Nr. 2 Austria Beteiligungs GmbH, and InfraClass Energie 5 GmbH & Co. KG v. Italian Republic*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/16/5). Arbitration related to the renewable energy sector initiated under the Energy Charter Treaty.
- ***Mathias Kruck and others v. Kingdom of Spain*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/15/23). Arbitration related to the renewable energy sector initiated under the Energy Charter Treaty.
- ***Eiser Infrastructure Limited and Energía Solar Luxembourg S.à r.l. v. Kingdom of Spain*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/13/36). Annulment Proceedings of the first ICSID award rendered in the cases against the Kingdom of Spain relating to the renewable energy sector under the Energy Charter Treaty.
- ***RREEF Infrastructure (G.P.) Limited and RREEF Pan-European Infrastructure Two Lux S.à r.l. v. Kingdom of Spain*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/13/30). Arbitration related to the renewable energy sector initiated under the Energy Charter Treaty.
- ***Joseph Houben v. Republic of Burundi*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/13/7). Arbitration initiated under the Belgium/Luxembourg-Burundi BIT, concerning a real estate construction project.
- ***Accession Mezzanine Capital L.P. and Danubius Kereskedőház Vagyonkezelő Zrt. v. The Republic of Hungary*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/12/3). Arbitration relating to the telecommunications and broadcasting sector under the Hungary-U.K. BIT.
- ***Emmis International Holding, B.V., Emmis Radio Operating, B.V., MEM Magyar Electronic Media Kereskedelmi és Szolgáltató Kft. v. Republic of Hungary*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/12/2). Arbitration relating to the telecommunications and broadcasting sector under the Hungary-Netherlands BIT and the Hungary-Switzerland BIT.
- ***Venoklim Holding B.V. v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/12/22) - Arbitration and Annulment Proceedings. Dispute relating to the Venezuelan motor lubricants industry, initiated under the Netherlands-Venezuela BIT, and annulment proceedings of the related award.
- ***Gambrinus, Corp. v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/11/31). Arbitration relating to the nationalization of a fertilizer company, initiated under the Barbados-Venezuela BIT.
- ***Getma International et al. v. Republic of Guinea*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/11/29). Arbitration relating to a container port terminal, initiated under Guinea's investment law.
- ***Mamidoil Jetoil Greek Petroleum Products Societe S.A. v. Republic of Albania*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/11/24). Arbitration related to the hydrocarbons sector initiated under the Greece-Albania BIT.

- ***Koch Minerals Sàrl and Koch Nitrogen International Sàrl v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/11/19). Arbitration relating to the nationalization of a fertilizer company, initiated under the Switzerland-Venezuela BIT.
- ***RSM Production Corporation v. Republic of Cameroon*** (ICSID Case No. CONC/11/1) - Conciliation proceedings related to the hydrocarbons sector, initiated under a contract.
- ***Philip Morris Brands Sàrl, Philip Morris Products S.A. and Abal Hermanos S.A. v. Oriental Republic of Uruguay*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/10/7). Arbitration related to the public health sector, filed under the Switzerland-Uruguay BIT.
- ***Kılıç İnşaat İthalat İhracat Sanayi ve Ticaret Anonim Şirketi v. Turkmenistan*** (ICSID Case No. ARB/10/1) - Arbitration and Annulment. Dispute concerning a real estate construction project, initiated under the Turkey - Turkmenistan BIT.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS and LECTURES

2025

- *Arbitration and State Sovereignty: What are its limits?*, International Arbitration Congress of Honduras, Tegucigalpa (March 2025)

2024

- *Transparency in International Investment Agreements*, UNCITRAL LAC Days, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas (Webinar, November 20, 2024)
- *Diverging approaches to disclosures and conflict of interest*, GAR Live: Civil Law Summit, Madrid, Spain (October 9, 2024)
- *Los desafíos económicos y políticos del arbitraje: ¿los contratos de inversión remplazarán a los tratados?* Conf. Latinoamericana de Arbitraje 2024, CEDEP, Río de Janeiro, Brasil (June 20-21, 2024)
- *O depoimento escrito da testemunha de fatos: a perspectiva da América Latina*, CIArb Brazil Branch (Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, June 18, 2024)
- *The year ahead in ISDS*, GAR Live: ISDS 2024 (June 5, 2024)
- *Ensuring the Effective Constitution of the Arbitral Tribunal*, ICC, International Arbitration Congress, XV Edition, San José de Costa Rica (February 7-9 2024)

2023

- *Expert Consultation – Perspectives on CEDAW’s future GR No. 40 on Women’s Equal and Meaningful Participation in Int’l Decision-Making Systems*, GQUAL Campaign (Wash. D.C., Sept. 25-26, 2023)
- *Procedimientos Paralelos: tribunales internacionales, jueces y organismos de control*, Colombia Arbitration Week (Webinar, 18 de septiembre 2023)
- *ESG and Investment Arbitration*, Arbitration Center of the Lima Chamber of Commerce (Lima, June 6, 2023)
- *The role of NGOs, local communities, and indigenous groups in the global investment governance*. International Law Association, Paris, 150th Anniversary (Webinar, April 3, 2023)

