

UNCITRAL LAC Days 2020 Report

Introduction

1. The inaugural report on the UNCITRAL Latin American and Caribbean Days (“the LAC Days”) series highlights the objectives of this flagship activity series, the deliverables produced, and the outcome achieved. A background of the LAC Days is first provided, followed by an illustrated summary of the salient features of the 2020 series, highlights from each activity and concluding remarks. Two annexes appear at the end on I) participating universities and institutions arranged by jurisdiction and II) testimonies from participating universities. This report is accompanied by an executive summary in Spanish.

Background

2. The UNCITRAL Day was first launched as the UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day by the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for the Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP) in 2014 to celebrate the historical establishment of UNCITRAL by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966. The UNCITRAL Day activities aim to raise awareness of UNCITRAL instruments and the importance of legal harmonization amongst the next generations of legal thinkers and policymakers. Since 2014, UNCITRAL Day has become an annual flagship event for UNCITRAL RCAP and the UNCITRAL Secretariat as a whole.

3. In 2020, the UNCITRAL Secretariat held the first edition of the UNCITRAL DAY in Latin American and Caribbean countries,¹ with a special focus on UNCITRAL legislative work on transparency in treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration. The financial support of the European Commission and the OPEC Fund for the operation of the Transparency Registry was gratefully acknowledged in most of the activities part of this first edition.²

4. The UNCITRAL Day activities are academic in nature and free of admission charges. The substance and format of UNCITRAL Day activities are designed to provide maximum flexibility to support partnering institutions. On substantive programming, each year the UNCITRAL DAY series usually have an overarching theme suggested by and coordinated with the UNCITRAL Secretariat. Partner institutions may organize activities under the theme or other UNCITRAL related topics.³

LAC Days 2020 series

5. From November to December 2020, the UNCITRAL Secretariat co-hosted 30 academic online events with the ground-breaking participation of 34 institutions of higher

¹ The LAC Days replicates the AP Day approach in the LAC region.

² Since these events were held, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has provided financial support to the Transparency Registry for 2021.

³ See the UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day 2020 Report for additional background information available on the UNCITRAL Webiste-www.uncitral.un.org

learning in the region,⁴ distributed in 16 jurisdictions. The format and composition of the 2020 LAC Days were flexible and varied according to the capacity and preference of the partner institutions, ranging from informal in-class discussion to multi-day international academic conferences. Panellists comprised academics, practitioners, government officials, and members of the judiciary, who have written on UNCITRAL instruments and/or participated in UNCITRAL activities such as Working Groups, colloquia, etc. Although the main focus of LAC Days activities is to raise awareness and promote further understanding of UNCITRAL texts, presentations and expert discussions in some cases provided in-depth training on UNCITRAL texts to public and private sector stakeholders and assisted participating jurisdictions in their consideration of and concrete steps for adopting UNCITRAL texts on transparency in Treaty-based investor-State arbitration. Panellists and participants also acknowledged the information and documents published via the Transparency Registry (<https://www.uncitral.org/transparency-registry/registry/index.jspx>), which served as a reference during the academic discussions.

The screenshot shows the UNCITRAL Transparency Registry website at https://www.uncitral.org/transparency-registry/en/Registry_donors.html. The page features the UNCITRAL logo and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. It includes logos for the European Commission, OPEC FUND for International Development, and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. A search bar at the top allows users to type in a jurisdiction name. Below the search bar is a grid of country flags and names, organized in rows. The countries listed include Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Mongolia.

Transparency Registry Webpage.

⁴ A list of participating universities and institutions arranged by jurisdiction is provided in Annex 1.

LAC Days events calendar

9/11/2020

Jornada preparatoria del día de UNCITRAL LAC Evento organizado por la ASADIP y la Secretaría de la CNUDMI, con el apoyo de la SIECA.

Conferencia Magistral, Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales, Universidad Nacional de Asunción (UNA), **Paraguay**

Mesa redonda, Universidad del Centro Educativo Latinoamericano - UCEL Rosario, **Argentina**

Conferencia, Universidad Nacional de José C. Paz, **Argentina**

9- 11/11/2020

Conferencia, Maestría en Derecho Mercantil, Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH), **Honduras**

10/11/2020

Jornada, Universidad Católica, Facultad de Derecho, con el copatrocino del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Subsecretaría de Relaciones Económicas y CEPAL, **Chile**

10/11/2020

Jornada, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores y Secretaría de Economía, **México**

10/11/2020

Conferencia Magistral, Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales, Universidad Nacional de Asunción (UNA), **Paraguay**

Jornada, Universidad de Flores, Facultad de Derecho, **Argentina**

11/11/2020

Jornada, Instituto de Estudios Internacionales, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú, con el apoyo de la Academia Diplomática de Perú, **Perú**

Jornada, Universidad de la República, Facultad

11/11/2020

Seminario, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Escuela de Derecho en coordinación con la Dirección de Comercio Exterior y Administración de Tratados Comerciales del Ministerio de Industria, Comercio y MIPYME y la Oficina de Abogados Biaggi, **República Dominicana**

12 -13/11/2020

Jornada, Universidad del Salvador (USAL), **Argentina**

16/11/2020

Seminario, Universidad Austral, Universidad Nacional del Litoral, **Argentina**

17/11/2020

Seminario, Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, **Colombia**

23-25/11/2020

Paneles y Conferencia, Maestría en Derecho Mercantil, Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH), **Honduras**

25/11/2020

Jornada, Universidad Externado, **Colombia**

26/11/2020

Jornada, Carrera de derecho, Universidad del Valle (UNIVALLE), Cochabamba, La Paz, Sucre y Trinidad, **Bolivia**

27/11/2020

Seminario, Universidad de Panamá, Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Políticas, en coordinación con el Colegio Nacional de Abogados (CNA) y la Asociación de Derecho Internacional Privado y Derecho Comparado de Panamá (Adipcop), **Panamá**

1/12/2020

Seminario, organizado por la Colegio de Jurisprudencia de Universidad San Francisco de Quito, **Ecuador**

8/12/2020

Seminario, coorganizado por la Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Universidade de Brasília, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul y la Fundação Getúlio Vargas – FGV., **Brasil**

Conferencia, Universidad Iberoamericana, UNIBE, **República Dominicana**

9/12/2020

Mesa redonda, Jornada de Debates y Talleres y Concurso de escritos temáticos, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Facultad de Derecho, **Argentina**

Conferencia, Maestría en Derecho Mercantil, Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH), **Honduras**

10/12/2020

Seminario, Maestría de Comercio y Negocios Internacionales, Secretaría de Postgrados y Subsecretaría de Planificación y Relaciones Internacionales, Universidad Nacional de Quilmes, **Argentina**

Conferencia, coorganizada por Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Universidad Monteávila, y ASADIP. Apoyo Institucional y tecnológico: CECDA, **Venezuela**

11/12/2020

Jornada, Carreras de derecho, Universidad Privada de Santa Cruz de la Sierra y Universidad Privada Boliviana, **Bolivia**

14/12/2020

Jornada, Universidad de Chile, Facultad de Derecho, con el copatrocino del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Subsecretaría de Relaciones Económicas y CEPAL, **Chile**

15/12/2020

Seminario, Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, **El Salvador**

16/12/2020

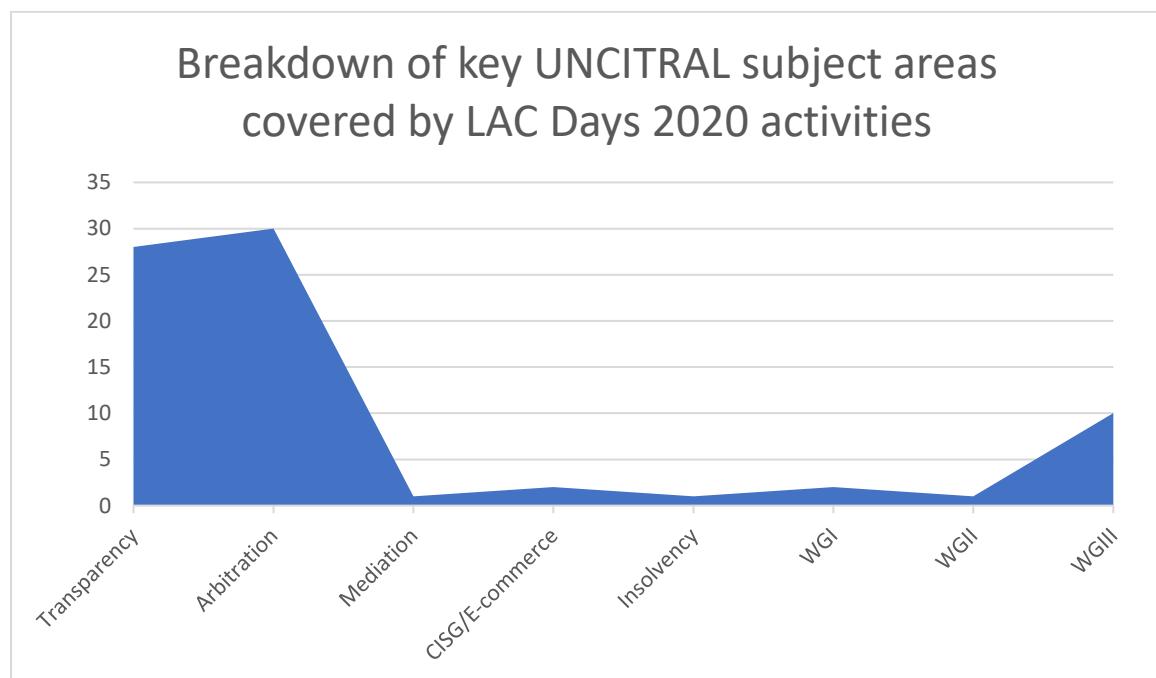
Conferencia, Universidad Latina de Costa Rica, **Costa Rica**

Conferencia, Maestría en Derecho Mercantil, Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH), **Honduras**



Theme for 2020

6. The 2020 UNCITRAL LAC Days had a special focus on UNCITRAL's work on transparency in treaty-based investor State Arbitration. The choice of the theme for this first edition was based on extensive experience in the region of investor-State disputes arising from investment promotion and protection treaties in the last two decades. Some events also covered additional subject-areas such as international mediation and arbitration, contracts for the international sale of goods (CISG), e-commerce, insolvency, ongoing legislative work in UNCITRAL Working Groups (WGI, WGII, WGIII, WGIV, WGV). The LAC Days events addressed issues arising in these areas and sought to promote a harmonized use and the efficient interpretation of UNCITRAL texts, as well as to encourage the participation in UNCITRAL Working Groups (e.g. WGs II and III).



Note: More than one subject area may be covered by any given event.

Participating jurisdictions

7. In 2020, the UNCITRAL LAC Days events were held in 16 jurisdictions, namely Argentina, Brasil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela. New collaborations are anticipated, which will provide opportunities to reach more jurisdictions in the Latin American and Caribbean region in future editions.



