

The role of international law in the prevention and management of pandemics

During this year's Sixth Committee (Legal) of the United Nations General Assembly, Freshfields will host its annual Public International Law Seminar. In keeping with our past events, a distinguished panel of speakers will explore a topical question of international law of interest to States, international organisations and businesses, judges, practitioners and academics.

The subject of this year's seminar will be 'The role of international law in the prevention and management of pandemics'.

Daina Bray (Senior Litigation Fellow at Yale Law School's Law, Ethics & Animals Program), **Lucía Solano** (Legal Adviser at the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations), **Professor Claudio Grossman** (Member of the International Law Commission and Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus at American University Washington College of Law), and **Professor Lorand Bartels MBE** (Professor of International Law at the University of Cambridge and Counsel at Freshfields) will join **Will Thomas KC** (Head of Freshfields' public international law group) and **Alexandra van der Meulen** (Counsel at Freshfields) in an hour-long interactive discussion, followed by a Q&A session and reception at our New York office.

The speakers will consider a range of issues, including:

- What are the causes of pandemics and what needs to be done to prevent them?
- Is existing international law 'fit for purpose' when it comes to addressing prevention, control and management of pandemics; or is a material change to the current legal framework necessary?
- What amendments or legal instruments are being considered to deal with the challenges and shortcomings of the current legal framework?
- How do trade provisions and instruments limit, or on the contrary advance, the objectives of prevention and control of pandemics?
- What is the view of States regarding the process of adoption and content of a new international framework to address pandemics?
- How would State responsibility be addressed in an international agreement dealing with the prevention, control and management of pandemics?

This year's seminar will take place on 25 October 2022 at 7:00 pm (EDT) in our New York office (601 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10022), and will be followed by a cocktail reception.

We would be delighted if you could join us – please RSVP to confirm your attendance using the 'Register Now' button.

Kind regards,

Will Thomas KC

**Head of Public International Law,
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Event details:

Tuesday 25 October 2022

601 Lexington Avenue, 31st Floor, New York, NY 10022

Event time:

19:00 – 20:00 (EDT), followed by a cocktail reception

Speakers

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