



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (AALCO) HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

29 NOVEMBER–1 DECEMBER 2021

(All times in Hong Kong time (+8 GMT))

Two sessions per day with a 30 min break.

City	Time Zone	Local Time
Hong Kong	HKT	03:00PM
New Delhi	IST	12:30PM
Dar-es-Salaam	EAT	10:00AM

Monday, 29 November 2021

12:30 PM – 04:00 PM Registration

02:15PM– 03:30PM Meeting with the Heads of Delegation by the Secretary-General
(in hybrid format)

03:30 PM **INAUGURAL SESSION^{1, 2}**

- Opening Statement by the Secretary-General of AALCO on behalf of the President of 58th Annual Session (The United Republic of Tanzania)
- Inaugural Statement of the Chief Guest, His Excellency, Mr. Li Keqiang, Premier of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China
- Welcome Remarks by the Secretary-General of AALCO
- Address of Mrs Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR of the People’s Republic of China
- Vote of Thanks on behalf of the President of 57th Annual (Japan)

Group Photo of Heads of Delegations and other dignitaries (or Group Photo of attendees in person. [Note: In case the attendees in person are very limited])

ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

¹Open to Member States, Non-Member States and Observers as well as to other invited dignitaries and guests including media.

² The President of the 58th Annual Session, in his Opening Statements, request the gathering to take a moment of silence for the loss of late H.E. Amb. Dr. Augustine P. Mahiga, the then President of the 58th Annual Session.

04:45 PM – 05:40 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
- Elections of the President and Vice-President for the Current Session
- Opening Statement by the President of the 59th Annual Session

FIRST GENERAL MEETING⁴

- Release of AALCO Publications

05:40 PM – 05:50 PM *Coffee/Tea Break*

05:50 PM – 06:40 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 2022
- Establishment of new Regional Arbitration Centre in Hong Kong SAR (including the Unveiling Ceremony)

06:40 PM – 07:45 PM **Election of the new Secretary-General**

- Voting by Secret Ballot
- Counting of Votes
- Declaration of Result by the President of the Session
- Speech by the Secretary-General-Elect (5 minutes)
- Congratulatory Statement/s by Member States (10 minutes)

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.

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

⁵Open only to Member States.

Tuesday, 30 November 2021

01:00 PM – 02:30 PM **SIDE EVENT ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

03:00 PM – 06:00 PM **SECOND GENERAL MEETING⁶**

- General Statements by the Honourable Ministers, Heads of Delegations of Member States, Non-Member States, International Organizations and Others on the theme: **“Upholding International Law for a Community of Shared Future: the Role of Asian and African Countries”⁷** (5-7 minutes per Delegation)

06:00 PM – 06:30 PM *Coffee/Tea Break*

SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION

THIRD GENERAL MEETING^{8,9}

06:30 PM – 07:30 PM Selected Items on the Agenda of the International Law Commission (ILC)

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

⁷The Member States are also welcome to include their views on items on the agenda of the Organization, which are not to be deliberated during this Annual Session.

⁸Open to Member States, Non-Member States and Observers.

⁹Due to the risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, taking into consideration the practices of other international meetings, and in consultation with the Government of the People’s Republic of China (Host Government), the 59th Annual Session is to be held in hybrid (online and physical) format and its duration is shortened. Therefore, not all topics on AALCO’s agenda can be discussed during this Annual Session. Those subjects on AALCO’s agenda that can’t be deliberated on at the Session shall be postponed to the next session for consideration. However, in order to enable Member States to follow latest development on these subjects, the Secretariat has still prepared a brief on each of them. These subjects are:

- (i) Law of the Sea
- (ii) Peaceful Settlement of Disputes
- (iii) International Trade and Investment Law
- (iv) Extraterritorial Application of National Legislation: Sanctions imposed against Third Parties.

07:30 PM – 08:20 PM Violations of International Law in Palestine and Other Occupied Territories by Israel and Other International Legal Issues related to the Question of Palestine

Wednesday, 01 December 2021

THIRD GENERAL MEETING (contd.)

03:00 PM- 04:45 PM International Law in Cyberspace

THIRD MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE AALCO MEMBER STATES¹⁰

04:45 PM – 05:45 PM Report on the work of the AALCO’s Regional Arbitration Centres

05:45 PM – 06:15 PM *Coffee/Tea Break*

06:15 PM – 08:15 PM **FOURTH GENERAL MEETING AND CONCLUDING SESSION¹¹**

- Adoption of Message of Thanks to the Host Government
- Adoption of Resolutions (Organizational, Administrative and Financial Matters)
 - Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization and Financial Matters of AALCO;
 - Budget of the year 2022;
 - Appointment of the new Secretary-General;
 - Expression of Gratitude to the outgoing Secretary-General; and
 - Regional Arbitration Centres

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¹¹Open to Member States, Non-Member States and Observers.

- Venue of AALCO's Sixtieth Annual Session
- Adoption of Summary Report of the Session, and General Recommendations (Substantive Matters)
- Vote of Thanks
- Closing remarks by the Member States (if any)
- Farewell Speech by H.E. Prof. Dr. Kennedy Gastorn
- Closing Remarks by President of the Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of AALCO
- Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of AALCO adjourned