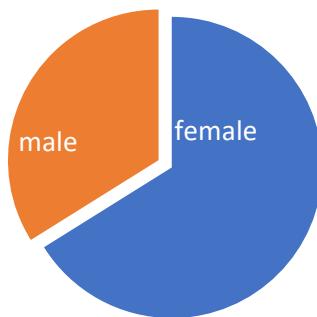
Participation

8. The events were attended by a diverse audience across the region. Whilst most of the LAC Days events were directed towards law students, some were delivered to other stakeholders, such as public and private experts, researchers. Furthermore, the fact that all events were held online enabled the participation of public audiences from across the LAC region and beyond.

9. While assessing gender balance and audience composition in an online event is challenging, the academic event launching the UNCITRAL LAC Days was attended by 66% female, 63% male participants. (Where gender breakdown was available, this pattern was broadly repeated throughout the series.) The audience was drawn from 19 jurisdictions across regions,⁵ from developed, developing and landlocked countries. The UNCITRAL Secretariat and its partnering institutions sought to maintain gender-balanced panels and will continue to do so in future years.

⁵ The event drew listeners from the 16 jurisdictions and 3 from extra regions (e.g. France, Spain, and the United States)

Composition of participants by gender (approx.)



Note: based on statistics provided by co-organizers where gender breakdown was available.

Format

10. The UNCITRAL Secretariat supported all LAC Days activities, in the form of live presentations on UNCITRAL instruments and current developments, through videolinks wherever possible. Where online live presentations were not possible, the UNCITRAL Secretariat provided tailor-made pre-recorded remarks and/or institutional support for the activity. To enhance regional accessibility and to promote multilingualism, the UNCITRAL Secretariat and participating experts delivered contributions in Spanish and Portuguese.

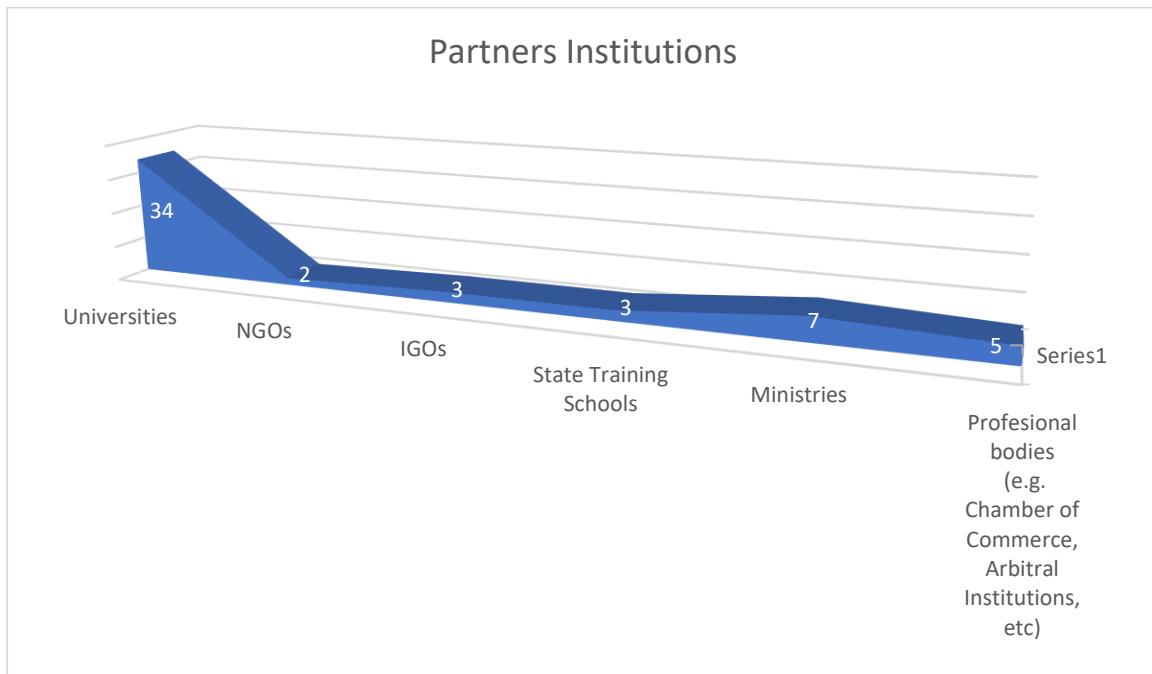


11. In response to COVID-19, the LAC Days 2020 series adopted an online mode of delivery. Although participants were not able to meet face to face, the use of technology boosted participation by overcoming geographical limitations and bypassing resource limitations associated with the organization of traditional in-person activities. The format and size of events ranged from an in-class lecture of 30 law students to singular or multi-day international conferences with virtual live attendance of approx. 300 participants. Altogether, the LAC Days 2020 series reached a global live audience of over 1,000 participants. Further, some of the event were reproduced in social media account (YouTube/Facebook) 1,500 times.⁶

⁶ Statistics on viewers per event can be found in the section “Highlights of the UNCITRAL LAC Days 2020”.

12. The LAC Days events invited experts from jurisdictions at different stages of economic development, thereby ensuring that diverse perspectives could be represented. More than half of the experts speakers were academics, followed by legal practitioners, arbitrators and government officials.

Partners



13. The UNCITRAL Secretariat is grateful for the support it has received from all LAC Days partner institutions, which apart from universities and higher education institutions include institutions for the education of government representatives and diplomats, Ministries in several countries, international organizations active in the field of international trade law and professional bodies.⁷

14. The UNCITRAL LAC Days series was also generously supported by the American Association of International Private Law (ASADIP), the Center of Studies for the Economic Integration at the Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration (SIECA), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), and Chambers of Commerce, which, as partners, provided academic, professional and technical assistance.

Support towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

15. The LAC Days series benefited from an active participation of domestic governmental and non-governmental stakeholders. At the short term, these academic events have contributed to the understanding of the benefits of using international legal instruments to facilitate greater

⁷ See Annex 1 for a complete list of institutions.

transparency and accountability for procedures and outcomes of investor-State disputes that typically involve measures taken by States and for which, compensation is paid from public funds. On the long term, this series of events will be influential in establishing a standard practice of using UNCITRAL texts to facilitate commercial law reforms.

16. UNCITRAL's contribution towards the achievement of the SDGs by countries proceeds on several fronts and touches upon a number of different and interrelated areas, as the UNCITRAL website explains.⁸ While many of the Goals and Targets are relevant to the topics discussed during UNCITRAL LAC Days, SDG16 has a particular resonance. SDG 16 is to "Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels", and Target 16.6 is to "Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels". In this context, UNCITRAL's work in transparency in investor-State treaty-based arbitration supports the development of effective, accountable and transparent rules; judicial training on those rules builds judges and all users of the Rules the capacity to apply, interpret and enforce the relevant UNCITRAL standards in a uniform way, which helps build institutions. Through the exchange of views and its inclusive format, the UNCITRAL LAC Days's discussions also promote Goal 16 as a whole.



⁸ For more information, please visit <https://uncitral.un.org/en/about/sdg>

Highlights of the UNCITRAL LAC Days 2020

17. The LAC Days series was a huge success for the number of participating universities and institutions, the diverse pool of speakers, moderators and the numbers of listeners and followers. Although the LAC Days series have focused on the theme of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards, each event had its own unique and diverse features in terms of its deliverables, topics covered, and audience reached. As these events were held online, members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat, including the Secretary, Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, were able to attend the event through delivering opening or closing remarks, being part of panels and/or actively participating in the Q&A segments.

18. The following are special highlights of each of the LAC Days:

19. UNCITRAL LAC Days – Academic Pre-event (Guatemala, 9 November 2020)

The LAC Days series was officially launched in its first LAC Days event, jointly organized with the American Society of International Private Law (ASADIP), with the technical support of the Center of Studies for the Economic Integration at the Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration (SIECA). This event reached an audience of 127 listeners, of which 66% were female and 63% male. It focused on providing an overview of basic facts about UNCITRAL. This event was opened by the President of ASADIP, Ms. Paula María All, and the UNCITRAL Secretary, Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, followed by the guest of honor, H. E. Amb. Eric Anderson, Chair of the 53rd Session of UNCITRAL, who delivered a message to the future leaders on International Trade Law. Then, members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat, Ms. Marianela Bruno Pollero (Legal Officer) provided an overview of UNCITRAL's origin, mandate and membership, Ms. Caroline Nicholas (Head, Technical Assistance Section) explained the technical cooperation and assistance to law reform activities. Mr. Luca Castellani (Legal Officer) focused on the Case Law on UNCITRAL texts (CLOUD). Ms. Marianela Bruno Pollero (Legal Officer) talked about the operation of the Transparency Registry, and Ms. Josephine Tamburello (Intern) provided testimony of her experience as an intern. Mr. Alvaro Raznatovic (Delegate to UNCITRAL Working Group III from Bolivia (Plurinational State of)) shared his experience of participating in the sessions of UNCITRAL and its working group. Finally, Mr. Ernesto Rodriguez (the Secretary General of ASADIP) closed the event.

20. This event highlighted the importance of providing basic facts about the work of UNCITRAL as a framework for future academic discussions. It was welcomed by students and professors in the region.

[Message from the Commission President](#)

[Video of the event](#)

21. Conference, Universidad Nacional de Paraguay, UNA), (Paraguay, 9 and 10 November, 2020)

The LAC Days organized by the National University of Paraguay was composed of two academic events. Under the theme of Transparency in Investment Arbitration, this event gathered high level panelists on international trade and investment law. Among the panelists were: H.E. Prof. Dr. Juan Francisco Facetti, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations-Vienna; Prof. Dr. José Raúl Torres Kirmser, Dean, Faculty of

Law and Social Science, UNA; Prof. Dr. Fernando Andrés Beconi, Professor of International Trade Law I and II at UNA; Prof. Dr. Bonifacio Rios Avalos, Professor of International Trade Law and member of the UNA Counsel; and Prof. Dr. Hugo Ruiz Díaz and Prof. Ernesto Velázquez, Professors of International Private Law. The UNCITRAL Secretary , Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, delivered opening remarks on the work of UNCITRAL on Transparency in ISDS, with a special focus on UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and the ongoing legislative work on UNCITRAL Working Group II and III. Members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat participated in the Q&A segments.

22. This two-day conference raised awareness of UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and ongoing legislative work on WGII and III among the next generation of legal thinkers, researchers, legal practitioners from the public and private sectors, and UNCITRAL country delegates from the region.

23. Round table, Universidad del Centro Educativo Latinoamericano – UCEL (Argentina, 9 November 2020)

The UCEL, in collaboration with Arbitraje Alumni and Argentinan Young Arbitrator Practitioners (AYAP), organized a round table under the theme UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency in Investment-State Arbitration. The round table was opened by a member of the UNCITRAL Secretariat, Ms. Marianela Bruno Pollero (Legal Officer), who explained the legislative timeline of the elaboration of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. Then, keynote speaker, H.E. Amb. Holger Martinsen, Legal Counsel, General Directorate on Legal Affairs at the General Division on Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs provided an overview and update on the latest international investment agreements concluded by Argentina with special references to transparency in arbitral proceedings. The round table concluded with comments and remarks from well known international practitioners and arbitrators on the applicability of UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. Speakers included Dr. Gabriel Bottini (Argentina), Dra. Catalina Echeverri Gallego (France), Dr. Roger Rubio (Peru), and Dr. Alfredo Bullard (Peru). This round table raised awareness on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and the ongoing tendency to conclude international investment agreements with transparency in arbitral proceedings.

