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| Exploring the Digital Frontiers of Cross-border Trade

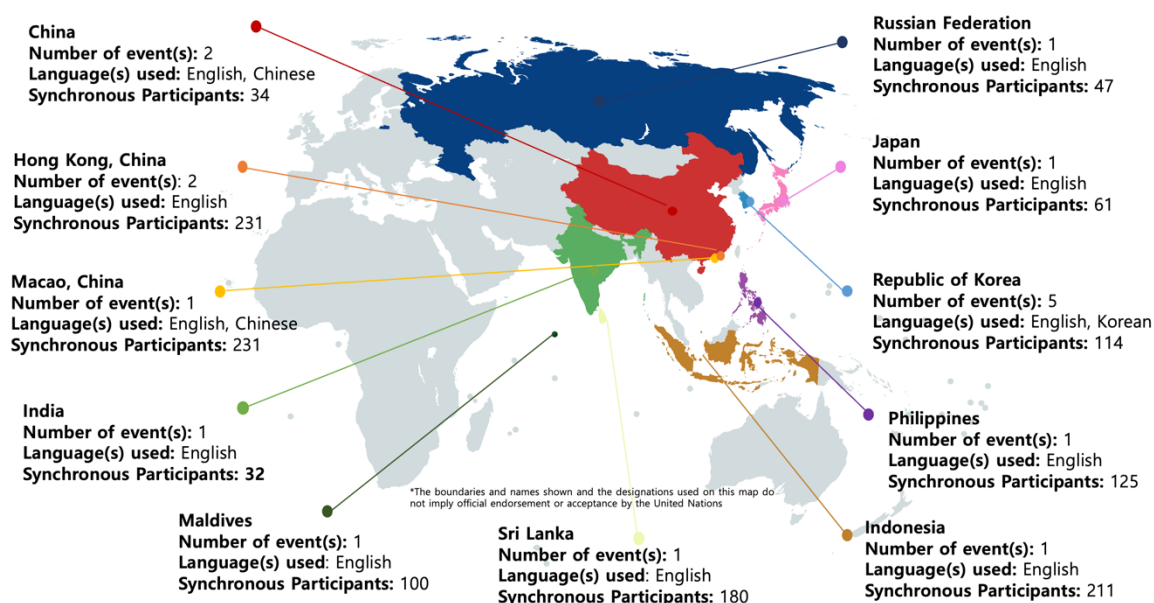


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Introduction

1. This report on the UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Days ('AP Days') highlights the objectives of this flagship activity series, the deliverables produced, and the outcomes achieved. An introduction of the UNCITRAL AP Days and an illustrated summary of the salient features of the 2023 series are first provided, followed by concluding remarks. Highlights from each activity appear in **Annex I** and testimonials from partnering institutions and participants appear in **Annex II**.

AP Days 2023: a snapshot



Total events: 17

Co-hosting jurisdictions: 11

Total synchronous participants: 1,366 from 43 jurisdictions

A brief overview

2. The AP Days are an annual flagship academic series launched in 2014 by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific ('UNCITRAL' or the 'Commission', and 'UNCITRAL RCAP') to commemorate United Nations General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 establishing UNCITRAL, which has since come to be the core legal body of the United Nations system in the field of international trade law.

3. Since the first edition of the AP Days in 2014, universities and institutions across the Asia-Pacific region have joined the annual celebration by co-hosting a series of academic events with UNCITRAL RCAP to promote awareness of international trade standards and norms, particularly those endorsed by UNCITRAL, amongst law students — the next generation of legal thinkers and policymakers. These events are academic in nature and are free of admission charges. In some instances, the deliverables have served to provide capacity building to public and private stakeholders and assist participating jurisdictions in their consideration of adopting UNCITRAL texts.

4. The success of the AP Days has led to the expansion of “UNCITRAL Days” to other regions, including the UNCITRAL Latin American and Caribbean Days, the UNCITRAL Days in Africa and the UNCITRAL Days for the Arab States (on a pilot basis in 2023). The Commission has noted with interest the further expansion of engagement with academic partners, geared towards young researchers and practitioners in international trade law through UNCITRAL Days in various regions.¹

5. It should be noted that whereas the reporting period of the previous editions of the AP Days report was from 1 April to 31 March (of the following year), the reporting period of the 2023 series has been changed to 1 April to 31 December 2023. Going forward, the reporting period of the AP Days will be on a calendar year basis. Reports of previous AP Days are available on the UNCITRAL website.²

AP Days 2023

6. The AP Days 2023 series is the tenth edition of this UNCITRAL RCAP flagship with events taking place from May to December 2023. The series was successfully organized with the generous support and collaboration of institutional and academic partners throughout the region. Each AP Days activity had its own unique and diverse features in terms of deliverables, topics covered, audience reached, and mode of delivery. Highlights of each AP Days activity listed in chronological order can be found in **Annex I**.

¹ See paragraph 259, Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (Fifty-fifth Session, 27 June-15 July 2022), available at: <http://undocs.org/en/a/77/17> (English version).

² Commencing with the 2020 series, AP Days reports have been published on the UNCITRAL website as informal Commission documents, enabling Member States, the public, and potential new partners to learn more about this flagship event. For more details please visit: https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/uncitral_days_in_asia_and_the_pacific_report_2022.pdf; https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/media-documents/uncitral/en/apdayreport_2021.pdf and https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/media-documents/uncitral/en/apdayreport_2020.pdf.

UNCITRAL AP DAYS 2023



UNCITRAL AP Day 2023

The UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Days is an annual flagship academic series launched in 2014 by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific ("UNCITRAL RCAP") to commemorate the December 1966 General Assembly resolution establishing UNCITRAL. The AP Days aim at raising awareness of UNCITRAL's texts and the importance of legal harmonisation amongst law students – the next generation of legal thinkers and policymakers – and are thus academic in nature and free of admission charges.

The suggested theme for AP Days 2023 is "Exploring the digital frontiers of cross-border trade". Digital technologies have impacted all aspects of everyday life, including cross-border trade. However, there may also be challenges in the use of transferable documents in electronic form. Moreover, electronic exchanges are not only about information sharing, but also about data analysis and reuse, and this has given rise to a new set of issues with regard to data provision.

Academic activities in this series aim to raise awareness of these issues and educate on the importance of legal harmonisation through UNCITRAL texts to solve and/or reduce them. UNCITRAL has prepared a legal framework for the digital economy that enables and facilitates the use of electronic means to engage in commercial activities. Further, the ongoing legislative work at UNCITRAL is focused on legal aspects of the use of automation in contracting, including artificial intelligence, and of data contracts. The proposed theme provides a timely discussion on how UNCITRAL's existing framework of e-commerce and ongoing legislative work could support States in developing an enabling legal framework for cross-border trade in the digital economy, noting that the work of UNCITRAL on digital trade law does not deal with regulatory issues such as consumer protection and data privacy and protection.

This year, 32 universities and institutions across the Asia-Pacific region in 11 jurisdictions have joined the AP Days 2023 by co-organizing a series of academic events with UNCITRAL RCAP to promote awareness of international trade standards and norms, particularly those endorsed by UNCITRAL, amongst law students – the next generation of legal thinkers and policymakers.

May 2023

6 May 2023

The Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at National Law University, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, INSOL India, and Insolvency Law Academy

• New Delhi, India (On-site)

• The 6th Anur, Jaiyee International Insolvency and Bankruptcy Most Competition, co-branded as the first 2023 UNCITRAL AP Days event, will be hosted by the Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at National Law University, and supported by Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, INSOL India, and Insolvency Law Academy. Professors, practitioners, and students will explore cross-border insolvency issues in the competition.

11 May 2023

Transnational Business Law Department, Faculty of Law of Padjadjaran University

• Bandung, Indonesia (Virtual)

• The Transnational Business Law Department, Faculty of Law of the Padjadjaran University is hosting an AP Days event themed "Recent Developments of UNCITRAL Instrument in Arbitration and Mediation". The event will cover an introduction of UNCITRAL, the UNCITRAL arbitration and mediation frameworks, and the RCAP internship programme.

22 May 2023

Handong Institute for Arbitration and Reconciliation, Handong Global University School of Law, and Handong International Law School

• Pohang, Republic of Korea (Virtual)

• Handong Institute for Arbitration and Reconciliation, Handong Global University School of Law, and Handong International Law School are hosting an online AP Days event, highlighting the role of UNCITRAL RCAP in promoting harmonization and modernization of international trade law in the Asia-Pacific region. The UNCITRAL arbitration framework, including transparency standard, and the UNCITRAL mediation framework will also be addressed.

June 2023

8 June 2023

Shanghai University of Political Science and Law

• Shanghai, China (Virtual)

• Shanghai University of Political Science and Law is hosting an AP Days event on UNCITRAL arbitration and mediation frameworks. The webinar will also include an introduction of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, including the e-modules and internship programme.

September 2023

18 September 2023

HarYang University School of Law

• Seoul, Republic of Korea (Virtual)

• The HarYang University School of Law is hosting an AP Days event which covers an introduction to UNCITRAL, including its internship programme, and an overview of UNCITRAL's texts on e-commerce. A professor from HarYang University School of Law will provide a presentation on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG).

20 September 2023

Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University School of Law

• Seoul, Republic of Korea (On-site)

• The Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University School of Law is hosting an AP Days event which will cover an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP (the UNCITRAL texts on e-commerce, and RCAP internship programme). Thereafter, a professor will discuss UNCITRAL legal instruments for global business.

21 September 2023

Sri Lanka Law College, and The Most Court Bench, Sri Lanka

• Colombo, Sri Lanka (Virtual)

• The Most Court Bench and Sri Lanka Law College are co-hosting an AP Days event under the theme "Adopting the CISG: The Journey to Legal Harmonization". The event will focus on the benefits of the CISG to Sri Lanka and the regional perspectives of the CISG's impact on international trade.

21 September 2023

Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade, Inha University

• Incheon, Republic of Korea (Virtual)

• Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade, Inha University is hosting an AP Days event themed "Exploring the digital frontiers of cross-border trade". The online event will cover an overview of UNCITRAL, including the RCAP internship programme, and focus on UNCITRAL's texts on e-commerce. Professors from Inha University will discuss the issues of different e-commerce platforms.

October 2023

10 October 2023

SW-Information Asset Protection Talent Development Division, Chung Ang University

• Seoul, Republic of Korea (On-site)

• SW-Information Asset Protection Talent Development Division of Chung Ang University is hosting an AP Days event which will cover an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP and UNCITRAL texts on e-commerce. Several experts will examine current issues on digital trade as well as challenges in pursuing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

November 2023

7 November 2023

Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

• Hong Kong, China (Hybrid)

• The Faculty of Law of the Chinese University of Hong Kong is hosting its inaugural AP Days event which will introduce the latest developments of UNCITRAL's work and provide an overview of UNCITRAL's texts on e-commerce. Other panel speakers will discuss the transformative role of technology in cross-border trade and investment.

13 November 2023

Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Department of Justice, Philippines

• Manila, Philippines (Hybrid)

• As part of the Philippines ADR Roadshow in the National Capital Region for Schools, the AP Days event will be hosted by the Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Department of Justice of the Philippines. The event will cover an overview of UNCITRAL and RCAP including the most recent texts relating to e-commerce, the CISG, the Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts (CLOUT) and the internship programme. UNCITRAL's arbitration and mediation frameworks will also be discussed.

