



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS
FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (AALCO)

**AT KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE (KICC),
HARAMBEE AVENUE, NEXT TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUILDING,
NAIROBI, REPUBLIC OF KENYA,
1ST TO 5TH MAY 2017**

EXACT VENUE FOR EACH EVENT WILL BE CONFIRMED AND INTIMATED LATER.

Sunday, 30 April 2017

10:00 AM – 06:00 PM

Registration

Monday, 1 May 2017

08:00 AM – 02:00 PM

Registration

02.30 PM - 03.30 PM

7th Meeting of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) (Tentative)¹

04.00 PM – 06.00 PM

Working Group Meeting on Violent Extremism and Terrorism

07:30 PM onwards

Meeting of the Heads of Delegations with Prof. Dr. Kennedy Gastorn, Secretary-General of AALCO ***Briefing the Heads of Delegations about main events of the Session.**

Followed by Dinner for the Heads of Delegations (invitees only) hosted by the Secretary General of AALCO.

¹This meeting upon invitation is exclusively for the members of the EPG.

Tuesday, 2 May 2017

09.30 AM – 11.15 AM

INAUGURAL SESSION²

- Welcome Address by **H.E. Prof. Dr. Kennedy Gastorn**, Secretary-General, AALCO
- Address by **H.E. Dr. V.D. Sharma**, President of the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session, New Delhi (HQ)
- **Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest, Government of Republic of Kenya**
- Vote of Thanks by the Head of the Chinese Delegation on behalf of **H.E. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, President of the Fifty-Fourth** Annual Session of AALCO, People's Republic of China

11.15 AM – 11.30 AM

Group Photo of Heads of Delegations and other dignitaries

11.30 AM – 11.45 AM

Coffee/Tea Break

ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

11.45 AM – 1.00 PM

FIRST MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE AALCO MEMBER STATES³

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

²Open to Member States, Non-Member States and Observers as well as other invited dignitaries and guests.

³Participation of Heads of Delegations is necessary in the Meeting of Delegations. This meeting is also open to Member States, Non-Member States and Observers.

FIRST GENERAL MEETING⁴

Release of AALCO Publications

- Yearbook of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization
- AALCO Journal of International Law
- Two Special Studies
 - (i) “Legality of Prolonged Israeli Occupation of the Occupied Palestinian territory and its Colonial Practices under International Law and International Humanitarian Law”; and
 - (ii) International Law in Cyberspace

01.00 PM – 02.30 PM

- ***Lunch***

01:30PM – 02:30 PM

Side Event: “International Workshop “Promoting Rule of Law in Asia and Africa – Japan’s Contribution”, hosted by the Government of Japan (TBC)

02.30 PM – 04.30 PM

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
- AALCO’s Budget for the Year 2018

4.30 PM – 4.45 PM

- ***Tea/coffee break***

4.45 PM – 6.00 PM

- **SECOND GENERAL MEETING⁶**

General Statements by the Honourable Ministers, Heads of Delegations of Member States, Non-Member States, International Organizations and Others (Theme: “Rule of Law, Multilateralism and the Role of International and Regional Organizations in the Changing World Scenario”)⁷

06.15 PM onwards

Reception/ Dinner hosted by the Government of the People’s Republic of China (TBC)

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

⁵ Open only to Member States.

⁶ Open to Member States, Non-Member States and Observers.

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

Wednesday, 3 May 2017

9.30 AM – 1.00 PM	SECOND GENERAL MEETING (Contd)⁸ - General Statements by the Honourable Ministers, Heads of Delegations of Member States, Non-Member States, International Organizations and Others
01.00 PM- 02.30 PM	- <i>Lunch</i>
02:00 PM -04.00 PM	Side Event: “Combating Illegal Trade on wild Flora and Fauna through Co-operation under International Law Framework” (The following aspects may be discussed by Member States: (i) Exchange of experience and practice; (ii) Habitat protection of source countries; and (iii) Mutual legal assistance and law enforcement co-operations.) Co-hosted by the Governments of Republic of Kenya and People’s Republic of China.

SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION

THIRD GENERAL MEETING⁹

02.30 PM – 04.30 PM	Violent Extremism and Terrorism (Legal Aspects) Report of the Chairperson of the Working Group Meeting on Violent Extremism and Terrorism ¹⁰ (Discussion would focus on developments in the AALCO inter-sessional meetings as well as other UN resolutions adopted since the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of AALCO)
04.30 PM – 04.45 PM	- <i>Tea/coffee break</i>
04.45 PM – 06.15 PM	The Status and Treatment of Refugees (Deliberation would <i>inter alia</i> focus on the Global Compact on Refugees and Migrants)
07.00 PM - 09.00 PM	Reception hosted by Japan (TBC)

⁸*Ibid.*

⁹Open to Member States, Non-Member States and observers.

¹⁰ This Report will focus on the outcome of the WGM held on Monday, 1st May 2017.

Thursday, 4 May 2017

09.30AM – 01.00 PM

- **First Half-Day Special Meeting on “Selected Items on the Agenda of the International Law Commission”**

The meeting would focus on the following three areas¹¹:

- (i) Protection of the Atmosphere;
- (ii) Immunity of State Officials from Foreign Criminal Jurisdiction; and
- (iii) *Jus Cogens*

01.00 PM – 02.00 PM
02.00 PM – 05.00PM

- **Lunch**
Second Half-Day Special Meeting on “The International Criminal Court: Recent Developments”¹²

05.00 PM – 05.15 PM

- ***Tea/coffee break***

FOURTH GENERAL MEETING

05.15 PM – 06.30 PM

Discussions on the Special Study on the “Legality of Prolonged Israeli Occupation of the Occupied Palestinian territory and its Colonial Practices under International Law and International Humanitarian Law”

07:00 PM

Farewell Dinner hosted by the Government of the Republic of Kenya (TBC)

Friday, 5 May 2017

FOURTH GENERAL MEETING (Contd)

09.30 AM- 10.30 AM

- **International Law in Cyberspace**

Report of the Chairperson of Working Group on International Law in Cyberspace¹³

(It is suggested that deliberation may focus on Cyber governance and Cyber security)

10.30 AM – 12.00 PM

THIRD MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF AALCO MEMBER STATES¹⁴

¹¹The Panelists for this meeting are yet to be finalized. Member States wishing to make comments on other agenda items of the ILC are encouraged to do so.

¹²The Panelists for this meeting are yet to be decided.

¹³This Report will focus on the deliberations and outcome of the 2nd Working Group Meeting held on 9-10 February 2017 in New Delhi.

¹⁴Open only to Member States.

- Report on the work of the AALCO's Regional Arbitration Centres (each report is 10-15 minutes)

Report by the Chairperson of the EPG (TBC)

12.00 PM –01.30 PM

- **Lunch**

05.00 PM- 6.30 PM

THIRD MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF AALCO MEMBER STATES* (CONTD)

- Adoption of Message of Thanks to the President of the Republic of Kenya
- Venue of AALCO's Fifty-Seventh Annual Session
- Adoption of Resolutions and Summary Report of the Session

FIFTH GENERAL MEETING AND CONCLUDING SESSION¹⁵

Vote of Thanks

- Asian Member State
- African Member State
- International Organizations
- Closing Remarks by President of the Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of AALCO

7.00 PM Onwards

Cocktail hosted by the Government of the Republic of Kenya (TBC)

Informal/parallel meetings:

Informal meetings on draft resolutions

Side-Events

- (a) **“Combating Illegal Trade on Wild Fauna and Flora through Co-operation under International Law Framework”** Co-hosted by the Governments of the Republic of Kenya and People's Republic of China.
- (b) **“International Workshop: “Promoting Rule of Law in Asia and Africa – Japan's Contribution”** Hosted by the Government of Japan, on Tuesday, 2nd May 2017 (TBC)

¹⁵Open to Member States, Non-Member States and observers.