[Video of the event⁹](#)

24. Conference, Universidad Nacional de José C. Paz (UNPAZ), (Argentina, 9 November 2020)

This conference was organized by the Universidad Nacional de José C. Paz in the format of an online in-class conference. Under the theme “International Commercial Arbitration and its development in Argentina and the Region”, Ms. Nanci Schlotthauer, Researcher and Professor at UNPAZ, provided a detailed explanation of international commercial and investment arbitration, including an analysis of the investor-State dispute settlement chapter in international investment agreements. The Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, and the Director of the Law Programme Mr. Walter Viegas opened the event. Members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat engaged with the audience and panelists during the Q&A section.

⁹ 46 views on 16 November 2020

25. This conference raised awareness on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and transparency in the ongoing legislative work in UNCITRAL Working Group III among students, UNCITRAL delegates from other regions, and the public in general.

26. Conference, Master in Trade Law, Faculty of Legal Sciences, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH), (Honduras, 9, 16- 18, 23- 25 November 2020)

The Master in Trade Law Programme at the Faculty of Legal Science (UNAH), with the collaboration of Lexincorp, and the Center on Conciliation and Arbitration, Chamber of Commerce of Tegucigalpa organized fourth virtual conferences. Under the theme UNCITRAL LAC 2020, this series of fourth conferences provided an in depth analysis of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and its applicability. It also included remarks from arbitrators and legal practitioners. Some of these conferences provided a view from the States on the topic of transparency in the investor-State dispute settlement system. Students in the Master on Trade Law Programme engaged with qualified and well known international experts in the field of international investment law and members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat during the Q&A segment. Panelists included (per countries in alphabetical order): Ms. Ximena Fuentes Torrijo and Mr. Juan Manuel Rey Jiménez de Aréchaga (Chile); Prof. Diana Correa (Colombia); Ms. Adriana González and Mr. Andrea Hubert (Costa Rica); Mr. Roberto Flores Bermúdez, Mr. Benito Arturo Zelaya Cáli, Mr. Engels Zelaya Cálix and Mr. Fabián José Villeda Corona (Honduras), Mr. Javier Navarro-Velasco (México); Mr. Rafael Gil Nievas, Mr. Seguimundo Navarro and Mr. Deva Villanúa (Spain); and Mr. Mr. Suarez Anzorena and Ms Paula Arias (the United States).

27. This conference raised awareness on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and transparency in the ongoing legislative work in UNCITRAL Working Group III among students, delegates to UNCITRAL, and the public in general.

28. Catholic University, Faculty of Law (Chile, 10 November, 2020)

This LAC Days with the Catholic University, the Faculty of Law in Chile was co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Under Secretary on Economic Relations (SUBREI) and ECLAC. This one day conference was devoted to the analysis of challenges on international trade law and the role of UNCITRAL. The opening remarks were delivered by Mr. Rodrigo Yáñez, Under Secretary on Economic Relations (SUBREI); Ms. Carmen Domínguez, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile; and Mr. Jose Angelo Estrella Faria, Principal Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat. Organizers framed the discussion on two panels. During the first panel, members of academia (Prof. Luis Goldenberg and Prof. Lorena Carvajal) and a government representative (Mr. Hugo Sánchez, Directorate on Insolvency and Entrepreneurship) discussed inclusive trade, specifically MSME-insolvency. During the second panel, members of academia (Prof. María José Maratabit and Prof. Carlos Amunategui), a government representative (Ms. Angélica Romero, Directora General, SUBREI) and ECLAC Consultant (Mr. Sofía Loria) focussed their academic discussion on digital economy in times of COVID-19. This event discussed the importance of UNCITRAL's existing texts in the area of insolvency and e-commerce as well as the ongoing legislative work on UNCITRAL Working Group I (MSMEs), IV (Electronic commerce) and V (Insolvency Law).

Video of the event¹⁰

29. Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo (ITAM), (Mexico, 10 November 2020)

This LAC Days with the ITAM was co-sponsored by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary of Economy, Mexico. It consisted of three panels on the themes of 1) UNCITRAL Transparency Standards, 2) the evolution of Mexico policy in transparency and practical aspects, and 3) transparency in the agenda of ISDS reform (Working Group III). This full day event opened with welcoming speeches from Ms. Luz Maria de la Mora, Deputy Secretary on Foreign Trade at the Secretary of Economy, Mr. Alejandro Celorio, Legal Counsel, Secretary of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Jorge Cerdio, Head, Academic Law Department ITAM, and the UNCITRAL Secretary , Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret. During the first panel, international legal practitioners in ISDS analysed the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards (Ms. Cecilia Azar, Partner at Galicia Abogados, Mr.Francisco González de Cossio, Partner at González de Cossio Abogados and Ms. Gabriela Alvarez, Partner at Curtis Mallet). In the second panel, senior private practitioners (Ms. Samantha Atayde, Partner at RRH Consultants and Mr. Carlos Véjar Borrego, Partner at Holland & Knight Mexico) and a government representative (Mr. Orlando Pérez Gárate, Director General, Legal Counsel office on International Trade, Secretary of Economy) talked about the evolution of Mexico policy in transparency and their experiences in ISDS cases. To conclude this full day of academic discussions, the third panel on transparency in the agenda of the ISDS Reform included country delegate to UNCITRAL Ms. Cindy Rayo Zapata, General Director, International Trade in Services and Investment, Secretary of Economy, Mr. Hugo Romero, Professor at the Faculty of Law ITAM and Ms. Kate Brown de Véjar, Partner at DLA Piper.

30. This conference raised awareness on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and transparency in the ongoing legislative work in UNCITRAL Working Group III among students, UNCITRAL country delegates, and the public in general.

Videos of the [Opening Ceremony](#), [Panel I](#), [Panel II](#), [Panel III](#)

31. Universidad de Flores, Faculty of Law (UFLO) (Argentina, 10 November 2020)

Under the theme “Transparency in arbitration: reality or utopia?” a LAC Days was co-hosted by UFLO. Researchers and Professors engaged in a vivid discussion on transparency in ISDS and commercial arbitration. It also included an analysis of the regional framework on Investment protection within the MERCOSUR and the newly adopted arbitration law in Argentina (modelled after the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration). A group of young researchers from the University provided an analysis of UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and investment-State arbitration cases (ICSID cases). Professors Juan Jose Cerdeira and Juan Carlos Carretero together with Researchers Agustina Vazquez, Cristina Tejada and Natacha Marcote were panelists in this online event.

This conference raised awareness on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and UNCITRAL texts on international arbitration among students, researchers, members of academia and the public in general.

¹⁰ 98 views on 10 November 2020

[Video of the event](#)¹¹

32. Instituto de Estudios Internacionales, Pontificia Universidad Católica, (Peru, 11 November 2020)

The LAC Days Peru was organized by the Institute on International Studies at the Pontificia Universidad Católica with the support of the Diplomatic School and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru. This event was attended by experts from the private and public sectors, professors, researchers, policy makers, diplomats, lawyers, arbitrators, students and the public in general (108 listeners and 1,5mil facebook reproductions). This event featured the participation of the Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin Bret, who delivered opening remarks and Ms. Mélida Hodgson, Head of Jenner&Block New York International Arbitration Practice as a keynote speaker. Then, it followed remarks from Mr. Ricardo de Urioste, Professor at the Catholic University and Member of the Academic Forum UNCITRAL WGIII and Ms. Vanessa Rivas Plata, Director, North America and Europe Directorate, General Department on International Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism, Peru. Prof. Elvira Méndez Chang, Director, Instituto de Estudios Internacionales, Pontificia Universidad Católica moderated this event. Panelists and commentators discussed exceptions to transparency, and role of the arbitral tribunal in deciding when and how to protect confidential and proprietary information.

33. This conference concluded with a call to develop more jurisprudence on this topic. It raised awareness on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards.

[Video of the event](#)¹²

34. Universidad de la Republica, Facultad de Derecho (UDELAR), (Uruguay, 11 November 2020)

The LAC Days Uruguay was co-sponsor by the University (UDELAR), Faculty of Law. This was an online full day event that gathered main legal practitioners in Uruguay on international arbitration (commercial and investments), legal counsels representing the States on ISDS cases, judges, researchers, legal counsels from arbitration court (PCA), students and the public in general. The UNCITRAL Transparency standards and transparency in ISDS (WGIII) were the main focus of this event. The Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin Bret, delivered opening remarks. This event included two panels discussions among practitioners, judges and professors (Ms. Cecilia Fresnedo, Ms. Selva Klett, Amb. Carlos Gianelli, Mr. Enrique Hernández, Mr. Didier Opertti, Ms. María Laura Capalbo, Ms. Soledad Diaz, Mr. Juan Manuel Rivero Godoy, Mr. Santiago Theodoluz, and Ms. María Verónica Duarte) a conferences from PCA Legal Counsels (Mr. Martin Doe Rodriguez, and Mr. Julian Bordacahar); a lecture from legal practitioners (Mr. Eduardo Vescovi and Mr. Paul Arrighi), and a workshop on jurisprudence based on the analysis of a local case with the participation of students and professors (Mr. Ignacio Tasende, Mr. Federico Achard, Ms. Abril Umpiérrez, Ms. Camila

¹¹ 14 views on 10 November 2020

¹² 1,5K views on 11 November 2020

Garderes, Prof. Gabriel Valentin). Members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat participated in the Q&A segment.

35. This conference concluded with a call to increase promotional and raised awareness on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards.

36. Seminar, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Escuela de Derecho, (PUCMM) (Dominican Republic, 11 November 2020)

The LAC Days Dominican Republic was composed of two different events. This was the first event organized by PUCMM in coordination with the Division on Foreign Trade and Management of Trade Agreements at the Ministry of Industry, Trade and MSME and the office of the law firm Biaggi. Under the theme of the impact on UNCITRAL texts on transparency and confidentiality in arbitration, the panelists exchanged best practices and uses on the applicability of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and Dominican Republic experiences on ISDS. The Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin Bret, delivered opening remarks. Panellists included Ms. Caroline Soto Hernández, Partner at Squire Patton Boggs; Ms. Betty Soto Viñas, Legal Counsel and Head of the Technical Team at the Ministry of the Presidency, Ms. Leidylin Contreras, Director, Management of International Trade Agreements at the Ministry of Industry, Trade and MSME (delegate to UNCITRAL Working Group III), Ms. Wanda Perdomo, Partner Biaggi Abogados. Mr Samuel Arias Arzeno, Judge of the Supreme Court of Justice and Professor at PUCMM, moderated the panel. Members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat participated in the Q&A segment. This event raised awareness on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and the Transparency Repository.