15 November 2023

Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Mediation Centre, and International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute

• Hong Kong, China (Hybrid)

• The Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Mediation Centre, and the International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute are co-hosting an AP Days event themed "Unleashing the Potential of Cross-Border Digital Trade". The event will focus on UNCITRAL's latest developments and its texts on e-commerce. The UNCITRAL RCAP internship programme will also be introduced.

18 November 2023

Peking University School of Transnational Law, and Rede Chambers

• Shenzhen, China (Hybrid)

• Peking University School of Transnational Law and the Rede Chambers are co-hosting an AP Days event themed "An examination of some recent Hong Kong court decisions and freestyle chat discussion". The event will focus on the work of UNCITRAL on international commercial arbitration and discuss Hong Kong arbitration cases highlighting the court's pro-arbitration approach.

December 2023

1 & 12 December 2023

Faculty of Law, University of Macao, World Trade Center Macau Arbitration Center, Shanghai Arbitration Commission, and CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center

• Macao, China (Hybrid)

• The Faculty of Law of the University of Macao, World Trade Center Macau Arbitration Center, Shanghai Arbitration Commission and CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center are co-organizing an AP Days event in the form of a hybrid joint conference with the theme "National and Regional Harmonisation of International Trade Law: A Decade in Retrospect and the Decadents of the Future". This event marks the 10th anniversary of collaboration between UNCITRAL, RCAP and the University of Macao and discusses a wide range of issues including micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), e-commerce, cross-border insolvency and dispute resolution. There will also be a dedicated session to the law students at the University of Macao on the RCAP internship programme.

14 December 2023

The Maldives National University, Faculty of Shariah and Law, Villa College, and Maldives Moot Court Society

• Male, Maldives (Virtual)

• The Maldives National University, the Faculty of Shariah and Law of the Villa College and Maldives Moot Court Society will be co-hosting an AP Days event. The event will cover an introduction to UNCITRAL, and the UNCITRAL stocktaking project on dispute resolution in the digital economy. An overview of the UNCITRAL mediation framework and the RCAP internship programme will also be provided.

20 December 2023

School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University

• Vladivostok, Russian Federation (Hybrid)

• The School of Law of Far Eastern Federal University is hosting an AP Days event which will cover an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP and the latest developments of UNCITRAL's work. Presentations focusing on UNCITRAL arbitration and mediation frameworks, and the UNCITRAL Guide on Access to Credit for MSMEs will also be provided.

29 December 2023

Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University, and Asian Institute of International Financial Law, The University of Hong Kong

• Nagoya, Japan (Hybrid)

• The final 2023 UNCITRAL AP Days event will be co-organized with the Graduate School of Law of the Nagoya University and the Asian Institute of International Financial Law of the University of Hong Kong themed "The Role of Technology and Law in Cross-Border Trade: Substantive and Procedural Issues" highlighting cross-border law and technology issues. Speakers will discuss the law and technology reforms in the financial industry and the application of artificial intelligence in arbitrations.

RCAP warmly welcomes expressions of interest from institutions interested in co-organizing an activity under the AP Days 2023 and looks forward to exploring collaboration opportunities. Interested institutions please fill in the expression of interest form at:

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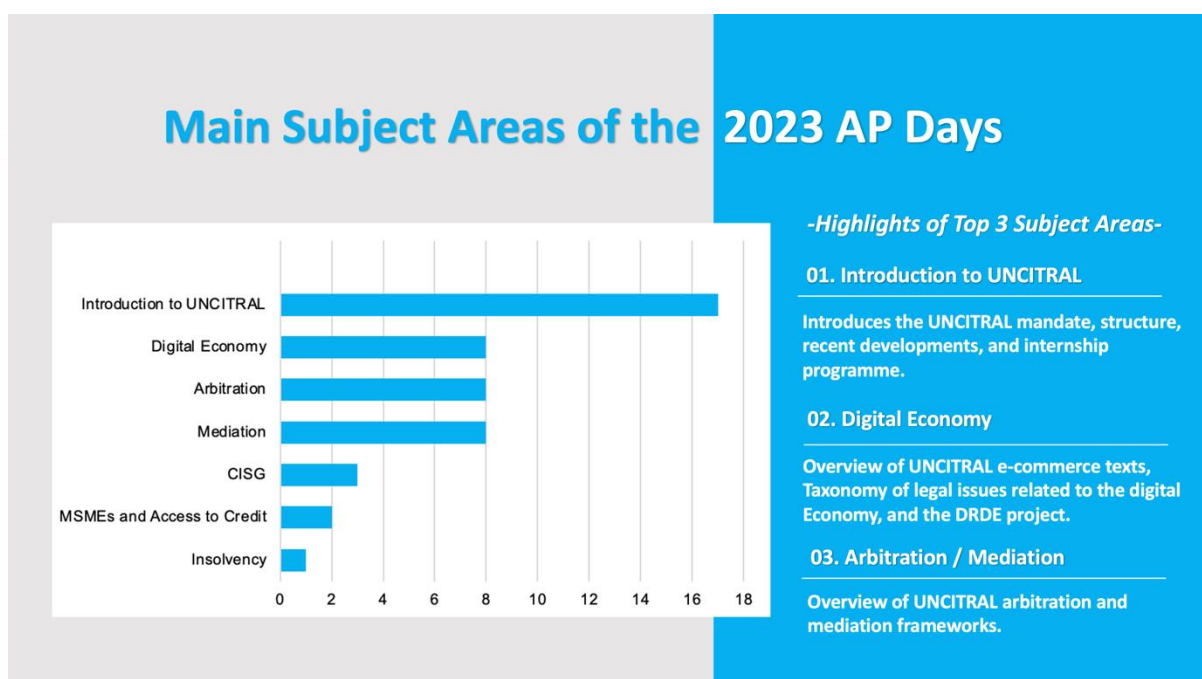
The full programme is available on the UNCITRAL website at:

https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/pages/RCAP/2023_uncitral_asia_pacific_day_programmefinal_0.pdf

Theme and main subject areas

7. The theme for AP Days 2023 was “Exploring the digital frontiers of cross-border trade”, and provided a timely opportunity to raise awareness among students and other stakeholders on how UNCITRAL’s e-commerce instruments, project on stocktaking of developments in dispute resolution in the digital economy (DRDE), and ongoing legislative work on automation in contracting, including artificial intelligence, and on data contracts could support States in developing an enabling legal framework for cross-border trade in the digital economy. UNCITRAL RCAP also welcomed partnering institutions’ joint development of other themes in accordance with their interests.

8. In addition to the digital economy, other subject areas explored in the AP Days 2023 series included, in diminishing order of frequency, international commercial arbitration and mediation, international sales of goods, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (‘MSMEs’) and access to credit, and cross-border insolvency. Most AP Days events began with an introduction to UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP including the online courses and the internship programme.³



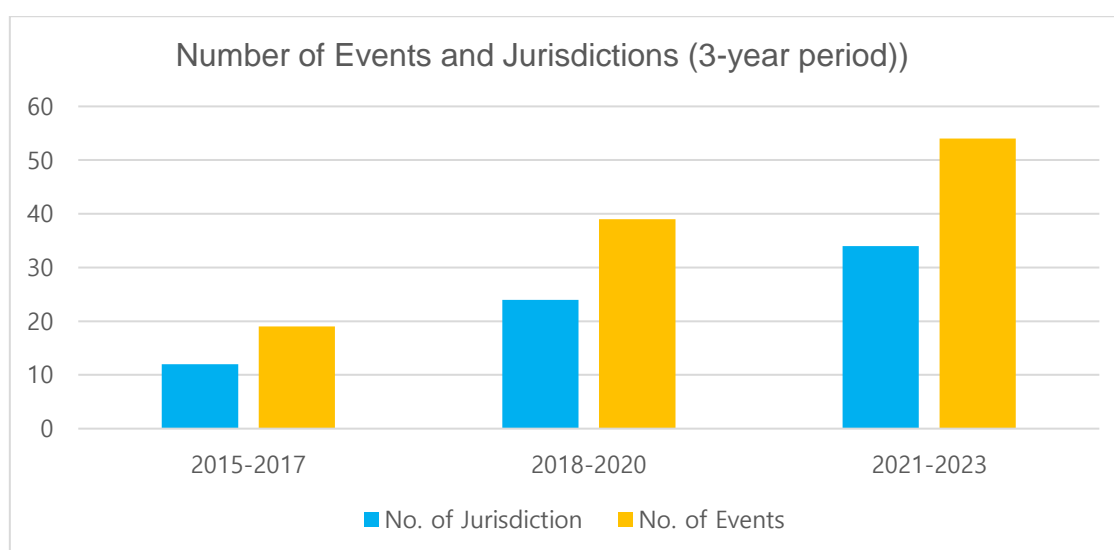
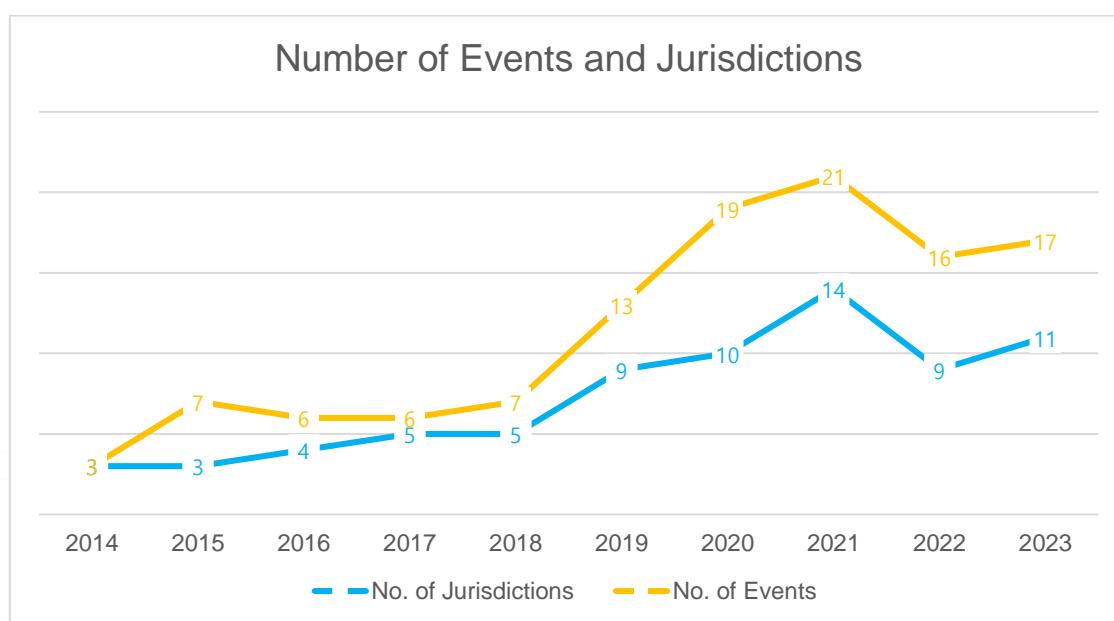
**More than one subject area is usually covered in any given event.*

³ For more information of the online courses and the internship programme, see pp.15 and 16 below respectively.

