



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF
THE ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (AALCO)
AT
Beijing, People's Republic of China from 13-17 April 2015**

Sunday, 12 April 2015

Registration will be done inside the Shangri-la Hotel, Westin Beijing Financial Street Hotel and Diaoyutai Hotel on **Saturday, 11 April from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm AND on Sunday, 12 April from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm.**

04.00 PM – 06.00 PM

5th Meeting of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) at Diaoyutai State Guesthouse

07.30 PM onwards

Meeting of the Heads of Delegations and Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad, Secretary-General of AALCO at Diaoyutai Hotel **(Briefing the Heads of Delegations about main events of the Session).**

Followed by Dinner for the Heads of Delegations hosted by the Secretary-General of AALCO

Monday, 13 April 2015

8.30 AM – 09.30 AM

- **Security Check**

10.00 AM – 11.40 AM

- **INAUGURAL SESSION¹**

10.00 AM – 10.15 AM

- Group Photo of **Premier Li Keqiang of the People's Republic of China** with Heads of Delegations and other dignitaries

10.20 AM – 10.50 AM

- H.E. Dr. Danesh Yazdi delivers the introductory remarks and then invite **Premier Li Keqiang** to deliver the Inaugural Address
- Inaugural Address by **Premier Li Keqiang**

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- H.E. Dr. Danesh Yazdi declares a brief Vote of thanks to
Premier Li Keqiang
- 10.50AM – 10.55AM
 - **Premier Li Keqiang** leaves

(All the delegates are kindly requested to remain seated)
- 10.55AM – 11.40 AM
 - Welcome Address by **H.E. Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad**, Secretary-General, AALCO
 - Address by **H.E. Miguel de Serpa Soares**, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs & Legal Counsel of the United Nations, representing H.E. Ban Ki-moon , the Secretary-General of the United Nations
 - Address by **H.E. Dr. Danesh Yazdi**, President of the Fifty-Third Annual Session and Deputy Foreign Minister, the Islamic Republic of Iran
 - Vote of Thanks by the President of the Fifty-Second Annual Session(India)
- 11.40 AM – 12.00 PM
 - *Coffee/Tea Break*

ORGANIZATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12.00 PM – 12.45 PM

FIRST MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE AALCO MEMBER STATES²

- Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Tentative Schedule of Meetings and Events
- Admission of New Members
- Admission of Observers
- Election of the President and Vice-President for the current Session
- Opening Statement by the President of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session

FIRST GENERAL MEETING³

Release of AALCO Publications

- Yearbook of the Asian-African legal Consultative Organization
- AALCO Journal of International Law

² Participation of Heads of Delegations is necessary in the Meeting of Delegations. This meeting is also open to Member States, Non-Member States and observers.

³ Open to Member States, Non-Member States and observers.

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- Secretary General's Handbook on Basic Entitlements and Obligations under the 1982 UNCLOS
- 01.00 PM – 02.00 PM - **Lunch**
- 02.00 PM – 05.00 PM SPECIAL EVENT ON COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BANDUNG CONFERENCE⁴
- 06.30 PM onwards - **Dinner hosted by the Supreme People's Procuratorate of the People's Republic of China**
(Venue: the Great Hall of the People)

Tuesday, 14 April 2015

ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL MATTERS FOR DELIBERATION

- 09.30 AM – 10.45 AM **SECOND MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE AALCO MEMBER STATES⁵**
 - Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization and Financial Matters of AALCO
 - Discussion and Adoption of Draft Budget 2016
- 10.45AM – 11.00AM - **Tea/Coffee Break**
- 11.00AM – 01.00 PM **SECOND GENERAL MEETING⁶**
 - General Statements by the Hon'ble Ministers, Heads of Delegations, Member States, Non-Member States, International Organizations and Others
- 01.00 PM- 02.00 PM - **Lunch**
- THIRD GENERAL MEETING⁷**
- 02.00 PM – 03.00 PM - **General Statements** (Continued if needed)

⁴ Open to Member States, Non-Member States and observers.