[Video of the event¹³](#)

37. Universidad del Salvador (USAL), Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas (Argentina, 12-13 November 2020)

The UNCITRAL DAY USAL 2020 was organized by the Universidad del Salvador. Under the theme of main initiatives for the harmonization of international trade law, this two day seminar covered a wide array of topics on international trade law. The Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin Bret, delivered opening remarks. During the first day, Prof. Alejandro Garro from Columbia University (United States) provided an overview on the work of UNCITRAL since its establishment. Then, Prof. Amalia Uriondo de Martinoli and Prof. Maria Elsa Uzal (Argentina) analysed the CISG and its application by commercial tribunals in Argentina. Next, Prof. Edgar Riffler (Paraguay) focused on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and Prof. Katia Fach Gómez (Spain) spoke about Transparency in ISDS (WGIII). The second day focused on the analysis of UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Law and its influences in modelling national laws on international commercial arbitration in Argentina, Brasil, Bolivia, Europe and Uruguay. Well known professors and practitioners provided their view on challenges related to the laws' application, including Prof. Katia Fach Gómez (Spain), Ms. Lilian Elizabeth Menezes Bertolani and Prof. Claudio Finkelstein (Brazil), Ms. María de los Angeles Nahid Cuomo (Bolivia), Prof. Diego Mongrell González (Argentina-Uruguay), and Prof. Roque J. Caivano (Argentina). Members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat participated in the Q&A segment.

¹³ 370 views on 11 November 2020

38. This event raised awareness about the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and UNCITRAL existing texts on international commercial arbitration.

39. Universidad Austral and Universidad Nacional del Litoral, (Argentina 16 November 2020)

The LAC Days event was co-organized by the Universidad Austral and the Universidad Nacional del Litoral with the support of ASADIP. Under the theme Investors-State Dispute Settlement pannelists debated on the question: is arbitration still an option? The Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin Bret, delivered opening remarks. Then, international arbitrators with experience in ISDS (Prof. Raul E. Vinuesa and Prof. Diego Fernández Arroyo) partnered with distinguished professor in the field (Prof. Paula María All) to provide their view, with a focus on UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. This event was moderated by Prof. Andrea Mackielo, who also comments on best practices in the use of arbitration as an alternative method to solve disputes. Members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat participated in the Q&A segment. This event concluded with a call to the future leaders on international trade law to engage in academic discussions and analyses of case law.

40. This event raised awareness about the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and UNCITRAL existing texts on international commercial arbitration.

41. Faculty of Legal Sciences, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, (Colombia, 17 November 2020)

The Faculty of Legal Science, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana of Colombia co-organized a conference during the LAC Days. This event gathered international panelists with experiences as legal counsel and arbitrator (Prof. John Rooney from the University of Miami) and professors from main universities in Colombia (Prof. José Manuel Alvarez Zarate, Director of the Master Programme on International Economic Law at the Externado; Prof. Sylvia Helena García García from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana). Then, professors with a specialization in economic law (Prof. Andrés Téllez Núñez); in international public law (Prof. Javier Rincón) and Civil Procedure (Prof. David Varela) provided comments and their views on UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. All was done under the moderation of Prof. Ildiko Szedegy Maszak, Professor at the Department of Economic Law, Universidad Javeriana.

41. This event raised awareness about the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and UNCITRAL existing texts on international commercial arbitration.

[Video of the event¹⁴](#)

42. Universidad Externado de Colombia, Colombia, 25-26 November 2020

The University Externado de Colombia jointly with the Research Group on Contracts and International Dispute Settlement (CYRCI) and the Department of Business co-organized a LAC Days two days event. This event proposed a holistic academic discussion on transparency and international investment arbitration which was divided in four main themes: 1) Transparency in the activity of the State in investment. 2) Transparency in treaty-based

¹⁴ 672 views on 17 November 2020

investor-State arbitration, 3) The constitutional dimension of transparency in treaty-based investor State arbitration and 4) the Colombian experience in the application of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. This event was opened by the Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, and the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Universidad Externado de Colombia Ms. Adriana Zapata Giraldo. Then, high level representatives from the Government of Colombia shared their view on transparency in the State activity in investment. Panelists included H.E. Minister Angela María Orozco Gómez, Ministry of Transport, Mr. Fabián Gonzalo Marín Cortés, Former Director, Contract Management, Colombia Efficient Buying Unit; Mr. Juan Miguel Durán Prieto, President, National Agency on Mining, Mr. Manuel Felipe Gutiérrez, President, National Agency on Infrastructure, and Ms. María Fernanda Rangel, Director, Directorate on Information, Analysis and Immediate Response, (DIARI), Comptroller General of the Republic. Ms. Andrea Pradilla, Director Global Reporting Initiative Hispanoamerica attended also this panel, which was moderated by Mr. Beethoven Herrera Valencia, Professor Emerite, University Externado Colombia.

43. Next, members of academia, a representative from the Government of Colombia and members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat shared their views on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. Panelists included Ms. María Paula Arenas, Director, Foreign Investment and Services, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism (delegate to UNCITRAL WGIII), Prof. Björn Arp, Adjunct Professor and Fellow, Assistant director International Programme Curriculum (ILSP), American University Washington College of Law. Center on International Commercial Arbitration. Ms. Marianela Bruno Pollero, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat. This panel was moderated by Prof. Adriana Castro, Director, Department of Business Law, Universidad Externado. Then, professors from Externado analyses the constitutional dimension of transparency in international investment agreements. Panelists included Professors Ms. Diana Correa, Mr. Juan Miguel Alvarez, and Mr. Wilfredo Robayo. This panel was moderated by Mr. Luis Bergolla, Teaching Fellow, LL.M in international economic law, Stanford University. Finally, legal practitioners from the public and private sectors and arbitrators talked about the experience of Colombia on the management of cases with transparency in ISDS. Panelists included Ms. Elisa Botero, Partner, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP; Ms. Ana María Ordoñez Puentes, Director, International Legal Defense Unit, National Agency on the State Legal Defense; Mr. José Antonio Rivas, Founder and Partner, Xstrategy. This panel was moderated by Ms. Andrés Cárdenas Muñoz, Co-Director, Research Programme on Contracts and International Dispute Resolution, Universidad Externado.

44. This event highlighted that in this time of pandemic, it is imperative that the mechanisms, regulations, norms and procedures for the proper development and management of commercial and investment arbitration, be known. In addition, it included a call for more countries to adopt the Mauritius Convention on Treaty-based investor-State Arbitration. This event raised awareness about the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and UNCITRAL texts on international commercial arbitration.

Videos of the event: [Panel I](#), [Panel II](#), [Panel III](#), [Panel IV](#).¹⁵

¹⁵ 266 views all panels on 25 and 26 November 2020

45. Universidad del Valle (UNIVALLE), Law Programme, HQ Cochabamba, La Paz, Sucre and Trinidad, (Bolivia, 26 November 2020)

UNIVALLE with the collaboration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia (State Plurinational of), the Procuraduria del Estado and the National Chamber of Commerce co-organized a conference, which was forecasted in the campus of Cochabamba, La Paz, Sucre and Trinidad. This conference was attended by over 280 students and members of the national chamber of commerce. This event was in a format of an online seminar under the theme of Transparency in investment arbitration. Bolivia is the first country in Latinamerica to adopt the Mauritius Convention, which will enter into force in April 2021. Members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat delivered this international seminar, which included an in depth analysis of the UNCITRAL Transparency standards (timeline in the process of elaboration, main aspect of the Rules on Transparency and the Convention) and an update on the ongoing legislative process in WGIII ISDS Reform. Panellists included Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, the Secretary of UNCITRAL, and members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat Mr. David Probst (Associate Legal Officer) and Ms. Marianela Bruno Pollero (Legal Officer). This seminar concluded with remarks from international legal practitioners on their experience in conducting cases under the Rules on Transparency, including Mr. Bernardo Wayar, Mr. Walker San Miguel, Mr. Andres Moreno and Mr. Willy Waldo. Bolivian cases published by the Transparency Registry were highlighted.

46. This event raised awareness on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and promote the correct use and application of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards among potential users of the texts, experts from the private and public sector, and the public in general.

47. University of Panama, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Panama, 27 November 2020

The LAC Days Panama was co-organized by the Faculty of Law and Politica Science, University of Panama, the National Bar Association (CAN) and the Association of International Private and Comparative Law of Panama (Adipcop). The LAC Days themed on the Mauritius Convention and the Rules on Transparency in Treaty-based investor-State Arbitration. Mr. Hernando Franco, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences delivered opening remarks. Then, the Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, updated on the latest development in the ongoing legislative process in WGIII ISDS Reform and its way forward. Next, Ms. Marianela Bruno Pollero (Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat) provided an overview on the origine, basic facts and scope of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards, which set the stage for comments and remarks on best practice and experience in the management of arbitral cases with transparency standards. Comments and remarks were delibered by Mr. Gilberto Boutin, Director of the Private Law Programme at the Faculty of Law; Mr. Carlos Arrue Montenegro, Legal Counsel at Panama Canal Administration Authority and member of the Association of International Private and Comparative Law in Panama; and Ms. Margie-Lys Jaime, Professor and President of the comision on Mediation and Arbitration at the Panama Bar Association. Mr. Miguel Angel Clare, Partner at González-Revilla and President of the Panamenian Chapter, Spanish Club of Arbitration moderated this event. Mr. Juan Carlos Aráuz, President of the Panama Bar Assocation provided the closing remarks. This event gathered around 67 Zoom listeners, of which 22 female and 26 male.

48. This event highlighted the importance of participating in the ongoing legislative work in WGIII: ISDS Reform. At the same time, it raised awareness on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards among potential users of the texts, experts from the private and public sector, and the public in general.

[Video of the event](#)¹⁶

49. College of Jurisprudence (JUR), University San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador 1 Dicembre, 2020

The LAC Days Ecuador was co-organized by College of Jurisprudence. University San Francisco de Quito in collaboration with the Instituto Ecuatoriano de Arbitraje. This event was in the format of two interactive panels. The first panel focused on transparency as a necessary condition for the legitimacy of the investor-State Dispute settlement system (ISDS). It gathered senior researchers, members of the academia, practitioners, and public officials in charge of the defense of the States to discussed transparency related with the ongoing legislative work in WGIII and transparency in ISDS and its impact on the consistency and predictability of the decisions adopted by the court. Panelists included Mr. Dunker Morales, Partner at DMV LAW, Ms. Claudia Salgado, National Director, International Litigation and Arbitration, Attorney General Office of Ecuador (delegate to UNCITRAL WGIII), Ms. Oswaldo Santos, Professor at San Francisco de Quito University and Andina Simon Bolivar University (Ecuador) and Mr. Xavier Andrade, Partner, AVL Lawyers, This panel was moderated by Ms. Verónica Chiriboga, Academic Coordinator, Post-Graduated Studies, College of Jurisprudence, JUR. Then, the second panel focused on the advantages and disadvantages of transparency in ISDS for States as disputing party. This panel talked about transparency vs. confidentiality; potential impacts for disputing parties on publish documents that could reveal their defenses strategies, and the right of participation of the non-disputing parties. Panelists included Mr. Alvaro Galindo, International Legal Consultant, Mr. Javier Jaramillo, Senior Associate, PBP, Ms. Blanca Gomez de la Torre, Partner in ECIJA CPA and Ms. Maria Teresa Borja, Director, Robalino Lawyers. This panel was moderated by Ms. Macarena Bahamonde, LL.M Candidate, Harvard Law School. The Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, delivered closing remarks. This event raised awareness about the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and UNCITRAL existing texts on international commercial arbitration.