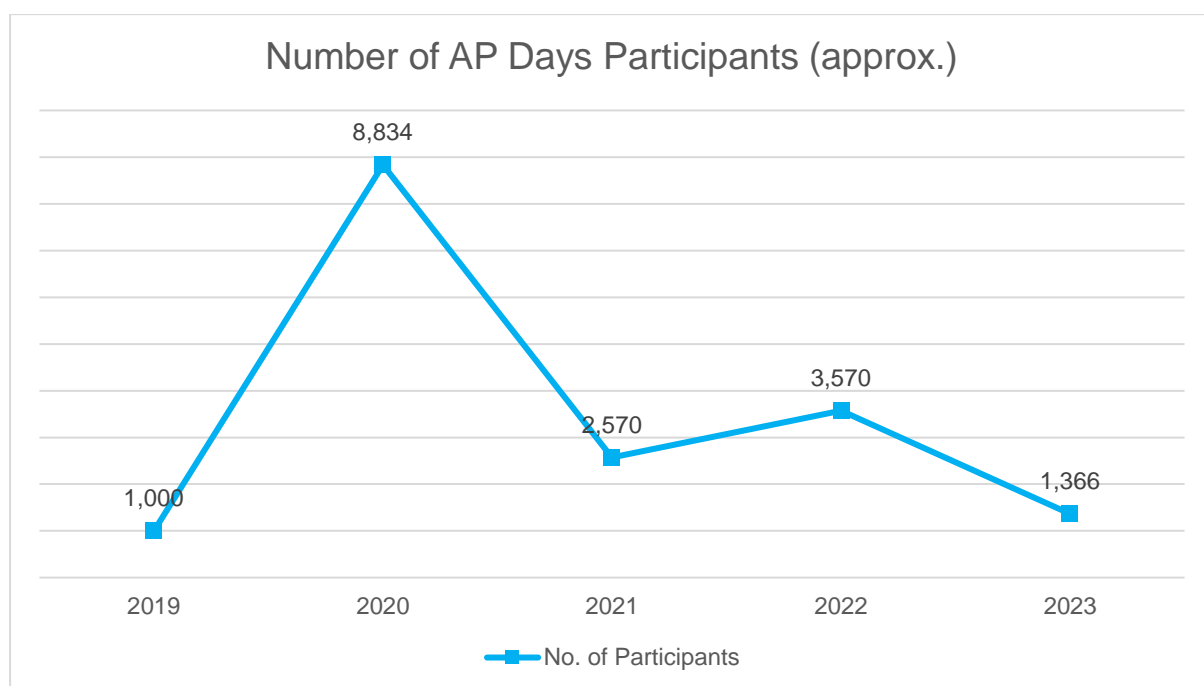
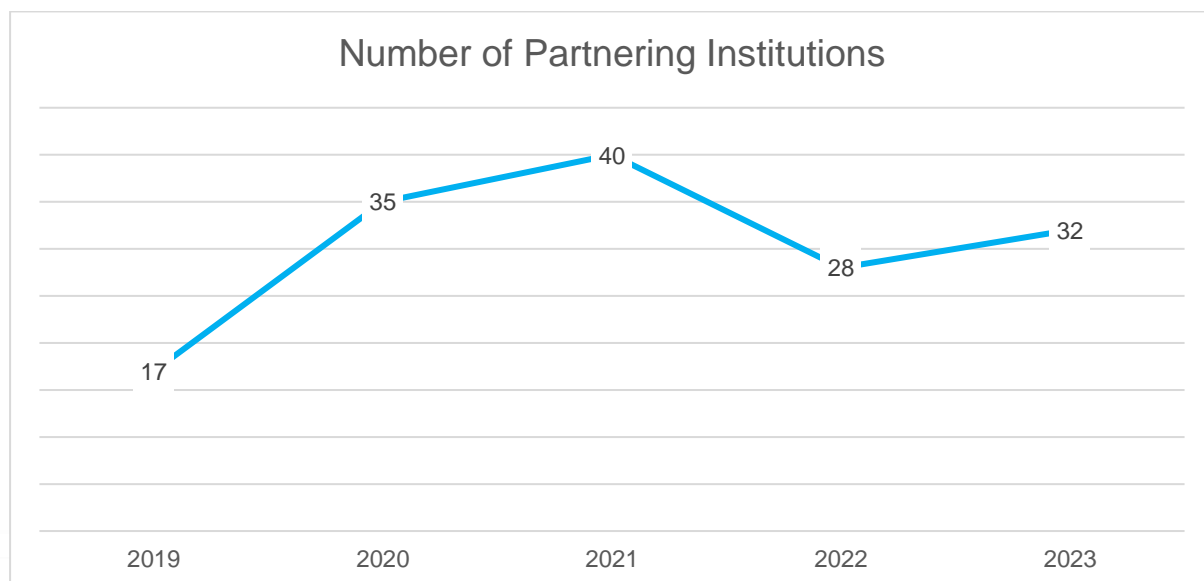
Level of participation

9. The AP Days 2023 series spanned a total of 17 events across 11 jurisdictions in the Asia-Pacific region, which observed an increase in both the numbers of events and co-hosting jurisdictions from the 2022 series despite a shorter reporting period.

10. As shown in the graphs below, since the launch of the AP Days in 2014, there has been an upward trend in both the numbers of events and co-hosting jurisdictions, most notably in the three-year period since 2020 following the introduction of virtual or hybrid modes of participation.



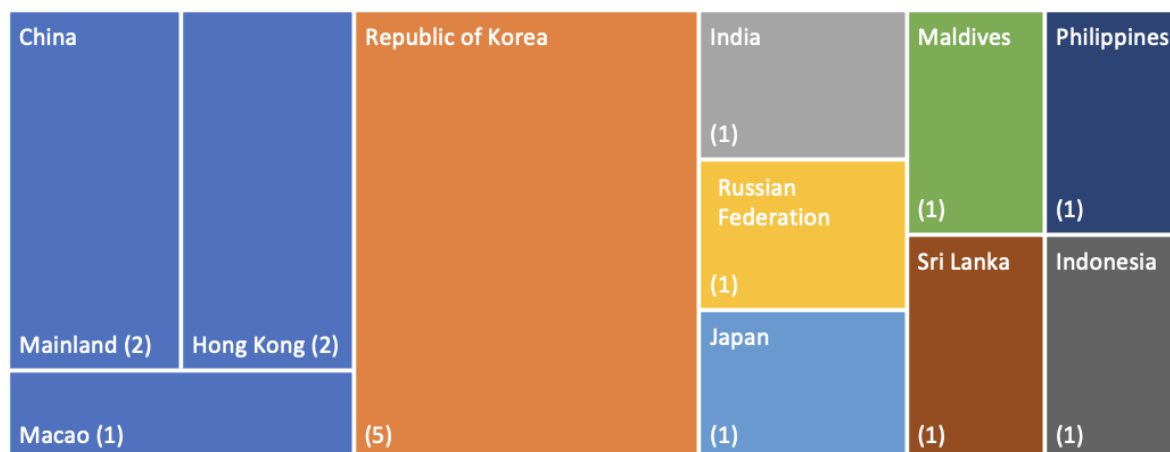
11. Turning to a year-on-year comparison, the number of partnering institutions increased from 28 in the 2022 series to 32 in the 2023 series. Following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions in the Asia-Pacific region, some partnering institutions preferred in-person attendance by participants (while still accommodating virtual participation by speakers), leading to a decline in the cumulative size of the audience in the 2023 series, although the overall outreach continues to be greater than the pre-pandemic period, with online participants joining from the Asia-Pacific region and beyond as detailed in paragraph 13 below.



Co-hosting jurisdictions

12. The 11 jurisdictions which co-hosted the AP Days 2023 series were: China (including Hong Kong and Macao), India, Indonesia, Japan, Maldives, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and Sri Lanka; among these Indonesia was a new jurisdiction hosting its inaugural AP Days event.

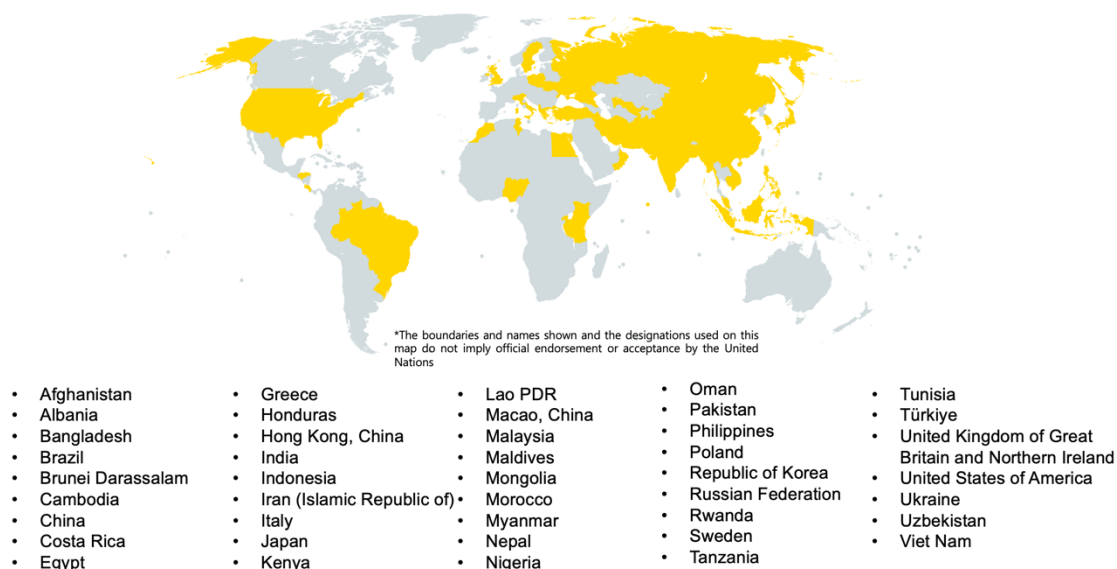
Number of Events per Jurisdiction



Participation, audience diversity and gender parity

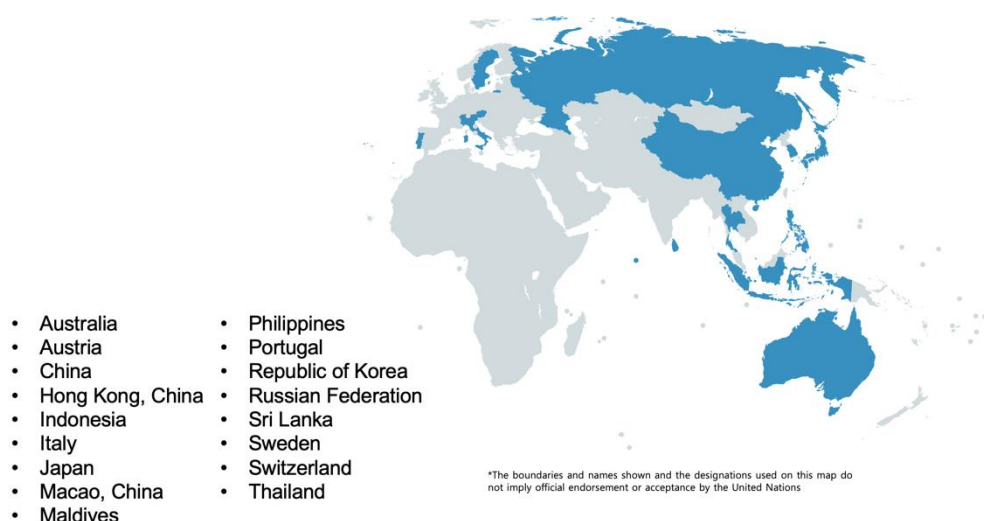
13. Audience composition continued to be diverse. While AP Days events are geared towards law students and the academic community in the region, the AP Days 2023 events reached a global audience from co-hosting jurisdictions and beyond, totalling 43 jurisdictions as shown in the map below, among which 11 were least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing states (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uzbekistan).

