



The promise of advisory opinions before international courts: past, present and future

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 promise of advisory opinions before international courts: past, present and future.'**

This year's panel will be comprised of three members of the International Law Commission, **Professor Bogdan Aurescu** (Professor of International Law, University of Bucharest), **Professor Dapo Akande** (Professor of Public International Law, University of Oxford) and **Professor Patrícia Galvão Teles** (Professor of International Law, Autonomous University of Lisbon; Legal Advisor of the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs), as well as **Lesther Ortega** (Embassy of Guatemala in The Netherlands) and **Alexandra van der Meulen** and **Joshua Kelly** of Freshfields' public international law group, in an hour-long interactive discussion.

The speakers will consider a range of issues, from the history of advisory opinions, to their use today, and whether advisory opinions remain "fit for purpose".

This year's seminar will take place in person on **Tuesday 24 October 2023 at 7:00pm ET** at the New York office of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP (601 Lexington Avenue 31st Floor New York, NY 10022). The seminar 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 below and by adding the event to your calendar.

Kind regards,

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Event details

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