

2021 FDI Moot Format



Virtual or In-person?

Regionals

All Africa Regional (integrating EAC, ECOWAS and SADC) and South Asia Regional will be held **virtually via Zoom in August**.

China National: preliminary rounds 19-20 June **virtual**; top 16 advance to in-person elimination rounds **in Shenzhen** 10-11 July.

Egypt National and Vietnam National: formats yet TBD.

Globals

The 2021 FDI Moot Globals will be held 30 October to 3 November 2021.

Plan A

We **believe**, with the anticipated global distribution of vaccines, that by the end of October 2021, Globals can be held **in-person in Seoul, South Korea**.

Even if the Globals are held in-person, we recognize that some teams may still prefer/need to participate virtually, and we will provide an **option** for teams to so.

This **option** will be for a limited number of teams (20-40 TBC). If the **virtual option** is oversubscribed, we will prioritize according to the following criteria:

1. Governmental regulations restricting travel;
2. Institutional regulations restricting travel;
3. Financial obstacles to travel; and
4. Time of indicating preference (with grounds).

The organizer will confirm teams opting to participate in the Globals virtually by 1 August 2021.

Such virtual participation option will involve purely video-conference hearings (preliminary round hearings) and hybrid hearings (elimination matches, i.e., from R32).

Teams will have a place in their online profiles to indicate their preferences and reasons.

2021 FDI Moot Format

Plan B

Notwithstanding our belief about in-person hearings in November, if by mid-July our confidence seems misplaced, we will pivot to a completely virtual Global Round, as in 2020.

Decisions

In mid-July, we will confirm the approach to be taken, Plan A or Plan B, for the 2021 FDI Moot Globals.

Pre-Moots

We expect many of our traditional pre-moot hosts will organize pre-moots again in 2021, and we hope that by September/October 2021, when they typically take place, in-person pre-moots will again be a possibility.

We would still encourage those wishing to organize **virtual or hybrid pre-moots**, to promote wider global access to pre-moots, and to practice for virtual and hybrid hearings at the hoped for in-person Globals (or if need be for an all-virtual Global Round). We anticipate pre-moot format decisions will probably also flow from the format decision we take for the Globals in July.

We will continue to monitor the situation and update the FDI Moot community. Stay Safe!

18 Feb 2021, *FDI Moot Secretariat*