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Stakeholder Categories

If you fit in one of these stakeholder categories and have any interest in the future of ADR, you will want to attend!

“Parties” are defined as any disputants needing to resolve civil or commercial disputes and seeking dispute resolution services that involve one or more neutrals. They can be private individuals, partnerships, companies, community representatives, leaders, managers, business executives, board directors, or government officials involved in conflicts, who are seeking services and neutrals to help them resolve their conflicts. The term “Party” thus includes:

- Private disputants or consumers
- Trusts
- Companies
- Partnerships
- Associations and organizations
- Administrative entities or governments
- Business Managers
- Senior Executives
- Board members
- In-House Counsel
- Business partners
- Community leaders
- Government officials involved in disputes (e.g., investor-state disputes)
- Insurance companies paying for dispute resolution services.

“Adjudicative Providers” are defined for the purposes of the GPC Series as anyone providing processes for resolving disputes that provide the Party with choices. The term includes judicial authorities, arbitration and mediation centres, courts, individual people, companies, partnerships, associations, organizations, chambers of commerce, or other entities who provide dispute resolutions services, whether in the public sector or private sector, such as:

- Courts
- Arbitration and/or Mediation Centres
- Judges
- Magistrates

- Arbitrators
- Conciliators
- Mediators
- Adjudicators
- ADR chambers
- Chambers of commerce providing ADR services

"Non-Adjudicative Providers":

- Conciliator
- Mediator
- Organization providing these services

"Advisors" are persons or entities involved in providing advice or support to the Party or Adjudicative Provider. This includes law firms and external legal advisors (e.g., litigators, barristers, and solicitors) but also other Adjudicative Providers of advisory or consulting involved in dispute resolution (e.g., negotiators, subject-matter experts, forensic experts, financial advisors, management consultants, coaches, consultancy firms, etc.). The term "Advisors" therefore includes:

- External lawyers
- Financial advisors
- Forensic experts
- Subject-matter experts
- Engineers
- Architects
- Business consultants
- Professional negotiators
- Coaches
- Management consultants

"Influencers" is a default category of remaining stakeholders involved in dispute prevention and resolution, but not as a Party, Adjudicative Provider or Advisor. This includes people and institutions involved in education, academic research, trainers, policy-makers, government officials, civil servants, non-governmental organizations, think-tanks, peace building activities, etc, such as:

- Academics
- Educators
- Trainers or training institutions
- Civil servants
- Ministry of justice officials
- Think tanks
- Policy makers
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- International Governmental Organizations