50. Federal University Espírito Santo, Post Graduation Programme in Law, Brasil 8 December 2020

The LAC Days series was co-organized by a consortium of universities (the Federal University of Espírito Santo, Post-Graduation Programme in Law, Universidad Federal de Minas Gerais, Universidad de Brasilia, Universidad do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Universidad General do Rio Grande do Sul and Fundación Getulio Vargas) with the support of the ASADIP and the International Law Commission of the Espírito Santo Bar Association. This event was in the format of an international seminar in Portuguese and gathered professors and researchers from different universities in Brasil. Under the theme ISDS Challenges: crisis and perspectives professors and researchers discussed transparency in ISDS and the Brazilian experiences. The Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, delivered opening remarks. Then, professors from Federal University Minas Gerais, University of Brasilia, State University Rio de Janeiro,

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Federal University Rio Grande do Sul and Getulio Vargas Foundation (Mr. Rafal Francisco Alves, Ms. Ines Lopes, Ms. Fabricio Pasquot Polido, Ms. Martha Lucia Olivar Jimenez, Ms. Flavia Pereira Hill, Ms. Valexca Borges Moschen) and Ms. Paula María All (the President of ASADIP) discussed on the status of alternative dispute resolution regime - including arbitration and mediation – in the region.

51. This Seminar was a great opportunity to foster academic and professional interest on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and UNCITRAL texts on international commercial arbitration and mediation.

52. **University Iberoamericana, School of Law Dominican Republic, 8 December 2020**
The LAC Days Dominican Republic was composed of two different events. This was the second event organized by the School of Law, University Iberoamericana (UNIBE) in coordination with the Division on Foreign Trade and Management of Trade Agreements at the Ministry of Industry, Trade and MSME. The Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, delivered opening remarks. Then, a panel under the theme Transparency v. Confidentiality in investment arbitration gathered young practitioners in private practice that discussed best practices and experiences in the management of ISDS under the Rules on Transparency or similar rules on transparency in arbitral proceedings. It also included analysis of arbitral cases (some of them published by the Transparency Registry) the interpretation of the Rules on Transparency by national tribunal and hierarchy relation between transparency disposition in treaties and the Rules: Panelists included Mr. Ezequiel K. Vetull (Argentina), Ms. Veronica Duarte (Uruguay), Mr. Javier Etcheverry Diaz (Colombia) and government representative: Ms. Leidylin Contreras Director, Management of International Trade Agreements at the Ministry of Industry, Trade and MSME (delegate to UNCITRAL WGIII). Mr. Guillermo Hernndez, Professor of ISDS moderated the panel and the Q&A segment. Members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat participated in the Q&A discussion.

53. This event highlighted the educational role of the Transparency Registry for the future generations of leaders as a central database of information and documents on cases conducted whole or in part under the Rules on Transparency.

[Video of the event¹⁷](#)

54. **University of Buenos Aires, Faculty of Law, Argentina, 9 December 2020**
The Division on International Relations, Faculty of Law co-organized a full day interactive event under the theme UNCITRAL legal harmonization in transparency in ISDS, including workshop for only researchers and students, interview to well known international arbitrator, round table with member of academia and young practitioners, and a moot. Pannellist included wellknown argentinan arbitrators (Prof. Diego Fernández Arroyo, Prof. Raul Vinuesa and Prof. Silvia Gonzalez Napolitano) international practitioners (Mr. Diego Gosis, Pablo Parilla, Guillermo Moro, Julio Rivera) and ICSID Counsel (Mr. Francisco Grob). The Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, delivered opening and closing remarks.

¹⁷ 267 views on 8 December 2020

55. This interactive event promoted and raised awareness on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and its applicability to treaty-based investor State Arbitration among a large community of students, legal practitioners, arbitrators, members of the Advisory Committee at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, professors, researchers and the public in general. It also promoted academic research and educational activities on transparency in ISDS.

[Video of the event](#)¹⁸

56. National University of Quilmes, Master of Trade and International Business, Argentina, 10 December 2020

The Master of Trade and International Business at the National University of Quilmes organized an in-class conference under the theme Transparency in international arbitration and in bilateral investment treaty. Resercher Dr. Eduardo R. Conesa was the keynote speaker who provided an overview on international arbitration. Members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat attended the event, which was moderated by Dr. Gustavo Zunino from the National University of Quilmes.

57. Catholic University Andres Bello (UCAB) and University Monteavila, Venezuela, 10 December 2020

The Catholic University Andrés Bello and the University Monteávila co-organized the LAC Days series, in collaboration with ASADIP and with the technical support of the Business Center on Conciliation and Arbitration (CEDCA). Under the theme international arbitration and transparency, this event took the format of a roundtable where distinguished professors and legal practitioners discussed different aspects of the Rules on Transparency and the Convention, impartiality and independence of arbitrators, the management of ISDS cases and practical aspects of transparency in ISDS (analysis of cases published in the Transparency Registry). The Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin Bret, the Dean of the Faculty of Law UCAB Mr. Salvador Yanuzzi Rodriguez and the Secretary General of ASADIP Prof. Luis Rodriguez opened the event. Pannelists included private legal practitioners Mr. Juan Manuel Rafalli, Mr. Marcos Carrillo Perera, Ms. Elizabeth Eljuri, Mr. Eugenio Hernández-Bretón, and Ms. Carmine E. Pascuzzos and Mr. Javier Ochoa Muñoz. Members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat participated in the Q&A segment.

58. This event promoted the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards among professors, legal practitioners, students and the public in general.

59. Private University Santa Cruz de la Sierra and Private University Boliviana, Bolivia, 11 December 2020

The Private University Santa Cruz de la Sierra and Private University Boliviana with the collaboration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia (State Plurinational of), the Procuraduria del Estado and the National Chamber of Commerce co-organized a conference on the Rules on Transparency and the Mauritius Convention. This conference was attended by over 40 students and members of the national chamber of commerce. This event was in a format of an online conference under the theme of Transparency in investment arbitration. Bolivia is the first country in the Latino American Region to adopt the Mauritius Convention, which will enter into force in April 2021. This conference included an in depth analysis of the UNCITRAL

¹⁸ 34 views on 9 December 2020

Transparency standards (timeline in the process of elaboration, main aspect of the Rules on Transparency and the Convention) and an update on the ongoing legislative process in WGIII ISDS Reform. Panellists included: Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, the Secretary of UNCITRAL, and members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat: Mr. David Probst, (Associate Legal Officer) and Ms. Marianela Bruno Pollero (Legal Officer). This seminar concluded with remarks from legal practitioners from Bolivia, including Mr. Ronald Martin Alarcón, and Mr. Pablo Menacho Diederich on their experience in conducting cases under the Rules on Transparency. Some of the cases discussed during the seminar are published on the UNCITRAL Transparency Registry.

60. This event raised awareness on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and contributed to the correct use and application of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards among potential users of the texts, experts from the private and public sector, and the public in general.

61. University of Chile, Faculty of Law, Chile, 14 December 2020

This LAC Days with the University of Chile, Faculty of Law was co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Under Secretary on Economic Relations (SUBREI). Under the theme ISDS Reform in UNCITRAL this international conference gathered government representatives (Ms. Mairée Uran, Coordinator of the Programme on Defense in Foreign Investment Arbitration, SUBREI and delegate to WGIII), UNCITRAL expert (Mr. Andrés Jana, Professor and Chair of UNCITRAL WGII), representatives from international organizations (Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, the Secretary of UNCITRAL; Mr. Rodrigo Polanco, Professor at the World Trade Institute; Ms. Ana Novik, Chef, Division on Investment OCDE) and members of academia (Professor Ms. Ximena Fuentes). This event was opened by the Dean of the Faculty of Law Prof. Pablo Ruiz-Tagle and the Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Carolina Valdivia.

62. This event raised awareness on the ongoing legislative work of UNCITRAL in WGIII: ISDS reform and its way forward.

[Video of the event¹⁹](#)

63. University Dr. Jose Matias Delgado, El Salvador, 15 December 2020

This LAC Days with the University of Dr. José Matías Delgado was co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Permanent Mission in Vienna. Under the theme Transparency and UNCITRAL: the Convention and the Rules students from the programme on international public law attended a master class by Amb. Ana Elizabeth Villalta, Professor at the University. The Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, delivered opening remarks. Then, Mr. Oscar Mauricio Hurtado, Partner at Latamlez shared his experience on conducting arbitrations under the CAFTA DR with transparency provisions. This master class was attended by students. Mr. Hurtado shared with future leaders on international arbitration her views on how to start a career in international arbitration.

¹⁹ 1, 5 K views on 14 December 2020

64. This event raised awareness on the benefit of the Rules on Transparency and the Mauritius Convention and generated a comparative analysis with the Investment chapter in CAFTA DR, which has a special article on transparency in arbitral proceedings.

65. University Latina of Costa Rica, Costa Rica, 16 December 2020

The UNCITRAL LAC Days Costa Rica was co-organized by the University of Costa Rica (Universidad Latina de Costa Rica) in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Costa Rica, the Center of Conciliation and Arbitration, AmCham CR and the Costa Rica Young Arbitrators. The Ambassador of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations-Vienna H.E. Amb. Alejandro Solano Ortiz, and the Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, delivered opening remarks Then, a panel with high level government expert from the Ministry of Foreign Trade, office in charge of the legal defence of Costa Rica in ISDS cases (Ms. Adriana Gonzalez, Arbitration and Dispute Settlement Coordinator, Foreign Trade Ministry of Costa Rica and delegate to UNCITRAL WGIII), and private practitioners from the International Center of Conciliation and Arbitration within the Costa Rica- United States Trade Chamber (AmCham CR). (Ms. Karima Sauma, Executive Director, International Center for Conciliation and Arbitration, American Chamber of Commerce, Costa Rica) had provided an up-to-date analysis on the applicability of transparency in treaty-based arbitral proceedings.

66. Next, a panel with representatives from the Ministry of Commerce (Ms. Ariana Arce, Consultant, Arbitration and Dispute Settlement Coordination Office, Ministry of Foreign Trade and delegate to UNCITRAL WGIII) and ICSID Secretariat (Ms. Natalie Sequeira, ICSID Senior Legal Counsel) had provided an overview on the WGIII ongoing legislative work and the amendment process at ICSID, with a special focus on ICSID-UNCITRAL Project on the Code of Conduct. Finally, the last panel had focused on the topic of third-party submission. For this occasion, representatives from the civil society (Mr. Arturo Carballo, Association on wild flora and fauna preservation and Mr. Raul Guevara Batalla); Prof. Juan Jose Obando from the Universidad Latina de Costa Rica and member of the Costa Rica inhouse legal team (Ms. Ariana Arce, Consultant, Arbitration and Dispute Settlement Coordination Office, Ministry of Foreign Trade and delegate to WGIII) shared best practices and experiences on managing ISDS environmental cases: amicus curiae and non-disputing party submission.

