

# The Dispute Board Federation

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## Public Policy Centre on Conflict Resolution

The Dispute Board Federation has been involved in immediate *Post-Conflict Dispute Resolution* in developing countries for many years and with our newest office we have endowed and moved our Public Policy Centre on Conflict Resolution to Singapore. The Dispute Board Federation feels strongly that future conflicts can be avoided, peace maintained, and corruption lessened through the effective study and advocacy of dispute resolution techniques, the promotion of dispute boards to lessen corruption in infrastructure project construction and by assisting developing countries in prompt, effective and corruption free redevelopment.

It is with pleasure that we announce that Professor Paul Collier, CBE has joined our distinguished panel of advisors. Professor Collier is Professor of Economics, Fellow of St Anthony's College, and Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economics at Oxford University. He was formerly director of Development Research at the World Bank and advisor to the British Government's Commission on Africa. In our next issue we will be interviewing Professor Collier both on his work as well as efforts in this expanding area of dispute resolution and prevention.

**Herbert Wilson**  
Executive Director

## FOCUS: Maxwell Chambers - Singapore

Singapore's success as an international centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution including arbitration, mediation and now dispute boards has advanced through the opening of Maxwell Chambers.

### Featured Events

Future combined FIDIC -DBF and International Finance Corporation related programmes and events include:

**London**  
Professional Members Dinner  
10 March 2010

**Beijing**  
Infrastructure Development Seminar  
25 & 26 March 2010

**Melbourne**  
DBF Regional Contractor Reception  
9 April 2010

**Singapore**  
Claims Presentation  
26 April 2010

**Singapore**  
Grand Opening Reception  
DBF Singapore  
27 April 2010

**Singapore**  
Decision Writing  
27 April 2010

**Toronto**  
FTIP  
Total Immersion Programme  
FIDIC Contracts  
22 - 28 May 2010

**Toronto**  
FIDIC DBF Intensive  
DAB Training Programme  
May 31- June 1, 2010

**Singapore**  
Summer Symposium  
"Is Arbitration Dead...?"  
3 & 4 June 2010

**London**  
"Getting to Maybe..."  
Negotiation Leadership Programme  
Autumn 2010

For a full listing of programmes and

Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, Professor S. Jayakumar, who officially opened Maxwell Chambers last month, said: "We have taken significant steps forward to position Singapore as the leading destination in Asia for alternative dispute resolution."

The Dispute Board Federation has now partnered with Maxwell Chambers in an effort to raise the consciousness of ADR and in particular Dispute Boards in the region. The DBF now joins other distinguished "partners" in Maxwell Chambers such as The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIARB), The International Centre for Dispute Resolution® (ICDR), The International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), ICSID, and the LCIA in promoting Singapore as a leading ADR centre in the World.

For more details please see the Maxwell Chambers website [Maxwell Chambers Partners](#)

events, brochures  
and more information  
and/or to register please go to:

[www.dbfederation.org](http://www.dbfederation.org)



## DBF Comes To Toronto Canada



In response to international requests, the DBF is pleased to be hosting two of its most popular programmes in Toronto Canada later this year. The first programme is the FIDIC Contracts Total Immersion Programme also known as the FTIP and this is scheduled for May 22-28, 2010. Then in conjunction with FIDIC, its Intensive DAB Training Programme will take place for two days - May 31 - June 1, 2010. Both of these programmes are immensely popular and are guaranteed to fill up quickly as the FTIP programme is for a maximum of 9 individuals while the DAB training course is for a maximum of 30 people.

If you would like to receive more information on either programme please contact me via email at [j.varoqui@dbfederation.org](mailto:j.varoqui@dbfederation.org).

*"We look forward to seeing you in Toronto and at our regional events"*

Jonathan Varoqui

## Professional Member's Dinner

Just a reminder that the London Professional Member's Dinner is scheduled for March 10, 2010 at the Bleeding Heart Restaurant and registration closes on March 5, 2010. If you would like to attend please click on this link to register [March 10 Dinner](#)



## LUX FTIP A SUCCESS

A week of gruelling work, lecture, discussion, debate, case studies coupled with outstanding accommodations, fine cuisine and excellent training rounded out the the most recent DBF FIDIC Contracts Total Immersion Training Programme held in Luxembourg.

Comments from this most recent group of FTIP graduates included: "The best course I have ever attended - ever!", "The trainers made the material come to life", "It was well worth the time and expense - one week - all the FIDIC Contracts - well done!"

For those who would like more information on our next FTIP to be held in Toronto please contact [Jonathan Varoqui](#)

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