

CLOUT Network Meeting

Boardroom D, Vienna International Centre (Vienna, Austria)



16 July 2025, 14:00 pm – 17:00 pm

14:00-14:15	Opening Remarks
	Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret , Secretary of UNCITRAL
14:15 - 15:00	Update on CLOUT system developments
	Moderator: Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret , Secretary of UNCITRAL
	Overview of progress since the last Network Meeting (24 October 2024)
	Ms. Maria Angeliki Giannakou , UNCITRAL secretariat – <i>CLOUT Key challenges and achievements.</i> Ms. Samira Musayeva [tbc] - <i>Recent legislative texts adopted by the Commission and their relevance for CLOUT.</i> Mr. Takashi Takashima and Mr. Benjamin Herisset , UNCITRAL secretariat - <i>Update on the ongoing work on UNCITRAL publications and their relevance for CLOUT.</i>
15:00-15:15	Role of CLOUT Network members: sharing experiences
	Moderator: Ms. Judith Knieper , UNCITRAL secretariat
	Building on a similar session held during the October 2024 Network Meeting, this item offers an opportunity to learn from the experience of participants in the CLOUT Network. Mr. Reinmar Wolff , DIS (Germany) - <i>The German Arbitration Institute (DIS), CLOUT Institutional Partner, and its contribution to CLOUT.</i>
15:15-15:30	Enhancing legal capacity through CLOUT
	Moderator: Ms. Monica Canafoglia , UNCITRAL secretariat
	As affirmed by the General Assembly, CLOUT is an important tool for promoting the uniform interpretation of international trade law. In particular, it supports the development of local capacity among judges, arbitrators, and other legal practitioners to interpret international standards with regard to their international character, the need for uniform application, and the observance of good faith in international trade (A/RES/79/117, para. 18). This item will highlight how CLOUT contributes to technical assistance, with particular reference to areas such as insolvency law and arbitration, which account for a significant portion of the cases reported in the database. Ms. Samira Musayeva, Mr. Benjamin Herisset and Ms. Judith Knieper UNCITRAL secretariat - <i>Harnessing CLOUT: supporting legal harmonization through case law.</i>
15:30-	Improving preparation of abstracts
	Moderator: Ms. Maria Angeliki Giannakou , UNCITRAL secretariat [tbc]

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16:00	<p>As noted during the last meeting of the CLOUT Network, the submission of good-quality abstracts is essential for the UNCITRAL secretariat. Such abstracts not only summarize significant court decisions or arbitral awards but are also drafted in accordance with the CLOUT guidelines. Specifically, they should: (i) present information in the recommended order (see A/CN.9/SER.C/GUIDE/1/Rev.3, CLOUT user guide); and (ii) clearly identify and explain the key legal issues related to the application of an UNCITRAL text. This agenda item will include remarks from the UNCITRAL secretariat aimed at supporting contributors in preparing high-quality abstracts, thereby facilitating the secretariat's review process.</p> <p>Mr. Ulrich G. Schroeter, Professor, University of Basel (Switzerland)– <i>Insights from preparing abstracts. [title tbc]</i></p> <p>Ms. Samira Musayeva and Mr. Benjamin Herisset, UNCITRAL secretariat - <i>CLOUT abstracts in focus: aligning drafting practices with CLOUT standards.</i></p>
	CLOUT enhanced dissemination
	Moderator: Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret , Secretary of UNCITRAL
16:00-16:30	<p>The CLOUT database continues to face usability challenges, though the new submission format introduced in August 2024 (one case – one document) has improved accessibility. However, financial constraints limit further upgrades for the time being.</p> <p>Sustainable partnerships offer a promising path to broaden CLOUT's outreach and ensure its continued relevance. In this context, the secretariat is crafting collaboration with Jus Mundi, a multilingual online legal platform that provides access to international law and arbitration materials. Jus Mundi leverages advanced technology to support efficient and user-friendly legal research. This initiative aligns with the Commission's 2024 decision [see <i>Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/79/17)</i>, para. 344] encouraging the secretariat to outsource the database upgrade, guided by three principles: (a) free-of-charge access; (b) UNCITRAL's retention of intellectual property rights; and (c) availability of abstracts in all six official UN languages.</p> <p>Mr. Alexandre Vagenheim, VP Global Legal Data, Jus Mundi (France) - <i>Demonstration of the Jus Mundi platform and its potential for CLOUT.</i></p>
	Marking UNCITRAL's 60th anniversary as a means to strengthen CLOUT dissemination
16:30-16:55	<p>Moderator: Mr. Itai Apter, Advisor, Ministry of Justice (Israel)</p> <p>As UNCITRAL's sixtieth anniversary approaches in 2026, the CLOUT Network is invited to consider how this milestone can serve as a platform to further expand the dissemination and visibility of CLOUT. Given CLOUT's central role in promoting the uniform interpretation and application of UNCITRAL texts, the anniversary offers a timely opportunity to highlight its impact and reinforce its relevance.</p> <p>At the October 2024 meeting, CLOUT Network members emphasized the value of engaging universities and training institutions to support CLOUT dissemination beyond online channels. Progress in this area, however, has been limited due to resource constraints.</p> <p>To address this and contribute to the anniversary celebrations, Network members are encouraged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify academic and training institutions as potential partners; • Suggest strategies to broaden CLOUT's global reach and audience; and • Propose and commit to CLOUT-related initiatives for the anniversary, such as regional forums, thematic webinars, publications, or outreach campaigns.

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	<p>This session will focus on developing concrete proposals that align commemorative activities with long-term goals for strengthening CLOUT's dissemination and impact.</p> <p>Ms. Yanying Li, UNCITRAL secretariat – <i>UNCITRAL@60, what's in the pipeline [title tbc]</i></p> <p>Mr. Stefan Kröll, Professor, Bucerius Law School (Germany) - <i>Advancing CLOUT Through UNCITRAL@60 [title tbc]</i>.</p> <p>Open discussion</p>
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