67. This webinar raised awareness of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and shared experience on the topic of third-party submission within CAFTA DR Treaty.

Conclusions and way forward

68. This inaugural year for the LAC Days series was a ground-breaking success. The use of technology has encouraged more participants from diverse backgrounds and geographical locations to participate and has made the contributions and discussions more accessible. Through this series of events, it is hoped that students, academics, legal practitioners, arbitrators, and mediators would better appreciate the benefits of using UNCITRAL instruments and uniform law, and would be more equipped to use them once their respective jurisdictions have adopted or decided to adopt them.

69. The UNCITRAL Secretariat is most grateful for the partnering universities and institutions' continued support to the progressive harmonization and modernization of

international trade law through promoting and raising awareness of UNCITRAL instruments worldwide. As this year's LAC Days has concluded, it is expected that the forthcoming edition, in 2021, will continue to benefit from online delivery even if gradual resumption of pre-pandemic activities where people could meet face to face once again is hoped for. Relevant ministries, authorities, and institutions interested in co-organizing a LAC Days with the UNCITRAL Secretariat in 2021 are encouraged to contact us to explore collaboration opportunities via the following contact information:

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Jornadas de la CNUDMI en América Latina y el Caribe, 2020

Informe

Introducción

70. El informe de las jornadas inaugurales de la CNUDMI en América Latina y el Caribe (“los LAC Days”) destaca los objetivos de estas jornadas emblemáticas, las actividades desarrolladas y los resultados obtenidos. El informe comienza relatando los antecedentes de los LAC Days, luego describe las características más destacadas de la edición 2020 y de cada evento en particular y culmina con comentarios finales. Al final figuran dos anexos sobre I) las universidades e instituciones participantes, ordenadas por jurisdicción y II) testimonios de universidades participantes. Este informe se presenta en idioma inglés, acompañado de la presente separata en idioma español.

Antecedentes

71. Las Jornadas de la CNUDMI fueron en 2014 por el Centro Regional de la CNUDMI para Asia y el Pacífico (UNCITRAL RCAP) como el Día de Asia y el Pacífico de la CNUDMI. Estas jornadas fueron establecidas para conmemorar el histórico establecimiento de la Comisión mediante la Resolución 2205 (XXI) de la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas el 17 de diciembre de 1966. Las actividades que se organizan en el día de la CNUDMI tienen como objetivo sensibilizar sobre los instrumentos de la CNUDMI y sobre la importancia de la armonización legal entre las nuevas generaciones de pensadores legales y legisladores. Desde el 2014 las Jornadas de la CNUDMI se han convertido en el evento anual más importante para el Centro Regional y la secretaría de la Comisión.

72. En el año 2020 la secretaría de la Comisión organizó la primera edición de las Jornadas de la CNUDMI en Latino América y el Caribe,²⁰ enfocadas al trabajo legislativo de la CNUDMI en transparencia en los arbitrajes entre inversionistas y Estados en el marco de un tratado. En la mayoría de las actividades de esta serie se reconoció especialmente las contribuciones voluntarias de la Unión Europea y del Fondo de la OPEC para el Desarrollo Internacional para el funcionamiento del Registro sobre la Transparencia.²¹

73. Las actividades que se realizan en el LAC Days son de carácter académico y gratuitas. El contenido y el formato de estas actividades son diseñados para brindar la máxima flexibilidad a las instituciones que apoyan estas actividades. En cuanto al programa de trabajo sustantivo, las jornadas se centran sobre un tema general, el cual es sugerido y coordinado por

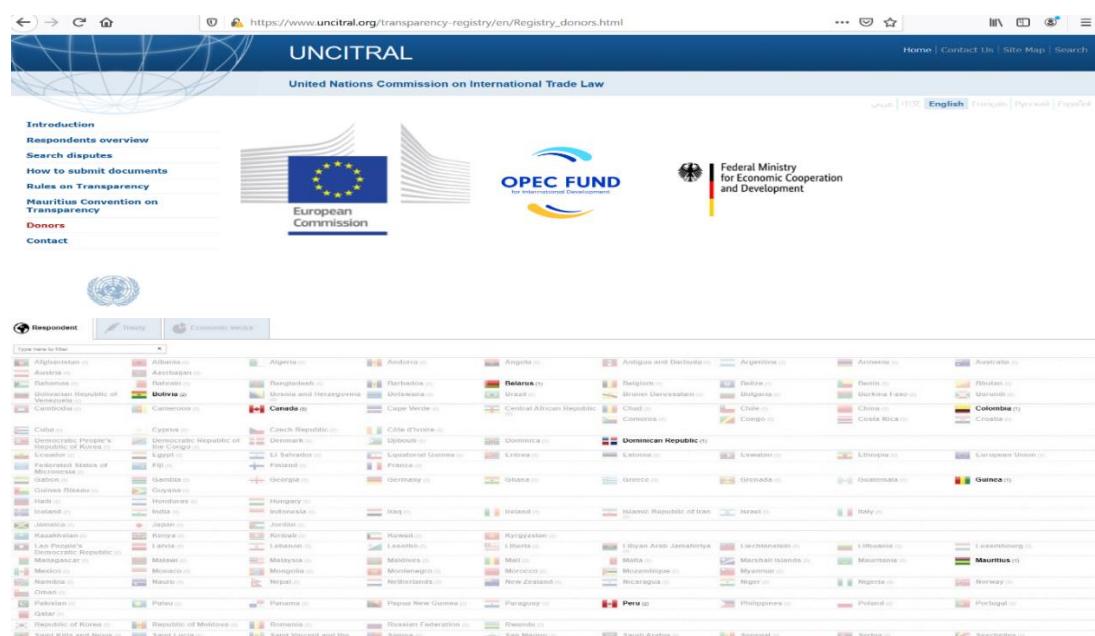
²⁰ Los LAC Days siguen el mismo enfoque que los AP Day en la región de América Latina y el Caribe.

²¹ Luego de realizarse estos eventos, el Ministerio Federal Alemán para la Cooperación y el Desarrollo Económico (BMZ) contribuye voluntariamente al funcionamiento del Registro sobre la Transparencia (2021).

la Secretaría de la CNUDMI cada año. Las instituciones que participan de este día son invitadas a organizar actividades bajo el tema sugerido y/u otros relacionados con la CNUDMI.²²

Las Jornadas LAC Days, 2020

74. De noviembre a diciembre de 2020, la secretaría de la CNUDMI copatrocinó 30 eventos académicos en línea, con la participación sin precedente de 34 instituciones de formación superior de la región,²³ distribuidas en 16 jurisdicciones. El formato y la estructura de los LAC Days 2020 fueron flexibles y se adaptaron a la capacidad y preferencia de la institución organizadora. Estos variaron desde discusiones informales como parte de una clase a conferencias académicas internacionales de varios días. Los panelistas fueron académicos, profesionales jurídicos, delegados gubernamentales, y miembros del sistema judicial, involucrados todos en el trabajo legislativo de la Comisión, los grupos de trabajo de la CNUDMI, y otras actividades como coloquios. Si bien las actividades de estas jornadas sensibilizaron y promovieron un entendimiento más profundo de los textos de la CNUDMI, en algunos casos las presentaciones realizadas y las discusiones de expertos generadas constituyeron sesiones de formación especializada sobre los textos de la CNUDMI dirigidas a grupos interesados del sector público y privado. Asimismo, en algunos casos asistieron a las jurisdicciones participantes en considerar y adoptar medidas concretas tendientes a la adopción de los textos de la CNUDMI sobre transparencia en los arbitrajes entre inversionistas y Estados en el marco de un Tratado. Panelistas y participantes reconocieron además la información y documentos publicados en el Registro sobre la Transparencia (<https://www.uncitral.org/transparency-registry/registry/index.jspx>), el cual fue un referente en las discusiones académicas.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the UNCITRAL Transparency Registry. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Home, Contact Us, Site Map, and Search. Below the navigation is a banner featuring the European Commission logo, the OPEC FUND for International Development logo, and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development logo. The main content area has three tabs: Respondent, Transparency, and Economic model. A search bar labeled "Type here to filter" is positioned above a grid of country names and flags. The countries listed include Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Montenegro, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Página web del Registro sobre la Transparencia

²² Para mayor información consultar el Asia Pacific Day 2020 Report disponible en inglés en el sitio web de la CNUDMI, <https://uncitral.un.org/>.

²³ La lista de universidades e instituciones participantes por jurisdicción figuran en el Anexo 1.

Calendario de eventos

9/11/2020

Jornada preparatoria del día de UNCITRAL LAC Evento organizado por la ASADIP y la Secretaría de la CNUDMI, con el apoyo de la SIECA.

Conferencia Magistral, Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales, Universidad Nacional de Asunción (UNA), **Paraguay**

Mesa redonda, Universidad del Centro Educativo Latinoamericano - UCEL Rosario, **Argentina**

Conferencia, Universidad Nacional de José C. Paz, **Argentina**

9- 11/11/2020

Conferencia, Maestría en Derecho Mercantil, Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH), **Honduras**

10/11/2020

Jornada, Universidad Católica, Facultad de Derecho, con el copatrocinio del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Subsecretaría de Relaciones Económicas y CEPAL, **Chile**

10/11/2020

Jornada, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores y Secretaría de Economía, **México**

10/11/2020

Conferencia Magistral, Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales, Universidad Nacional de Asunción (UNA), **Paraguay**

Jornada, Universidad de Flores, Facultad de Derecho, **Argentina**

11/11/2020

Jornada, Instituto de Estudios Internacionales, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú, con el apoyo de la Academia Diplomática de Perú, **Perú**

Jornada, Universidad de la República, Facultad de Derecho, UDELAR, **Uruguay**

11/11/2020

Seminario, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Escuela de Derecho en coordinación con la Dirección de Comercio Exterior y Administración de Tratados Comerciales del Ministerio de Industria, Comercio y MIPYME y la Oficina de Abogados Biaggi, **República Dominicana**

12 -13/11/2020

Jornada, Universidad del Salvador (USAL), **Argentina**

16/11/2020

Seminario, Universidad Austral, Universidad Nacional del Litoral, **Argentina**

17/11/2020

Seminario, Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, **Colombia**

23-25/11/2020

Paneles y Conferencia, Maestría en Derecho Mercantil, Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH), **Honduras**

25/11/2020

Jornada, Universidad Externado, **Colombia**

26/11/2020

Jornada, Carrera de derecho, Universidad del Valle (UNIVALLE), Cochabamba, La Paz, Sucre y Trinidad, **Bolivia**

27/11/2020

Seminario, Universidad de Panamá, Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Políticas, en coordinación con el Colegio Nacional de Abogados (CNA) y la Asociación de Derecho Internacional Privado y Derecho Comparado de Panamá (Adipcop), **Panamá**

1/12/2020

Seminario, organizado por la Colegio de Jurisprudencia de Universidad San Francisco de Quito, **Ecuador**