Jurisdictions of participants



14. The composition of speakers was similarly diverse. In addition to experts from co-hosting jurisdictions, the AP Days 2023 series engaged speakers based in Australia, Austria, Italy, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland and Thailand, adding international perspectives to the discussions.

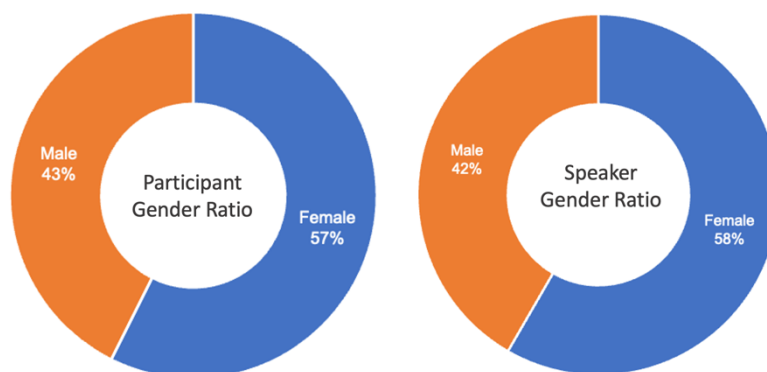
Speaker Representation



* Based on the jurisdiction of the speakers' institutions.

15. Based on available information from the co-organizers, gender parity is demonstrated in participants and speakers, with more than half of the participants (57%) and speakers (58%) being women.

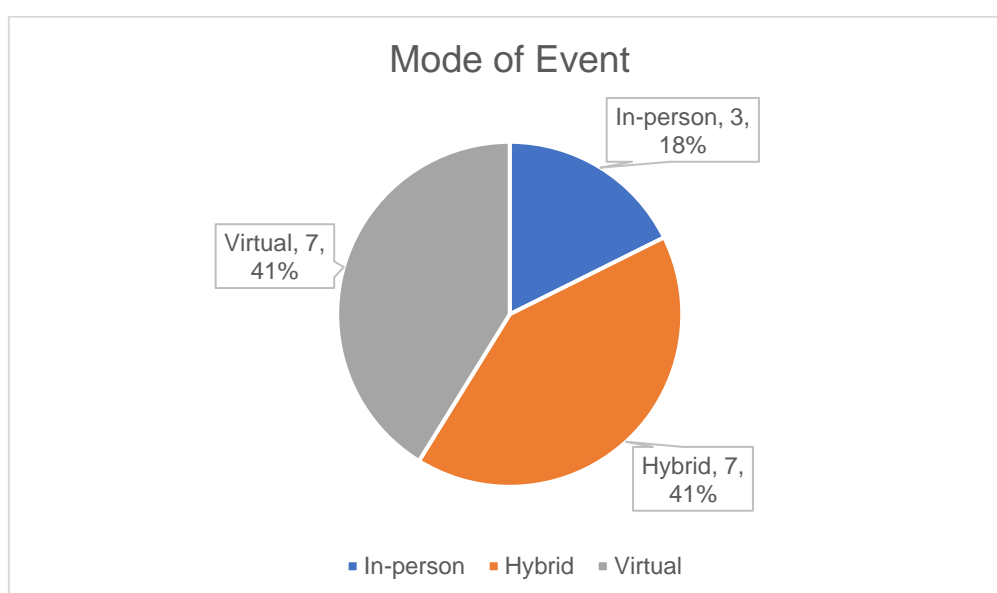
Gender Parity of 2023 AP Days Events



**Based on information provided by co-organizers where gender breakdown was available.*

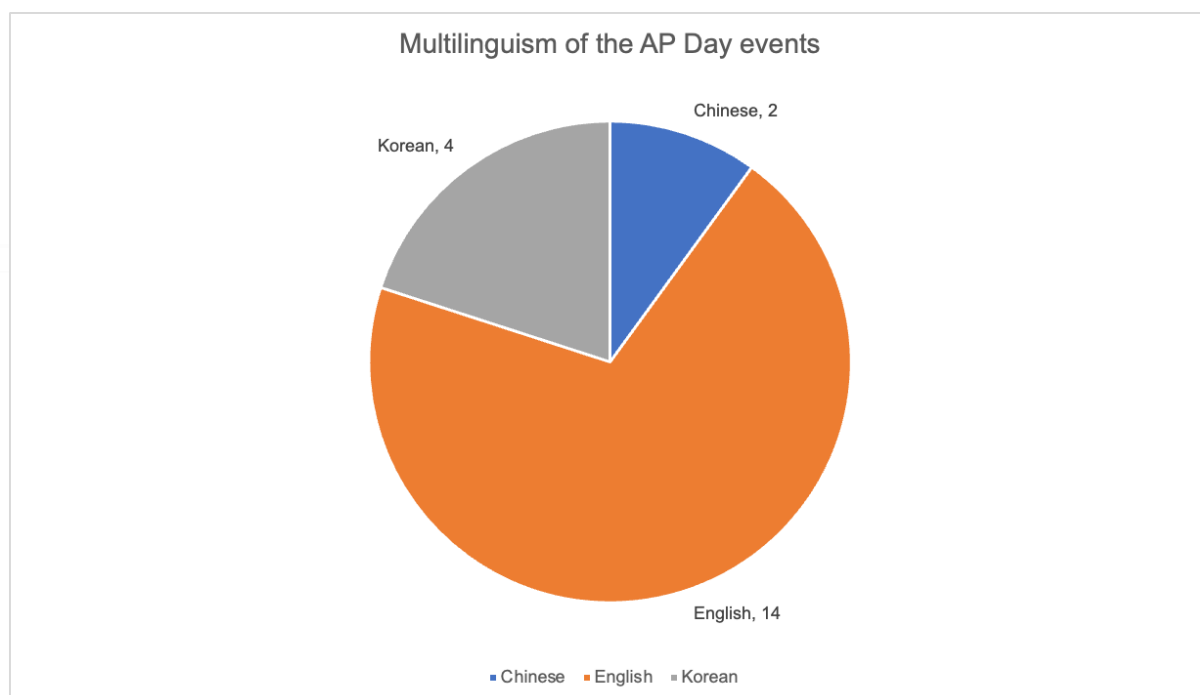
Regional accessibility, multilingualism, deliverables and formats

16. As with previous editions, the format of the AP Days 2023 events ranged from closed in-class lectures to full-day public international conferences. The events adopted mostly a hybrid format, with UNCITRAL RCAP staff joining remotely while students joined in-person, or a virtual format. Fully in-person mode also resumed in this series.



17. UNCITRAL RCAP officers supported all of the AP Days events, with colleagues from UNCITRAL headquarters in Vienna, including the Secretary of UNCITRAL, joining some events to deliver technical presentations on topics such as the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships ('Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships'), the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods ('CISG') and DRDE project. Most contributions continued to take the form of live remote presentations. Where live presentations were not possible, UNCITRAL RCAP provided tailor-made video remarks or institutional support.

18. To enhance regional accessibility and multilingualism, UNCITRAL RCAP officers and participating experts delivered presentations in multiple United Nations official languages, particularly Chinese and English, as well as regional languages including Korean. More than one language was used in three events.



**Based on information available from the co-organizers.*

*** More than one language was used in three events.*

Partnering institutions

19. UNCITRAL RCAP is grateful for the support it has received from all AP Days 2023 partnering institutions, which in addition to universities and higher education institutions included arbitral and mediation institutions, professional bodies and government departments. In particular, UNCITRAL RCAP welcomes the following new institutional collaborators:

- Asian Institute of International Financial Law, The University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong, China)
- Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong, China)
- Handong Institute for Arbitration and Reconciliation at Handong Global University (Republic of Korea)
- International Law Center at Handong Global University (Republic of Korea)
- Peking University School of Transnational Law (China)
- School of Law, Handong Global University (Republic of Korea)
- Transnational Business Law Department, Faculty of Law, Padjadjaran University (Indonesia)

20. The full list of partnering institutions in the AP Days 2023 series is as follows (listed in alphabetical order by co-hosting jurisdiction):

Partnering Institution(s)		Date of Event
CHINA		
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shanghai University of Political Science and Law 	8 June 2023
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peking University School of Transnational Law • Rede Chambers 	18 November 2023
HONG KONG, CHINA		
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong 	7 November 2023
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong • Hong Kong Mediation Centre • International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute 	15 November 2023
MACAO, CHINA		
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Law, University of Macau • World Trade Center Macau Arbitration Center • Shanghai Arbitration Commission • CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center 	1 & 12 December 2023

Partnering Institution(s)		Date of Event
INDIA		
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at National Law University Delhi Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India INSOL India Insolvency Law Academy 	6 May 2023
INDONESIA		
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transnational Business Law Department, Faculty of Law, Padjadjaran University 	11 May 2023
JAPAN		
8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nagoya University Graduate School of Law Asian Institute of International Financial Law, The University of Hong Kong 	20 December 2023
MALDIVES		
9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Maldives National University Faculty of Shariah and Law, Villa College Maldives Moot Court Society 	14 December 2023
PHILIPPINES		
10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Department of Justice, Philippines 	13 November 2023
REPUBLIC OF KOREA		
11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handong Institute for Arbitration and Reconciliation Handong Global University School of Law Handong International Law School 	22 May 2023
12.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hanyang University School of Law 	18 September 2023
13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University School of Law 	20 September 2023
14.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade, Inha University 	21 September 2023
15.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Software-Information Asset Protection Talent Development Division, Chung-Ang University 	10 October 2023
RUSSIAN FEDERATION		
16.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University 	20 December 2023

Partnering Institution(s)		Date of Event
SRI LANKA		
17.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sri Lanka Law College The Moot Court Bench 	21 September 2023

Supporting progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

21. In light of the comprehensive theme and topics explored during the AP Days 2023 series on how UNCITRAL's work on legal harmonization facilitates international trade and investment, inclusive participation by experts and audiences from diverse jurisdictions and backgrounds, focus on educating the next generation, expanded modes of delivery, and deliverables in multiple United Nations and regional languages, the AP Days 2023 events have, like previous editions, supported UNCITRAL's contributions towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals ('SDGs') on several fronts, including:⁴

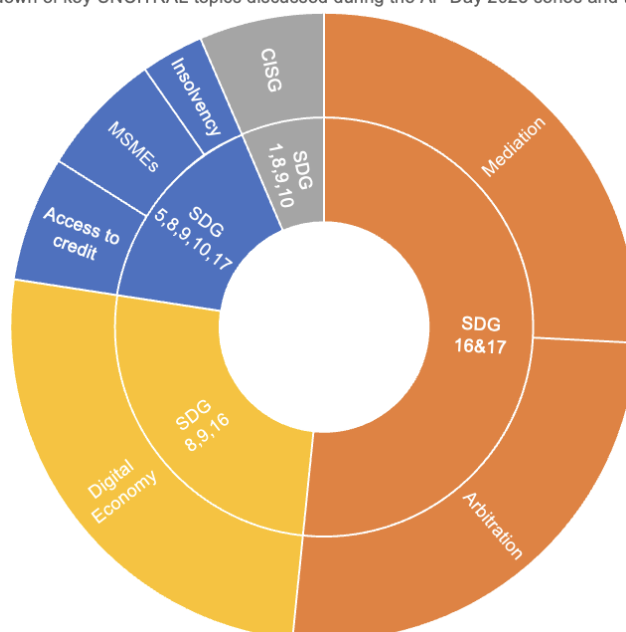


⁴ For more information on UNCITRAL's contributions to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (generally and with reference to specific subject-areas), please visit the UNCITRAL website at <https://uncitral.un.org/en>.

