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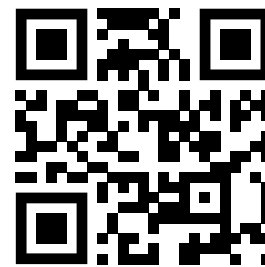
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25-27 September 2025
Washington DC, USA

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CONFERENCE TOPICS

- Travel and AI
- How the Trump administration's policies are impacting the retail travel business
- Travel and Tourism Contracts (Brazil and EU)
- Report on Current Development in the Package Travel Regulation in the EU
- Specificity of French law and/or EU AI regulations applied to the travel industry
- Special Features By:
 - **Ibrahim Osta**
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 - **Greg Takehara**
CEO
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 - **Seleni Matus**
Director
GWU International Institute of Tourism Studies
- How the US Department of Transportation regulations affect travel companies around the world (it's not just the US!)
- Tourism, Sports and Events Travel in the Middle East & North Africa
- Travel Policy and Regulation in the Age of Mass Human Mobility – A critical reflection from Turkey
- Medical Tourism and Legal Issues – Case analysis in Turkey and other countries
- Issues in Sports Tourism
- Additional topics (to be announced)



WHY THIS YEAR'S FORUM MATTERS MORE THAN EVER

Following the dynamic 35th International Forum held in Vienna, which gathered legal minds from across the globe to address critical changes in EU travel regulation and beyond, the 36th Forum sets the stage for even broader and deeper legal exploration.

As legal frameworks around the world adjust to rapidly shifting realities, from AI integration to cross-border health and mobility challenges, the 36th Forum will spotlight key developments, legal risks, and global policy intersections with a particular focus on practical case analysis and cross-jurisdiction comparisons.

WHAT TO EXPECT

IFTTA 36 brings together practitioners, policymakers, scholars, and industry leaders for discussions beyond theory and tackling real-world legal dilemmas affecting today's global travelers and tomorrow's tourism economy. As travel law intersects more visibly with data, health, migration, and climate concerns, this forum invites a deeper dialogue across borders and disciplines. Whether you're navigating regulatory compliance, researching global legal trends, or helping shape the future of tourism law, the IFTTA International Forum is the place to be.

More details on the venue, registration, and accommodations are coming soon. Join us and be part of the legal evolution of travel.



About **IFTTA**

The International Forum of Travel and Tourism Advocates (IFTTA) is a global network of legal professionals, academics, and policymakers committed to advancing legal understanding in the travel and tourism industries. Since its founding in 1983, IFTTA has united experts from over 40 countries across five continents, promoting international collaboration on complex legal issues that affect travelers, businesses, and governments alike.

Through cutting-edge research, interdisciplinary exchange, and its annual international forums, IFTTA remains the leading platform for comparative legal insight and global dialogue in travel and tourism law.



About **Chemonics International**

Chemonics International is a recognized global leader in sustainable tourism development, with over 50 years of international experience in more than 140 countries. Known for its sector-specific technical expertise, Chemonics helps destinations address the unique legal, economic, and institutional challenges of tourism.

Its work spans over 60 tourism destinations across four continents, including Georgia, Jordan, Egypt, Colombia, Morocco, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Timor-Leste, and South Africa, where it has led transformative efforts to strengthen tourism ecosystems through inclusive, resilient, and market-driven strategies. Chemonics also brings deep experience in policy and legal reform across a range of political systems, with a focus on building local capacity and long-term institutional strength. At IFTTA 36, Chemonics will explore how tourism development and legal innovation intersect to support more sustainable, inclusive travel economies.



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About **the George Washington University International Institute of Tourism Studies (GWU IITS)**

The International Institute of Tourism Studies (IITS) at The George Washington University is a globally respected leader in sustainable tourism research, education, and policy innovation. For over 30 years, IITS has collaborated with governments, destinations, and international organizations to design tourism strategies that are economically viable, culturally respectful, and environmentally sound. As a featured contributor at IFTTA 36, GWU IITS will share insights on how development priorities shape legal frameworks, focusing on sustainable tourism governance, destination planning, and educational models that prepare the next generation of tourism leaders.



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REGISTRATION DETAILS

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