8/12/2020

Seminario, coorganizado por la Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Universidade de Brasília, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul y la Fundação Getúlio Vargas – FGV., **Brasil**

Conferencia, Universidad Iberoamericana, UNIBE, **República Dominicana**

9/12/2020

Mesa redonda, Jornada de Debates y Talleres y Concurso de escritos temáticos, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Facultad de Derecho, **Argentina**

Conferencia, Maestría en Derecho Mercantil, Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH), **Honduras**

10/12/2020

Seminario, Maestría de Comercio y Negocios Internacionales, Secretaría de Postgrados y Subsecretaría de Planificación y Relaciones Internacionales, Universidad Nacional de Quilmes, **Argentina**

Conferencia, coorganizada por Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Universidad Monteávila, y ASADIP. Apoyo Institucional y tecnológico: CECDA, **Venezuela**

11/12/2020

Jornada, Carreras de derecho, Universidad Privada de Santa Cruz de la Sierra y Universidad Privada Boliviana, **Bolivia**

14/12/2020

Jornada, Universidad de Chile, Facultad de Derecho, con el copatrocino del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Subsecretaría de Relaciones Económicas y CEPAL, **Chile**

15/12/2020

Seminario, Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, **El Salvador**

16/12/2020

Conferencia, Universidad Latina de Costa Rica, **Costa Rica**

Conferencia, Maestría en Derecho Mercantil, Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH), **Honduras**



Temática del LAC Days 2020

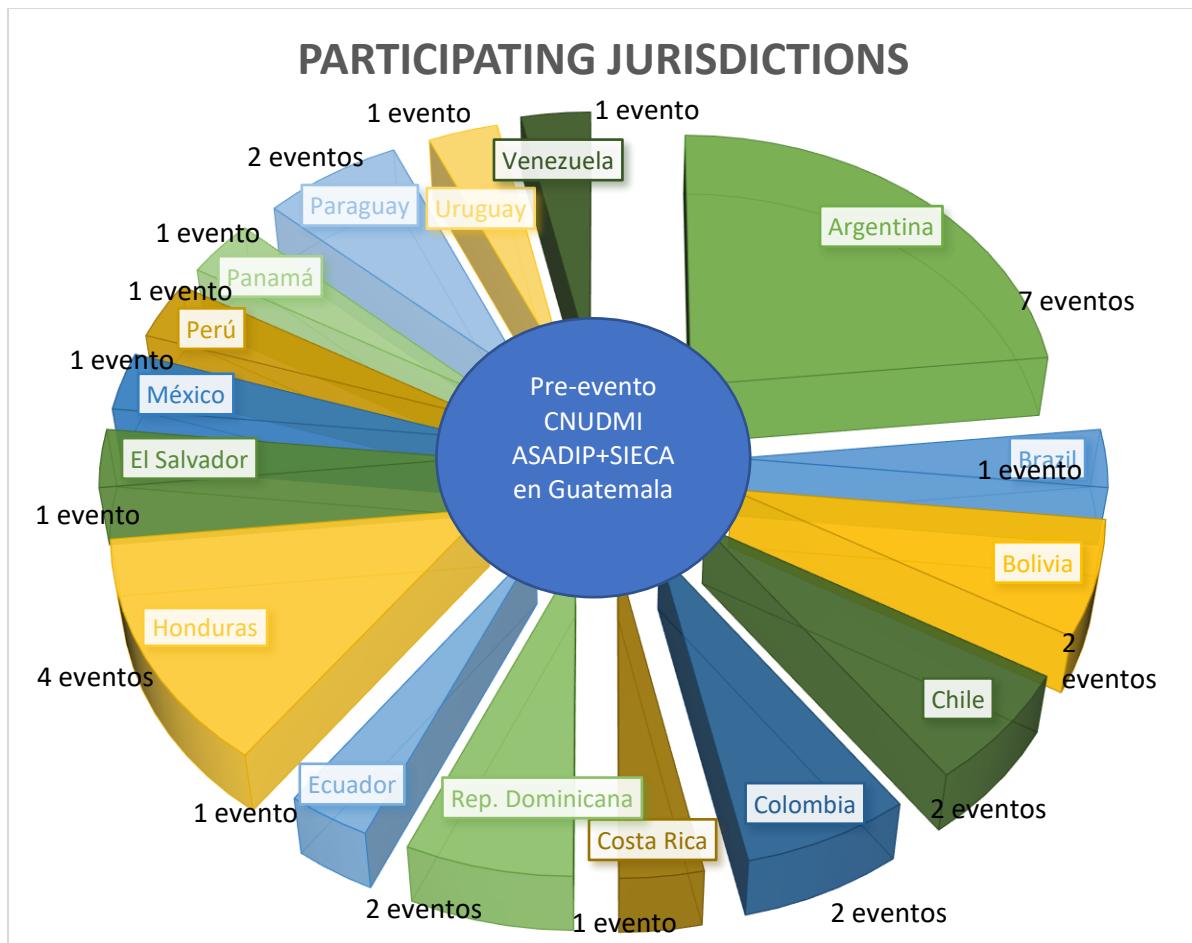
75. Las Jornadas del LAC Days en 2020 se centraron en el trabajo de la CNUDMI en transparencia en los arbitrajes entre inversionistas y Estados en el marco de un Tratado. La elección del tema para esta primera edición fue basada en la vasta experiencia que esta región ha acumulado, en el curso de dos décadas, en el arbitraje inversionistas-Estados generado en el marco de acuerdos para la promoción y protección de inversiones. Algunos eventos abarcaron otros temas en áreas relacionadas tales como mediación y arbitraje internacional; compraventa internacional de mercaderías (CISG); comercio electrónico; insolvencia y; la labor legislativa en marcha de los Grupos de Trabajo de la CNUDMI (GTI, GTII, GTIII, GTIV, GTV). Los eventos organizados durante los LAC Days abordaron los temas antes mencionadas buscando promover un uso armonizado y una interpretación eficiente de los herramientas de la CNUDMI existentes en estas áreas temáticas. Además estos eventos alentaron participar en las sesiones de los Grupos de Trabajo de la Comisión (por ejemplo, GTII y GTIII).



Nota: En algunos eventos se abarcaron más de una área temática.

Jurisdicciones participantes

76. En 2020, 16 jurisdicciones participaron del LAC Days. Estas son Argentina, Brasil, Bolivia (Estado Plurinacional de), Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, El Salvador, México, Perú, Panamá, Paraguay, República Dominicana, Uruguay y Venezuela (República Bolivariana de). Se anticipan nuevas colaboraciones esperando que las ediciones futuras cuenten con la participación de más jurisdicciones de la región.



Participación

77. Los eventos contaron con una matriz diversa de participantes de toda la región. Si bien la mayoría de los eventos convocaron a estudiantes de derecho, algunos captaron la atención de otros grupos de interés, tales como expertos del sector público y privado, investigadores, etc. Además como todos los eventos fueron organizados en forma virtual permitió expandir el la audiencia más allá de la región de América Latina y el Caribe.

78. Evaluar el equilibrio de género y la composición de la audiencia en un evento online puede presentar un desafío. 66% mujeres y 63% de hombres participaron del pre-evento de lanzamiento de las Jornadas LAC Days. En los casos en que se contó con información desagregada por género, este patrón de participación se repitió en esta serie. Los LAC Days convocaron una audiencia distribuida en 19 jurisdicciones comprendiendo varias regiones,²⁴ compuesta de países en desarrollo, desarrollados y países sin litoral. La secretaría de la CNUDMI y las instituciones asociadas del LAC Days trataron de mantener un equilibrio de géneros en los paneles, lo que continuarán haciendo en futuras ediciones de esta serie.

²⁴ Este evento convocó a una audiencia procedente de 16 jurisdicciones de la región, además de 3 jurisdicciones de otra región (por ejemplo: Francia, España y los Estados Unidos)

Composición de la participación por género



Nota: Información basada en estadísticas proporcionadas por los co-organizadores, siempre que fuera disponible.

Formato

79. La secretaría de la CNUDMI apoyó todas las actividades que se realizaron en el LAC Days realizando una presentación virtual sobre los instrumentos de la CNUDMI y desarrollo actuales. En aquellos casos en que una presentación virtual no fuera posible, la secretaría de la CNUDMI apoyó el evento mediante el envío de un mensaje grabado especialmente para la ocasión. Algunos de estos eventos se realizaron en portugués para mejorar la accesibilidad regional y promover el multilingüismo.



80. En respuesta al COVID-19, las actividades en el marco del LAC Days 2020 se realizaron únicamente en forma virtual. A pesar de que este formato virtual no permitió reunirse en forma presencial, el uso de la tecnología permitió incrementar el número de participante y expandir los eventos a otras regiones. El uso de la tecnología eliminó las barreras geográficas y redujo las limitaciones de recursos asociados con la forma de participación tradicional en eventos organizados en forma presencial. La forma y el tamaño de los eventos comprendiendo desde una clase para 30 estudiantes a conferencias internacionales de un día o varios días, con una participación de una media de 300 participantes (aprox.). Las series de eventos en el marco del LAC Days alcanzaron una audiencia global en vivo superior a los 1,000 participantes. Además,

algunos de estos eventos fueron reproducidos en plataformas sociales (YouTube/Facebook) unas 1,500 veces.²⁵

81. Los eventos en el LAC Days involucraron la participación de expertos de diversas jurisdicciones en diferentes etapas de desarrollo económico, asegurándose así que diversas perspectivas fueran representadas. Más de la mitad de los expertos panelistas fueron miembros de la academia, seguido de abogados, árbitros y funcionarios de gobierno.

Instituciones organizadoras



82. La secretaría de la CNUDMI agradece el apoyo que ha recibido de todas las instituciones asociadas al LAC Days. Estas comprenden universidades, instituciones de educación superior, instituciones para la educación de representantes gubernamentales y diplomáticos, Ministerios de varios países, organizaciones internacionales gubernamentales y no gubernamentales activas en el campo del derecho mercantil internacional y otras entidades (cámaras de comercio, instituciones arbitrales).²⁶

83. Las jornadas LAC Days contaron con el generoso apoyo de la Asociación Americana de Derecho Internacional Privado (ASADIP), el Centro de Estudios para la Integración Económica de la Secretaría de Integración Económica Centroamericana (SIECA), la Comisión de las Naciones Unidas para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL) y la Organización para la Cooperación y el Desarrollo Económico (OCDE), la Corte Permanente de Arbitraje (CPA) y las Cámaras de Comercio, que como socios brindaron asistencia académica, profesional y técnica.

²⁵ Información adicional puede consultarse en la versión en inglés, en “Highlights of the UNCITRAL LAC Days 2020”.

²⁶ Una lista completa se puede consultar en el Anexo 1 del informe en inglés.

Apoyo a los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible (ODS).

84. Las jornadas del LAC Days se beneficiaron de una participación activa de actores nacionales del sector público y privado. En el corto plazo, esta serie de eventos académicos contribuyen a comprender los beneficios de utilizar instrumentos jurídicos internacionales que promuevan una mayor transparencia y rendición de cuenta en los procedimientos arbitrales. Estos beneficios abarcan también a los resultados de arbitrajes entre inversionistas y Estados los cuales generalmente refieren a medidas tomadas por Estados involucrando fondos públicos para pagar compensaciones. A largo plazo, esta serie de eventos influenciará en el establecimiento de una tendencia en el uso de los textos de la CNUDMI para facilitar las reformas del derecho comercial.