2022-2020

- *Environmental v. Investment Protections – Are they mutually exclusive?* ITA-ALARB Americas Workshop (Webinar, Sept. 8, 2022)
- Seminario sobre Derecho Internacional, Universidad de Chile (Webinar, June 17, 2021)
- *A Multilateral Reform Agreement to Reform ISDS*, Washington Arbitration Week (Webinar, Dec. 1, 2020)
- *Encouraging Mediation Through a Multilateral Instrument on ISDS Reform*, UNCITRAL WG III, Virtual Pre-Intersessional Meeting - The Government of Hong Kong S.A.R. (Webinar, Nov. 9, 2020)
- *The Draft Code of Conduct, Implementation and Enforcement*, ITA (Webinar, Sept. 25, 2020)
- *Challenges for investors and governments in the use of investment arbitration in times of COVID*, ICC México (Webinar, Sept. 11, 2020)
- *Draft Code of Conduct for Adjudicators in ISDS: Low-Hanging Fruit or Unreachable Goal?* Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law (Webinar, July 2, 2020)

2019-2016

- *VII Int'l Seminar on Investment Arbitration*, Cámara de Comercio de Santiago (Santiago, Sept. 24, 2019)
- *Technology and International Arbitration*, Young ICCA/ICC YAF (Santiago de Chile, Aug. 22, 2019)
- *ICSID Arbitration & Latin America: Relevant Trends*, Institute for Transnational Arbitration-ALARB, Natural Resources Arbitrations (Santiago de Chile, May 4, 2018) (Sp.)
- *Deciding Case Strategy - APEC Capacity Building Workshop* (Washington D.C., Oct. 4, 2017)
- *Who Should Regulate the Advocates and What Should be Regulated? The Future of Ethics Regulation in Int'l Arbitration*, ITA-ASIL Conference (Washington, D.C., March 30, 2016)
- *Enforcing Environmental Obligations for the Benefit of All Stakeholders: An Int'l Court for the Environment, Int'l Arbitration & other Legal Avenues*, Law Justice and Development Week, World Bank (Washington D.C., Dec. 7, 2016)

2015-2012

- *Arbitral Institutions, Making Arbitration Work for Africa*, Casablanca Arbitration Days 2015 (Casablanca, Morocco, Dec. 11-12, 2015)
- *Provisional Measures in Investment Arbitration - Investment Protection and Sovereignty*, Asociación Latinoamericana de Arbitraje (ALARB), Cámara de Comercio de Bogotá, (Colombia, June 2, 2015) (Sp.)
- *Certificate on Int'l Commercial and Investment Arbitration*, Università Roma Tre – UNIDROIT (Rome, Italy, September 2014)
- *ICSID Workshop: Consent & the Notion of Investment*, International Academy for Arbitration Law (Paris, France, July 15-16, 2014)
- *Costs in Arbitration*, 12th IFCAI Biennial International Conference (Caracas, Venezuela, March 15, 2013)
- *Arbitration in Times of Crisis*, 2012 Canadian Council on International Law, Annual Conference - SOS International Law: International Law in Times of Crisis and Emergency, (Ottawa, Canada, Nov. 2012)
- *ICSID and the Americas – Transparency and Confidentiality*, ICDR's 10th Annual Miami International Conference: The Greatest Hits (Miami, FL, Sept. 9-11, 2012)

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Book Chapters

- *Commentary to Article 10*, co-author in COMMENTARY TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ARBITRATORS AND ADJUDICATORS (forthcoming, Kluwer 2025)
- BUILDING INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW: THE FIRST 50 YEARS OF ICSID (co-editor with M. Kinnear, G. Fischer, J. Mínguez Almeida, and L. Torres (eds.)), Kluwer 2016
- “*International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes*”, co-author, in THE RULES, PRACTICE AND JURISPRUDENCE OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS (C. Giorgetti (ed.), Nijhoff, 2012) (77-110)

Articles and Blogs

- *Addressing Climate Change in ISDS: Introducing the ASIL Task Force on ISDS and Climate Change*, *Kluwer Arbitration Blog* (forthcoming, April 2025)
- *CEDAW’s General Recommendation 40: A Catalyst for Gender Equality in International Investment Arbitration*, *Opinio Juris*, Online Symposium on GR40 (January 2025)
- “Colombia: Constitutional Court Rulings on the Applicability of International Arbitration to State Contracts” *International Disputes Quarterly* (2007)
- “*Immigration, Regional Agreements and Social Change*” *Capitulos*, SELA, Venezuela (2002)