- Goal 4 : *Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all;*
- Goal 5 : *Achieving gender equality and empower all women and girls;*
- Goal 8 : *Promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all;*
- Goal 9 : *Building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and fostering innovation;*
- Goal 12 : *Ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns;*
- Goal 16 : *Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and*
- Goal 17 : *Strengthening the means of implementation and revitalizing the global partnership for sustainable development.*

22. Different subject areas of UNCITRAL's texts explored in the AP Days 2023 series also contribute to different SDGs.

Comprehensive breakdown of key UNCITRAL topics discussed during the AP Day 2023 series and their contribution to SDGs



UNCITRAL online courses

23. UNCITRAL's online courses were also introduced as a key feature in the AP Days events. In collaboration with the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO), UNCITRAL has launched four courses so far, namely, "*Introduction to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law*," "*UNCITRAL Texts on Public Procurement and Public-Private Partnerships*," "*UNCITRAL Mediation Framework*" and "*UNCITRAL International Commercial Arbitration*."

24. These interactive and self-paced courses introduce users to UNCITRAL's work on legal harmonization in promoting international trade and its contribution to the achievement of the SDGs. They further provide an overview of UNCITRAL texts on public procurement and public-private partnerships and the UNCITRAL mediation and arbitration frameworks.


25. The four courses are currently available in both Chinese and English, with translation into additional United Nations official languages as resources allow. All online courses are free of charge and an electronic certificate is downloadable from the platform for users upon completion.

26. The online courses are accessible via UNCITRAL's official webpage at: <https://uncitral.un.org/en/onlinecourses>.

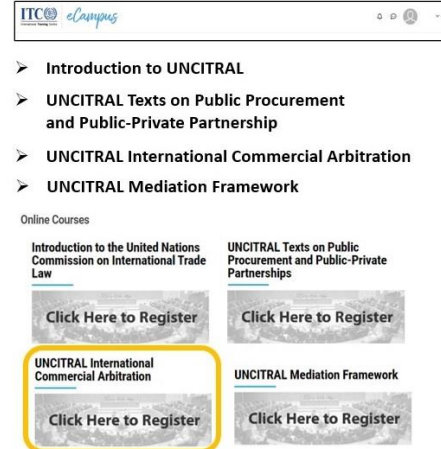
UNCITRAL Online Courses

(<https://uncitral.un.org/en/onlinecourses>)

1. Register via link on UNCITRAL Website



UNCITRAL Home Page > Online Courses



2. Enroll in the course

UNCITRAL RCAP Internship

27. Another theme highlighted throughout the AP Days 2023 series was the UNCITRAL RCAP Internship Programme. Anchored from the UNCITRAL RCAP office in Incheon, Republic of Korea, interns improve their knowledge of international trade law principles by gaining first-hand experience about the work of UNCITRAL, activities of the UNICTRAL secretariat and the principal areas in which UNCITRAL operates, including technical assistance to trade law reform, and broad exposure to the activities of an international organization. UNCITRAL RCAP interns work under the direct supervision of UNCITRAL RCAP professional staff and the positions are for a duration of two to six months. The internship may be undertaken remotely, in-person or in hybrid mode at the UNCITRAL RCAP office.⁵



⁵ For general information on the United Nations Internship Programme, please visit: <https://careers.un.org/lbw/home.aspx?viewtype=ip>.

Concluding remarks

28. As expressed by a partnering institution, the AP Days offer “students and young practitioners the unique opportunity to look beyond their own horizons, as they are able to get an insight into the work of one of the most important institutions in the world.” Through the AP Days, it is hoped that more students, academics, legal practitioners, policy makers and other stakeholders acquire deeper understanding of how legal harmonization facilitates international trade and investment, and the key role of UNCITRAL instruments and their uniform interpretation. It is also hoped that co-organizing institutions continue to utilize technology to enhance the accessibility and outreach of the AP Days, engaging participants and speakers from diverse backgrounds and geographical locations.

29. UNCITRAL RCAP is grateful for the continuing enthusiasm for, and generous support of, the UNCITRAL AP Days from partnering universities and institutions across the Asia-Pacific region. It is hoped that the 2024 series will be equally well received. For institutions interested in co-organizing an AP Days activity, please fill in the expression of interest form or contact UNCITRAL RCAP to explore collaboration opportunities at:

Expression of interest form:

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**The Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at
National Law University Delhi;
Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India;
INSOL India; and
Insolvency Law Academy
(New Delhi, 6 May 2023)**

The AP Days event was held as part of the valedictory session of the 6th Arun Jaitley International Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot Competition on 6 May 2023 in New Delhi, India. It was co-organized with the Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at National Law University Delhi and supported by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, INSOL India, and the Insolvency Law Academy, and attended by around 32 participants.

The competition is the first International Moot in India focusing on insolvency after India's enactment of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016. Held with the support of UNCITRAL RCAP since its inception, this year's moot, themed "Corporate Insolvency including Cross-Border Insolvency," aimed to incorporate the UNCITRAL Model Laws on Enterprise Group Insolvency and on Cross-Border Insolvency in India's Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code. The Head of UNCITRAL RCAP delivered a special address on the importance of international collaboration in the field of cross-border insolvency.



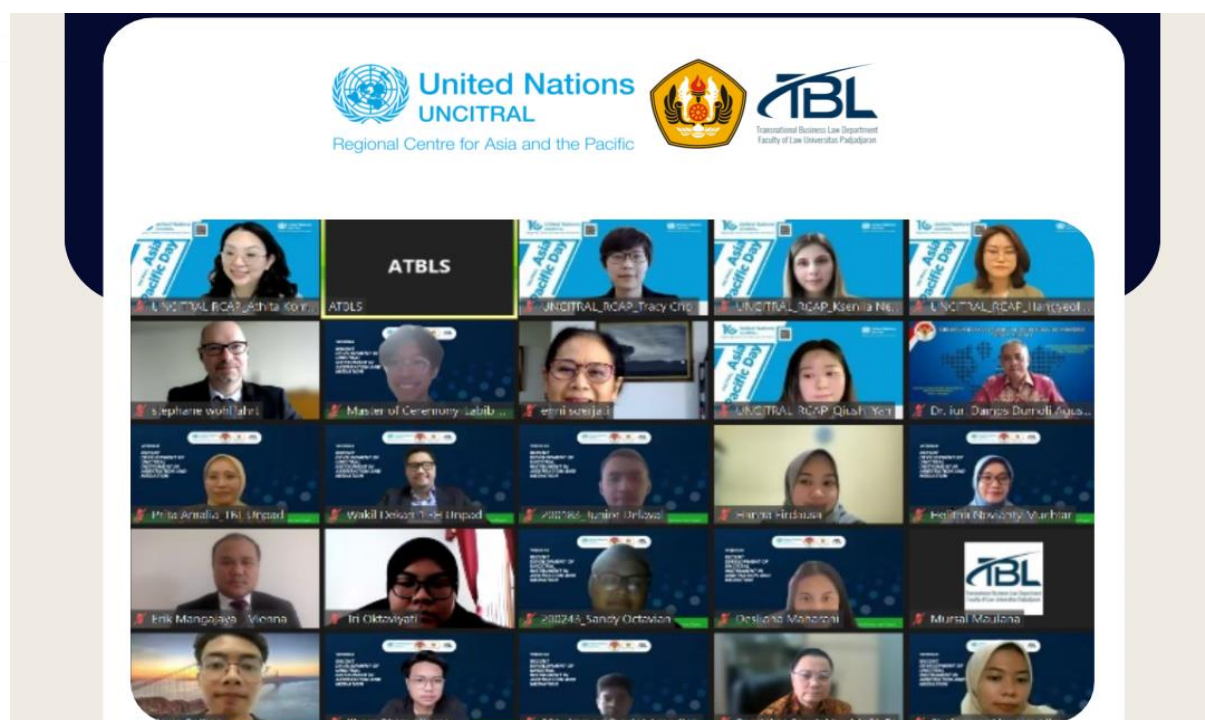
**Transnational Business Law Department,
Faculty of Law, Padjadjaran University
(Bandung, Indonesia, 11 May 2023)**

On 11 May 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with the Transnational Business Law Department, Faculty of Law of the Padjadjaran University with the theme “Recent Developments of UNCITRAL Instrument in Arbitration and Mediation.” The virtual event attracted 211 participants (136 women and 75 men).

The Padjadjaran University representative highlighted the role of UNCITRAL RCAP in promoting harmonization and modernization of international trade law in the Asia-Pacific region. A Senior Legal Officer from the UNCITRAL Secretariat discussed the importance of the AP Days event, with UNCITRAL RCAP staff introducing the mandate and work of UNCITRAL, along with the UNCITRAL frameworks on arbitration (including the transparency standards), mediation, UNCITRAL online courses, and the internship programme. Lastly, two UNCITRAL RCAP interns shared their internship experiences.

A recording of the event is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWrALUgxeR8>



**Handong Institute for Arbitration and Reconciliation;
Handong Global University School of Law; and
Handong International Law School
(Pohang, Republic of Korea, 22 May 2023)**

On 22 May 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with Handong Institute for Arbitration and Reconciliation (HIAR), Handong Global University School of Law, and Handong International Law School (HILS). The event was held in a virtual format hosting 34 students (23 women and 11 men).

Handong Global University highlighted the role of UNCITRAL RCAP in promoting harmonization and modernization of international trade law in the Asia-Pacific region. UNCITRAL RCAP then delivered overviews on the work of UNCITRAL (including UNCITRAL online courses), UNCITRAL instruments on international commercial arbitration (including the transparency standards) and mediation, and the internship programme. Lastly, an UNCITRAL RCAP intern shared her experiences.



Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (Shanghai, China, 8 June 2023)

On 8 June 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (SHUPL). The event was held in a virtual format hosting 24 participants.

SHUPL provided the opening remarks highlighting UNCITRAL's work on the progressive harmonization and modernization of international trade law. UNCITRAL RCAP then delivered presentations covering introduction to UNCITRAL (including UNCITRAL online courses), UNCITRAL arbitration framework (including the transparency standards), UNCITRAL mediation framework, and the internship programme. Lastly, an UNCITRAL RCAP intern shared her experiences.