85. La contribución de la CNUDMI al logro de los Objetivos del Desarrollo Sostenible se lleva a cabo en varios frentes y aborda una serie de ámbitos diferentes e interrelacionados.²⁷ Si bien muchos de los objetivos y metas de los ODS son relevantes para los temas discutidos durante los LAC Days, el ODS 16 tiene una resonancia particular. El ODS 16 se refiere a "Promover sociedades pacíficas e inclusivas para el desarrollo sostenible, proporcionar acceso a la justicia para todos y construir instituciones eficaces, responsables e inclusivas en todos los niveles", y la meta 16.6 es "Desarrollar instituciones eficaces, responsables y transparentes en todos los niveles". En este contexto, la labor de la CNUDMI en materia de transparencia en el arbitraje en el marco de tratados entre inversores y Estados apoya el desarrollo de normas eficaces, responsables y transparentes. La capacitación judicial sobre los textos de la CNUDMI fortalece la capacidad de los jueces y todos los usuarios de las Reglas al momento de aplicar, interpretar y hacer cumplir las normas pertinentes de la CNUDMI de manera uniforme, lo que ayuda a construir instituciones eficaces, responsables e inclusivas. Los debates desarrollados en el marco del LAC Days al tener un formato inclusivo promueven el ODS 16 en su conjunto.



²⁷ Para más información, consultar <https://unctral.un.org/en/about/sdg>

Annex I

List of LAC Institutions participated in the 2020 UNCITRAL LAC Days Series

COUNTRY	PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS	DATE OF EVENT
ARGENTINA		
	Universidad del Centro Educativo Latinoamericano-UCEL Rosario, in collaboration with Arbitraje Alumni and Argentinean Young Arbitrator Practitioners (AYAP)	09 November 2020
	Universidad Nacional de José C. Paz	09 November 2020
	Universidad de Flores, Facultad de Derecho, with the Support of ASADIP.	10 November 2020
	Universidad del Salvador (USAL)	12-13November 2020
	Universidad Austral y Universidad Nacional del Litoral, with the support of ASADIP	16 November 2020
	Universidad de Buenos Aires, Facultad de Derecho	9 -December 2020
	Universidad Nacional de Quilmes	10 December 2020
BOLIVIA (STATE PLURINATIONAL OF)		
	Universidad del Valle (UNIVALLE), Cochabamba, La Paz, Sucre y Trinidad, Carrera de derecho, with the collaboration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia (State Plurinational of), the Procuraduria del Estado and the National Chamber of Commerce	26 November 2020
	Universidad Privada de Santa Cruz de la Sierra y Universidad Privada Boliviana, Carreras de derecho, with the collaboration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia (State Plurinational of), the Procuraduria del Estado and the National Chamber of Commerce,	11 December 2020
BRAZIL		

Universidad Federal do Espírito Santo, Universidad Federal de Minas Gerais, Universidad de Brasilia, Universidad do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Universidad General do Rio Grande do Sul y Fundación Getulio Vargas, with the support of the ASADIP and the International Law Commission-Espírito Santo Bar Association.

CHILE

- Universidad Católica, Facultad de Derecho, co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Under Secretary on Economic Relations (SUBREI) and ECLAC 10 November 2020
- Universidad de Chile. Facultad de Derecho, co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Under Secretary on Economic Relations (SUBREI) 14 December 2020

COLOMBIA

- Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas 17 November 2020
- Universidad Externado de Colombia, jointly with the Research Group on Contracts and International Dispute Settlement (CYRCI) and the Department of Business 25 November 2020

COSTA RICA

- Universidad Latina de Costa Rica, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Costa Rica, the Centre of Conciliation and Arbitration, AmCham CR and the Costa Rica Young Arbitrators 16 December 2020

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

- Pontificia Universidad Católica, Madre y Maestra – PUCMM, Escuela de Derecho, in coordination with the Division on Foreign Trade and Management of Trade Agreements at the Ministry 11 November 2020

of Industry, Trade and MSME and the office of the law firm Biaggi

Universidad Iberoamericana, UNIBE, in coordination with the Division on Foreign Trade and Management of Trade Agreements at the Ministry of Industry, Trade and MSME

8 December 2020

ECUADOR

Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Colegio de Jurisprudencia, in collaboration with the Instituto Ecuatoriano de Arbitraje

1 December 2020

EL SALVADOR

Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Permanent Mission in Vienna.

15 December 2020

HONDURAS

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH), Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas, maestría en Derecho Mercantil, with the collaboration of Lexincorp, and the Centre on Conciliation and Arbitration, Chamber of Commerce of Tegucigalpa

9 -11, 23-25 November 2020

MEXICO

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), co-sponsored by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary of Economy, Mexico

10 November 2020

PANAMA

Universidad de Panamá, Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Políticas, jointly with the National Bar Association (CAN) and the Association of International Private and Comparative Law of Panama (Adipcop).

27 November 2020

PARAGUAY

Universidad Nacional de Asunción (UNA),
Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales

9-10 November 2020

PERU

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú, Instituto
de Estudios Internacionales, with the support of
the Diplomatic School and the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of Peru.

11 November 2020

URUGUAY

Universidad de la Republica, Facultad de
Derecho, UDELAR.

11 November 2020

VENEZUELA (Bolivarian Republic of)

Universidad Católica Andres Bello y Universidad
Monteávila, in collaboration with ASADIP and
with the technical support of the Business Center
on Conciliation and Arbitration (CEDCA).

10 December 2020

Annex II

Acknowledgments from participating universities, institutions and listeners.

The financial support of the European Commission and the OPEC Fund for the operation of the Transparency Registry was gratefully acknowledged in events organized during the LAC Days series.²⁸

Below are some extracted testimonials from the UNCITRAL LAC Days series partnering universities and institutions (organized in alphabetical order) discussing the benefits to students and stakeholders:

ARGENTINA

Agradecidos de participar en la celebración del día de UNCITRAL LAC Days como entidad organizadora de una conferencia. Por eso me atrevo a pedirle que le haga llegar a la Sra. Secretaria de la CNUDMI, nuestro agradecimiento por su carta y sus elogiosas palabras.

La exposición de la investigadora y docente, Nanci Schlotthauer, que abordó aspectos generales de la CNUDMI/UNCITRAL, reglas sobre transparencia y la Ley Modelo sobre Arbitraje Comercial Internacional y su desarrollo en Argentina y la Región, entre otros temas, obtuvo excelentes repercusiones entre docentes, estudiantes de UNPAZ, y público en general. De esa manera nuestra comunidad universitaria estará mejor preparada para los retos profesionales que enfrenten en el futuro. Será un honor participar en la segunda edición del UNCITRAL LAC Days en 2021.

Prof. Viega,

UNPAZ- Argentina

Para nosotros fue un orgullo poder hospedar uno de los eventos de UNCITRAL LAC Days y por ello fue un gran placer organizarlo. Además, apreciamos muchísimo su apoyo, disponibilidad y colaboración para concretarlo.

Quedamos dispuestos para la organización del próximo. Ciertamente, podemos rescatar como positivo de este encierro forzoso pandémico que nos ha facilitado encuentros como el que nos ha unido para acercar actualidad y visualizar temáticas poco abordadas.

Expresamos nuestra gratitud por la deferente carta enviada.

Muy atte.

Dr. Leticia Bourges

Universidad del Centro Educativo Latinoamericano

²⁸ Since these events were held, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has provided some funding to the Transparency Registry for 2021

BRAZIL

Acuso recibimiento de la carta y agradezco muchísimo las palabras y consideraciones. Reitero mi enorme satisfacción en haber contribuido con la UNCITRAL en la coordinación - junto con ASADIP y demás instituciones nacionales del evento UNCITRAL LAC Days en Brasil.

El seminario fue una gran oportunidad para fomentar el interés académico y profesional en la temática de los arbitrajes de inversiones, en particular, bajo la óptica de la reglamentación de la UNCITRAL en el tema de la transparencia.

Brasil camina hacia un nuevo paradigma en el ámbito del régimen de inversiones extranjeras y seguramente las reglamentaciones de la UNCITRAL serán claves para la promoción de la seguridad jurídica y del adecuado acceso a la justicia.

Coloco a disposición nuestra institución – Universidad Federal de Espírito Santo/UFES - para futuros eventos de interés de la UNCITRAL en Brasil.

Un cordial abrazo,

Valesca R B Moschen

Universidad Federal de Espírito Santo/UFES

CHILE

Me sumo a los agradecimientos a la secretaría de UNCITRAL, a las autoridades, a los panelistas y a los moderadores-co-organizadores.

Para la Facultad es muy importante poder colaborar con la transmisión de conocimiento sobre estas materias. Desde ya, comprometemos nuestro apoyo para futuras actividades.

Saludos cordiales y felices fiestas. Ojalá el 2021 sea un año menos complejo.

Ximena Fuentes

Universidad de Chile

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Para la PUCMM es un honor participar en estas actividades en las que se enriquecen y se elevan las discusiones académicas a otros espacios, gracias a ustedes por la oportunidad. En la PUCMM siempre tendrán un espacio académico presto a contribuir en este tipo de iniciativas.

Pongo en copia a nuestro director de la Escuela de Derecho, Campus Santo Domingo, Héctor Aliés, quien es el verdadero articulador, quien hace posible que todos estos proyectos puedan llevarse a cabo.

Seguimos en contacto y a la orden.

Saludos cordiales,

Heidy Berroa, Docente, **PUCMM**

ECUADOR

Fue un gusto colaborar con ustedes en la realización del evento UNCITRAL LAC en Ecuador. Luego del evento recibí comentarios muy alentadores de algunos colegas que participaron en el evento. [Colegio de Jurisprudencia, Universidad San Francisco de Quito]

Les agradezco por haberme contactado para llevar adelante esta actividad y les ratifico mi disponibilidad a futuro y gran interés en seguir colaborando con ustedes y la Secretaría de la CNUDMI.

Alvaro Galindo

Instituto Ecuatoriano de Arbitraje

PARAGUAY

Me encuentro muy agradecido por haber tenido el privilegio de participar del Día de UNCITRAL, como representante de la UNIVERSIDAD Nacional de Asunción. La conferencia fue aún mejor de lo que esperaba, ya que no me hacía especial ilusión, pero, finalmente despertó mi interés para interiorizarme en el Derecho Internacional Mercantil e investigar los métodos para armonizar los distintos sistemas jurídicos internacionales a los efectos de evitar obstáculos en las transacciones internacionales. Espero poder participar en una próxima ocasión.

Iván Schaeerer González

Estudiante

UNA, Paraguay

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De mi mayor consideración:

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Espero que hayan oportunidades de colaboración en el futuro para seguir reflexionando y discutiendo los valiosos aportes de UNCITRAL en temas de gran interés para Latinoamérica.

Atentamente,

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