⁵ Open only to Member States

⁶ **It would be preferable that all the statements by the Heads of Delegations are made during the First General Meeting; each statement should be a maximum of 5-7 minutes.**

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SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION

- 03.00 PM – 04.30 PM - **Environment and Sustainable Development**
(It is suggested that deliberations may focus on climate change and sustainable development goals)
- 04.30 PM – 04.45 PM - *Tea/coffee break*
- 04.45 PM – 06.00 PM - **Work of the UNCITRAL and Other International Organizations in the Field of International Trade Law**

(It is suggested that deliberations may focus on investment treaties and their implications)

02.00 PM – 05.50 PM	PARALLEL SIDE EVENT: INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE POST -WAR INTERNATIONAL ORDER⁸ (Organizers: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China & Chinese Society of International Law)
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- 07.00 PM onwards** - **Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Justice of the People's Republic of China**

(Venue: Beijing Hotel)

Wednesday, 15 April 2015

- 09.30 AM – 11.00 AM - **Topic I - Half-Day Special Meeting on “International Law in Cyberspace”⁹**
- 11.00 AM – 11.15AM - *Tea/coffee break*
- 11.15 AM – 01.00 PM - **Topic I - Half-Day Special Meeting on “International Law in Cyberspace”¹⁰(Contd.)**

09.30 AM onwards	Parallel Informal Meeting on Customary International Law
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⁹ A detailed programme for the same shall be distributed before the meeting. Open to Member States, Non-Member States and observers.

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- 01.00 PM – 02.00 PM - *Lunch*
- FOURTH GENERAL MEETING¹¹**
- 02.00 PM – 03.00 PM - **Deportation of Palestinians and Other Israeli Practices among them the Massive Immigration and Settlement of Jews in All Occupied Territories in Violation of International Law particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949**
- 03.00 PM – 04.30 PM - **Law of the Sea**
(It is suggested that deliberations may focus on marine scientific research and exploration of deep sea resources)
- 04.30 PM – 04.45PM - *Tea/coffee break*
- 04.45 PM – 06.30PM - **Violent Extremism and Terrorism (Legal aspects)**
(It is suggested that deliberations may focus on formulation of guiding principles in accordance with the mandate of the Fifty-Third Annual Session resolution)
- 07.30 PM onwards - *Dinner hosted by the Embassy of Japan*
(Venue: Shangri-la Hotel, Beijing)

Thursday, 16 April 2015

- 09.30 AM – 11.00 AM - **Topic II - Half-Day Special Meeting on “Selected Items on the Agenda of the International Law Commission”¹²**
- 11.00 AM – 11.15AM - *Tea/coffee break*
- 11.15 AM – 01.00 PM - **Topic II - Half-Day Special Meeting on “Selected Items on the Agenda of the International Law Commission”¹³(Contd.)**
- **Report of the Informal Expert Group on Customary International Law**

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- 01.00 PM – 02.00 PM - **Lunch**
- 02.00 PM – 04.00 PM **THIRD MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF AALCO MEMBER STATES¹⁴**
- Report on the Work of the AALCO's Regional Arbitration Centres
 - Report by the Chairman of the EPG (TBC)
- 06.30 PM onwards - **Welcome Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China**
- (Venue: Diaoyutai State Guesthouse)*

Friday, 17 April 2015

- 07.30 AM – 12.00 PM - **Sightseeing trip for the delegates**
- 01.00 PM – 02.00 PM - **Lunch (Venue: Diaoyutai State Guesthouse)**
- 02.00 PM – 04.00 PM **THIRD MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF AALCO MEMBER STATES* (CONTD)**
- Adoption of Message of Thanks to the President of the People's Republic of China
 - Venue of AALCO's Fifty-Fifth Annual Session
 - Adoption of Resolutions and Summary Report of the Session
- 04.00 PM – 04.15 PM - **Tea/coffee break**
- 04.15 PM – 05.00 PM **FIFTH GENERAL MEETING AND CONCLUDING SESSION¹⁵**
- Vote of Thanks**
- Asian Member State
 - African Member State
 - International Organizations
 - Closing Remarks by President of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of AALCO

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