A synopsis of the event is available at:

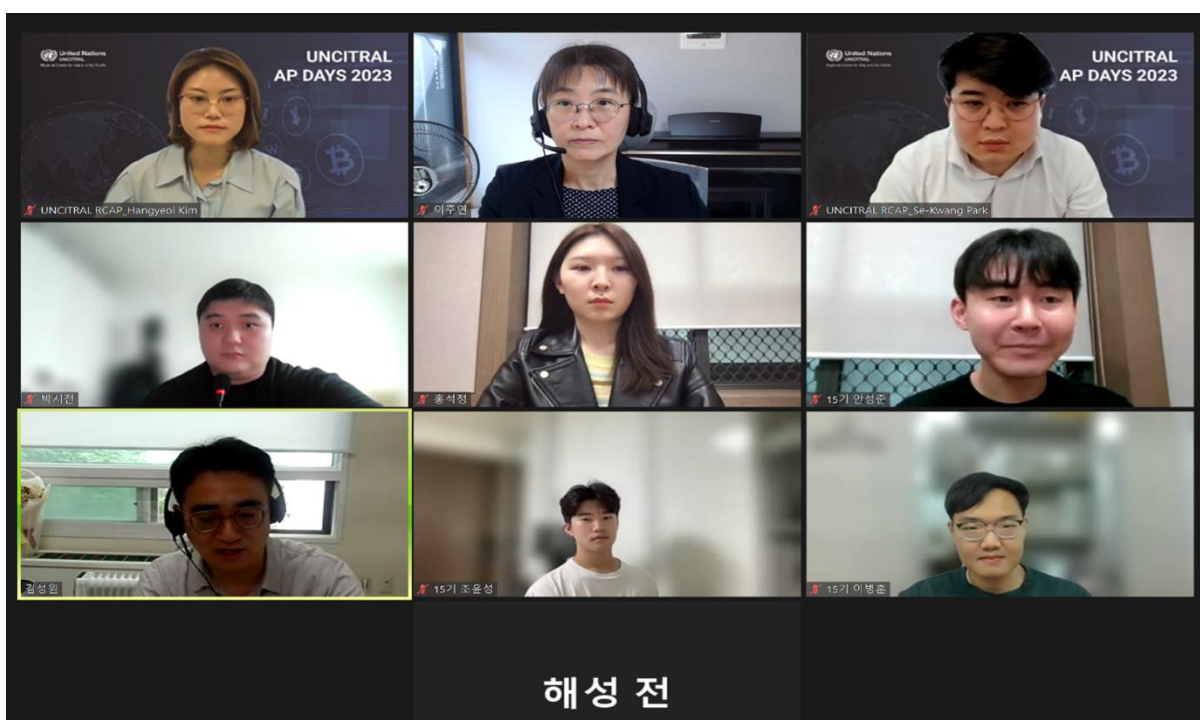
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Hanyang University School of Law (Seoul, 18 September 2023)

On 18 September 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with Hanyang University School of Law. The event was held in Korean in a virtual format hosting seven students (1 woman and 6 men).

Hanyang University School of Law highlighted the global importance of UNCITRAL's work for modernizing and harmonizing international trade law, particularly in the Asia and Pacific, focusing on e-commerce as a rapidly evolving field. UNCITRAL RCAP then delivered presentations on the work of UNCITRAL RCAP, UNCITRAL texts on e-commerce, and the internship programme, with an UNCITRAL RCAP intern sharing his experiences. The AP Days event ended with a presentation by Hanyang University School of Law, titled "Application of Private International Law and CISG in International Trade Disputes", which provided a comprehensive overview on the principles of private international law and the CISG.



Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University School of Law (Seoul, 20 September 2023)

On 20 September 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University School of Law. The in-person event was held in English and Korean with 25 participants (15 women and 10 men).

Seoul National University School of Law provided the opening remarks highlighting the role of UNCITRAL RCAP in promoting harmonization and modernization of international trade law in the Asia-Pacific region and its hopes for continued collaboration in conducting AP Days. A professor from Seoul National University provided a presentation themed "UNCITRAL Legal Instruments for the New Global Business Landscape" and discussed his involvement in Working Group sessions. UNCITRAL RCAP then delivered presentations introducing UNCITRAL, its texts on e-commerce, UNCITRAL online courses, and the internship programme. Lastly, an UNCITRAL RCAP intern shared her experiences.



**Sri Lanka Law College;
The Moot Court Bench
(Colombo, 21 September 2023)**

On 21 September 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP, in collaboration with Sri Lanka Law College and the Moot Court Bench, conducted a webinar titled “Adopting the CISG: The Journey to Legal Harmonization.” The event was open to the public and drew an audience of 80 participants.

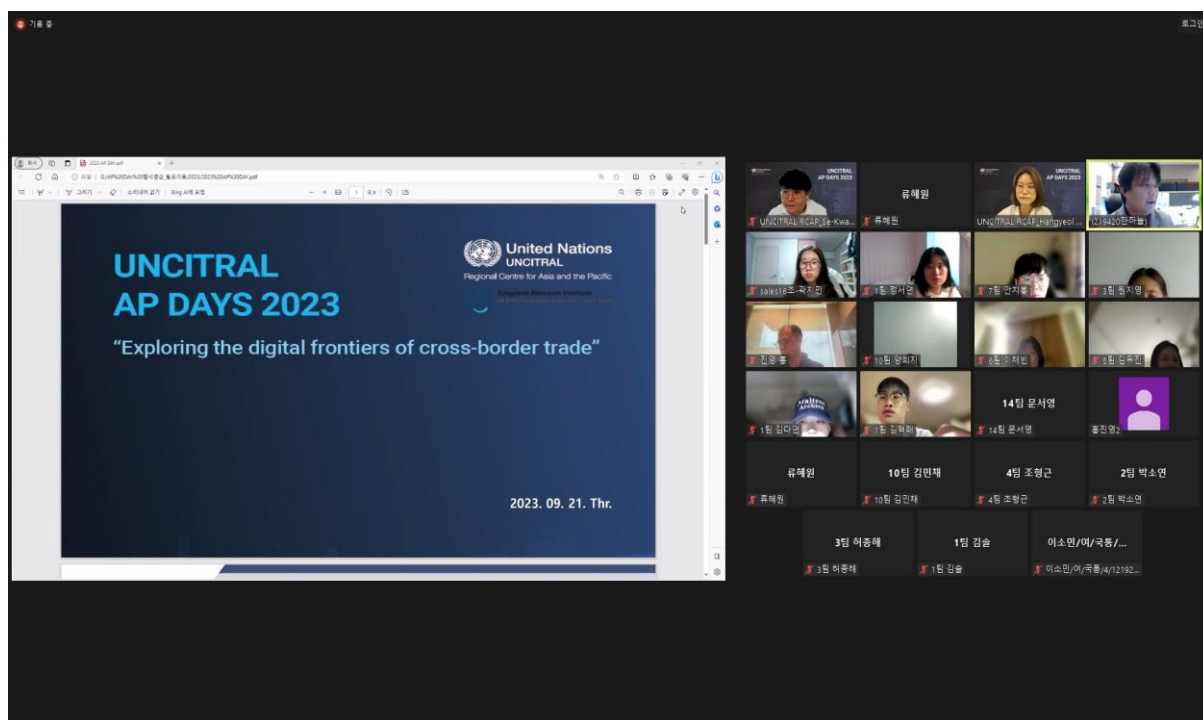
Speakers from UNCITRAL, the University of Basel and the University of Colombo delved into the CISG, providing valuable insights into its potential benefits to Sri Lanka and exploring regional perspectives of the comparative impact of the CISG on fostering international trade.



**Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade,
Inha University
(Seoul, 21 September 2023)**

On 21 September 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized its 3rd AP Days event with Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade, Inha University. Themed “Exploring the digital frontiers of cross-border trade”, the virtual event hosted 23 participants (17 women and 6 men) from four different departments.

Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade highlighted the importance of collaboration between UNCITRAL RCAP and Inha University, especially in the field of digital trade and e-commerce. UNCITRAL RCAP then delivered presentations introducing the work of UNCITRAL RCAP and UNCITRAL texts on e-commerce, followed by a presentation from Inha University focusing on different e-commerce platforms and latest developments. The event ended with an introduction to the UNCITRAL internship programme, during which an UNCITRAL RCAP intern shared his experiences.



**Software-Information Asset Protection Talent Development Division,
Chung-Ang University
(Seoul, 10 October 2023)**

On 10 October 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with Software-Information Asset Protection Talent Development Division of Chung-Ang University. The event was held in Korean in an in-person format with 25 participants (10 women and 15 men) ranging from students to experts from public and private sectors.

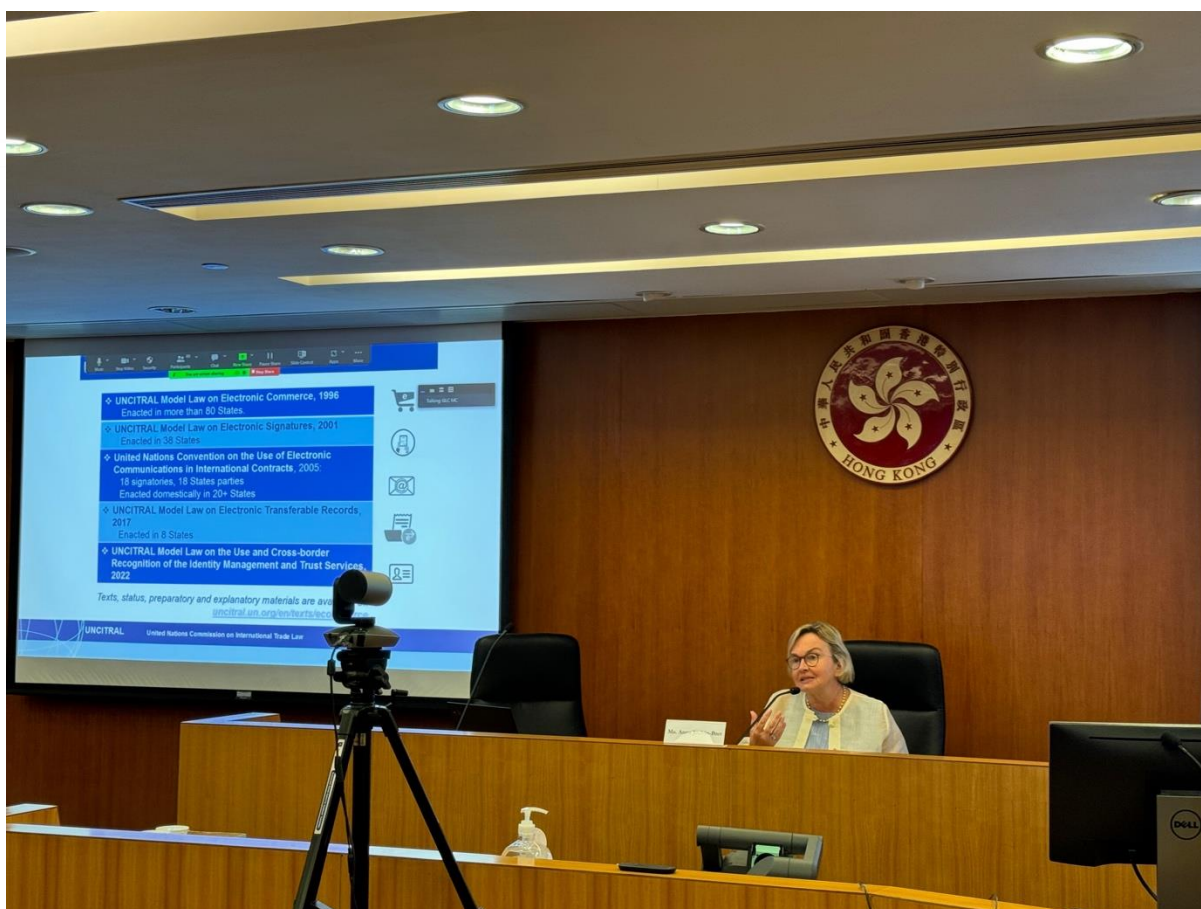
The Security Research Center at Chung-Ang University highlighted the importance of addressing challenges while also pursuing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the use of transferable documents in electronic form, in the face of the increasing impact of digital technologies. UNCITRAL RCAP then introduced the UNCITRAL e-commerce texts which enable and facilitate the use of electronic means to engage in commercial activities. The importance of legal harmonization through UNCITRAL texts was emphasized to address the challenges and obstacles in digital trade, supporting States in developing an enabling legal framework for cross-border trade in the digital economy.



Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong, China, 7 November 2023)

On 7 November 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the inaugural AP Days event with the Faculty of Law of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The event was held in a hybrid format with 176 participants.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong highlighted the importance of UNCITRAL legal framework in response to the increasing impact of digital technology and artificial intelligence in trade and investment. The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered an in-person presentation on UNCITRAL latest developments including the Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships, the Taxonomy of legal issues related to the digital economy, the DRDE project, and an overview of UNCITRAL texts on e-commerce. UNCITRAL RCAP also introduced the internship programme and UNCITRAL online courses. Following UNCITRAL presentations the university hosted a panel discussion on the transformative role of technology in cross-border trade and investment.



Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Department of Justice, Philippines (Manila, 13 November 2023)

On 13 November 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP and the Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Department of Justice of the Philippines co-organized an AP Days event, which formed part of the ADR Roadshow in the National Capital Region for Schools. The event was held in a hybrid format with 126 participants (65 women, 58 men and 3 undisclosed). The audience comprised both law students and students without a legal background from private and public schools.

The event featured various discussions and experiential activities relating to alternative dispute resolution. The Head of UNCITRAL RCAP provided a presentation introducing UNCITRAL works, texts and legal frameworks, focusing on e-commerce, the CISG and the Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts (CLOUT) database. Legal experts from UNCITRAL RCAP then presented on the UNCITRAL arbitration framework (including the transparency standards), the UNCITRAL mediation framework and the UNCITRAL RCAP internship programme.



**Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong;
Hong Kong Mediation Centre; and
International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute
(Hong Kong, China, 15 November 2023)**

On 15 November 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with the Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Mediation Centre, and International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute themed "Unleashing the Potential of Cross-border Digital Trade". The event was held in a hybrid format with 55 participants (31 women and 24 men).

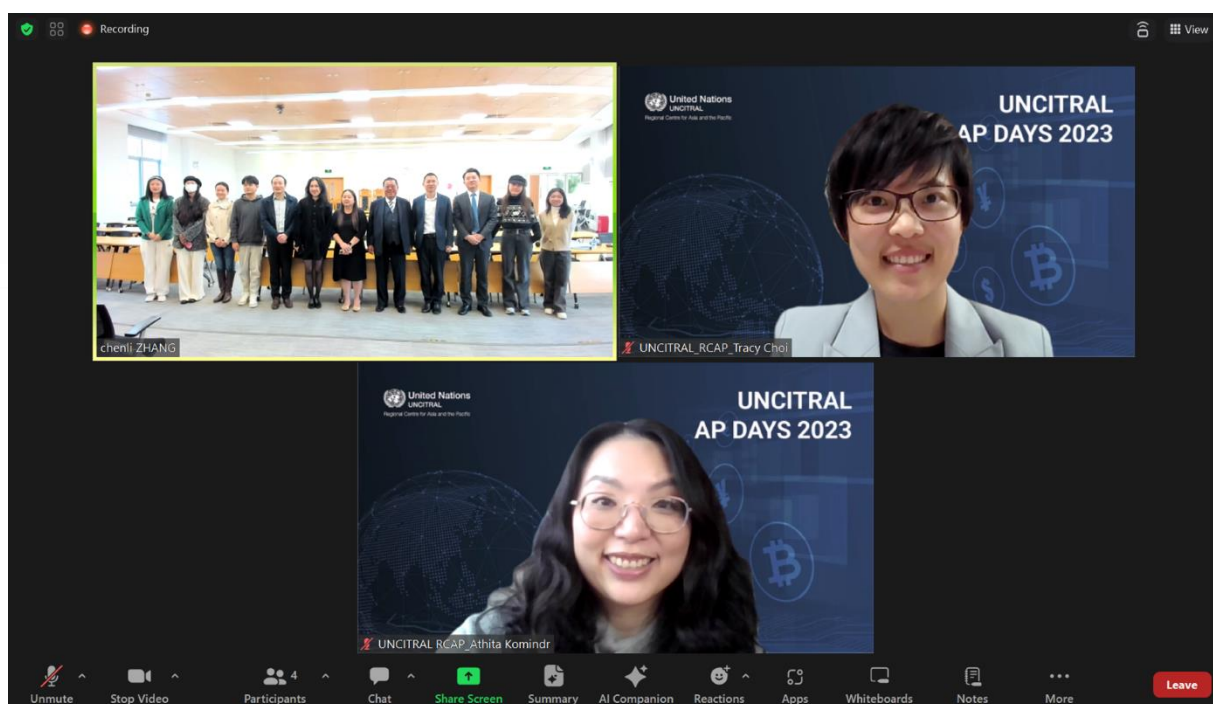
The seminar explored the opportunities brought about by the rising prominence of cross-border digital trade and discussed the strategies for handing commercial activities in electronic form. The Head of UNCITRAL RCAP gave an overview of recent UNCITRAL developments including the Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships, the Taxonomy of legal issues related to the digital economy, and the DRDE project. An UNCITRAL RCAP legal expert then delivered a detailed presentation focusing on UNCITRAL texts on e-commerce and internship opportunities.



**Peking University School of Transnational Law;
Rede Chambers
(Shenzhen, China, 18 November 2023)**

On 18 November 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with Peking University School of Transnational Law and the Rede Chambers. The event was held in a hybrid format with 10 participants (8 women and 2 men).

Themed “An examination of some recent Hong Kong court decisions and fireside chat discussion,” the event discussed topical issues on international commercial arbitration and Hong Kong arbitration cases highlighting the court's pro-arbitration approach. The Head of UNCITRAL RCAP introduced the work of UNCITRAL and its arbitration framework (including the transparency standards) and an UNCITRAL RCAP legal expert gave a presentation on UNCITRAL mediation texts and internship programme.



**Faculty of Law, University of Macau;
World Trade Center Macau Arbitration Center;
Shanghai Arbitration Commission; and
CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center
(Macao, China, 1 & 12 December 2023)**

On 1 December 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the 10th Anniversary UNCITRAL RCAP – UM Joint Conference 2023 with the Faculty of Law of the University of Macau, supported by World Trade Center Macau Arbitration Center, Shanghai Arbitration Commission and CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center. The joint conference was held in hybrid mode with 231 participants.

Themed “National and Regional Harmonisation of International Trade Law: A Decade in Retrospect and the Desiderata of the Future,” the joint conference discussed harmonization of international trade law and its national and regional manifestations across the Greater Bay Area of China, with a focus on micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), e-commerce, cross-border insolvency and dispute resolution. UNCITRAL RCAP provided presentations on the latest developments of UNCITRAL’s work, the UNCITRAL arbitration (including transparency standards) and mediation frameworks, and the UNCITRAL Guide on Access to Credits for MSMEs. An UNCITRAL legal officer also presented on the DRDE project.

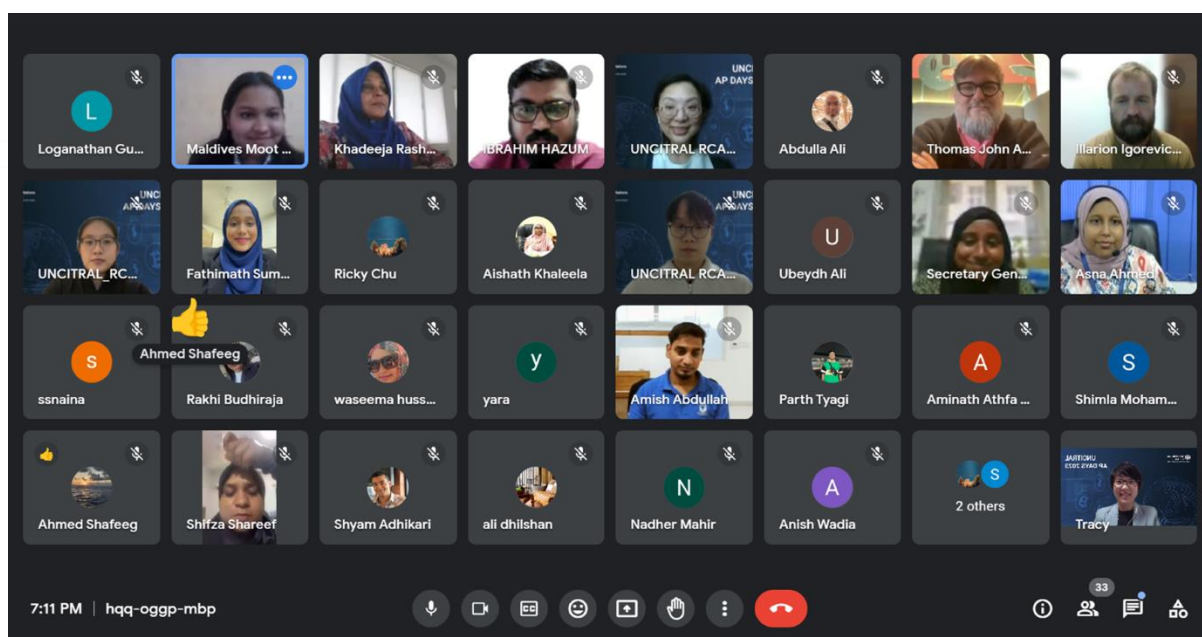
As part of the AP Days event, on 12 December 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP provided a dedicated session on the RCAP internship programme to the law students at the University of Macau, with experience sharing by UNCITRAL RCAP interns.



**The Maldives National University;
Faculty of Shariah and Law, Villa College; and
Maldives Moot Court Society
(Malé, 14 December 2023)**

On 14 December 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with Maldives National University, Faculty of Shariah and Law of Villa College and the Maldives Moot Court Society. The event was held in a virtual format hosting 100 participants (48 women, 50 men and 2 undisclosed), including students and experts from the field of cross-border commercial dispute resolution.

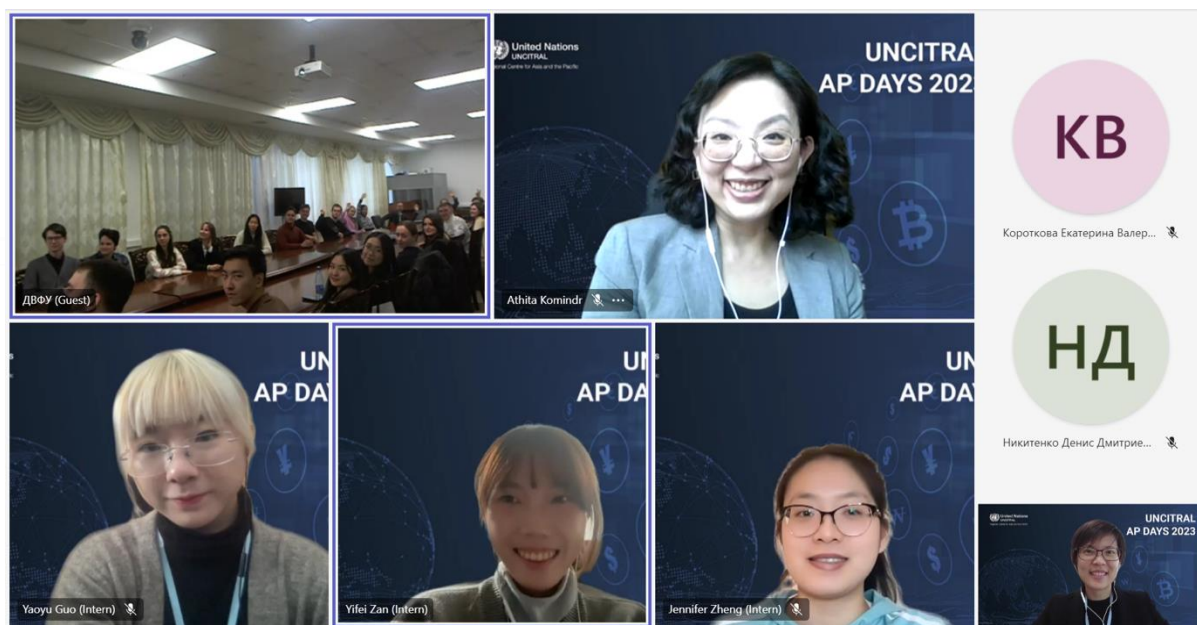
Villa College provided opening remarks highlighting the important role of UNCITRAL in promoting the progressive harmonization and development of international trade law. UNCITRAL RCAP presented the DRDE project, the Taxonomy of legal issues related to the digital economy, the UNCITRAL mediation framework, and the internship programme. An UNCITRAL RCAP intern also shared his first-hand experience. Other speakers discussed the status of mediation in the Asia-Pacific region including the human element in the mediation process.



**School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University
(Vladivostok, Russian Federation, 20 December 2023)**

On 20 December 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with the School of Law of Far Eastern Federal University. The event was held in a hybrid format hosting 47 students (30 women and 17 men).

The Head of UNCITRAL RCAP provided a presentation on the latest UNCITRAL developments including the Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships, the Taxonomy of legal issues related to the digital economy and the DRDE project. UNCITRAL RCAP legal experts then delivered two presentations on the UNCITRAL arbitration and mediation frameworks, and the UNCITRAL Guide on Access to Credit for MSMEs. Other speakers discussed the status and perspectives of international commercial arbitration and digital legal regulation in Russia. UNCITRAL interns also shared their experiences.



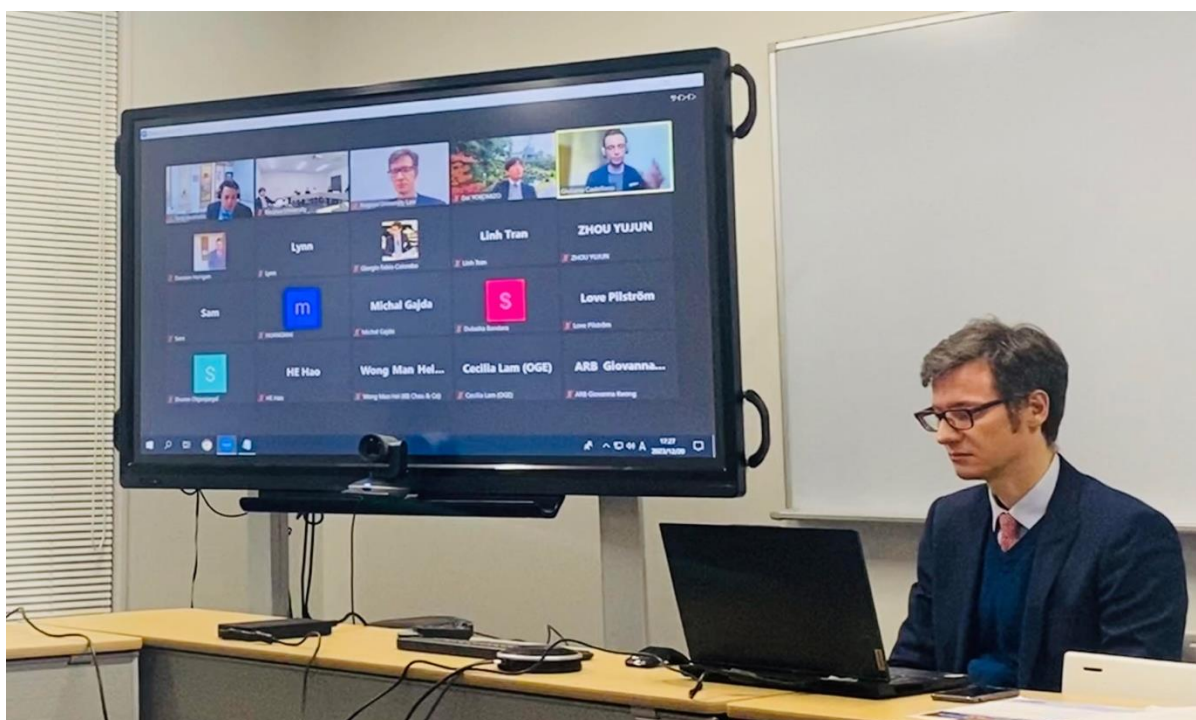
**Nagoya University Graduate School of Law; and
Asian Institute of International Financial Law, The University of Hong Kong
(Nagoya, Japan, 20 December 2023)**

On 20 December 2023, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with Nagoya University Graduate School of Law and Asian Institute of International Financial Law of the University of Hong Kong. The event was held in a hybrid format hosting 28 participants.

Titled “The Role of Technology and Law in Cross-Border Trade: Substantive and Procedural Issues,” the seminar highlighted cross-border law and technology issues. The speakers further discussed the law and technology reforms in the financial industry and the application of artificial intelligence in arbitration.

A synopsis of the event is available at:

<https://gsl.law.nagoya-u.ac.jp/news/index.php?no=58>



Acknowledgements from Partnering Institutions and Participants

Below are some extracted testimonials from the UNCITRAL AP Days 2023 series partnering institutions and participants (organized in alphabetical order by partnering institutions) discussing the benefits to students and stakeholders:

“서울대학교 법학전문대학원은 명실상부 한국의 최고 법학교육 및 연구기관으로서, 법조인을 비롯한 한국 사회 각계에서 활약하고 있는 수많은 인재를 배출해왔습니다. 또한 저희 법전원은 오랫동안 세계화를 선도하는 교육을 지향하면서, 국제법무 특성화 관련 교과목을 다수 개설하고 글로벌화의 시야와 법학 소양을 갖춘 인재를 양성하는 것을 그 목표로 해왔습니다.

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**Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University School of Law
(Republic of Korea)**

“Our collaboration with UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP) in hosting the “Digital Pathways: Innovations in Cross-Border Trade” event proved to be a deeply enriching and enlightening experience. This collaboration brought together UNCITRAL practitioners, legal academics, and law students, creating a vibrant platform for knowledge exchange and discussion. A PhD student at CUHK LAW, who is deeply interested in UNCITRAL’s mission to harmonize and modernize international commercial law, attested to the event’s significant educational value. He stated that this collaborative event enabled students to “meet and discuss the latest developments and work of UNCITRAL in person with the Secretary of UNCITRAL, and her colleagues from the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific, as well as to learn from a panel of esteemed academics who are top legal scholars in the field.” This direct engagement and the opportunity to glean insights from leading legal experts

significantly enhanced the academic and professional growth of our students.”

**Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
(Hong Kong, China)**

“The conference provided an opportunity for key speakers, visitors, and students at the University of Macau (“UM”) to discuss a wide range of issues affecting international and comparative law. The knowledge that has been generated and shared before and during the conference allowed students and colleagues at the Faculty of Law to take full advantage of the event and develop further process of research and study in the field of international trade law.

The UNCITRAL RCAP internship programme introduction was the third in a row for the Faculty of Law of the UM, and the first stand-alone that was not built in the UNCITRAL RCAP – UM Joint Conference. The event provided the opportunity for students to know about RCAP internships from the first hands-on – RCAP legal expert and current interns. The number of students who, according to the feedback, are going to try to apply for internship is growing which shows the rising interest to UNCITRAL RCAP’s work.”

Faculty of Law, University of Macau (Macao, China)

“It was interesting to learn about UNCITRAL and what they do. I have learnt that they are a legal body of the UN system in the field of international trade law including work on ADR. Moreover, it was meaningful to learn about what a model law should include.”

“It was a great experience to learn about one of the subsidiary bodies of the United Nations, which facilitates international transactions between private parties based on model law. Since they offer internship programmes for undergraduate students [in the final year of study], those who are interested in business or international law or look forward to working in a field of any international organization would be valuable!”

**Handong Institute for Arbitration and Reconciliation;
Handong Global University School of Law; and
Handong International Law School (Republic of Korea)**

“This year’s event was a great opportunity for law students to understand international e-commerce and UNCITRAL, and we believe that continued AP Day events will help future Korean lawyers understand international commerce and UNCITRAL’s mandate.”

Hanyang University School of Law (Republic of Korea)

“It is our privilege to co-organise this significant annual flagship event “Asia Pacific Days” with UNCITRAL RCAP again. This year marked our fifth collaboration, unveiling our unwavering dedication to raise awareness of UNCITRAL’s texts and the importance of legal harmonization amongst law students and legal practitioners. The event received enthusiastic response, attracting more than 90 participants signing up. With the theme “Unleashing the Potential of Cross-border Digital Trade”,

the event provided an exciting chance to explore the unprecedented opportunities brought about by the thriving cross-border digital trade. This helped foster a greater understanding of the audience in the strategies of handling commercial activities in electronic form. We were encouraged by the positive feedback provided by the audience as they reflected that the event successfully prepared them to be better equipped to the rapidly changing digital era."

**Hong Kong Mediation Centre;
International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute
(Hong Kong, China)**

"It was an honour for the Maldives Moot Court Society (MMCS) to host the Maldives UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day 2023 event in partnership with UNCITRAL RCAP, The Maldives National University and Villa College, Maldives. The event focused on the digital dynamics and the role of mediation in resolving cross-border commercial disputes in the Asia-Pacific region by facilitating an insightful exchange on navigating the human element: mediation and embracing the digital frontier in the ever-evolving digital landscape."

Maldives Moot Court Society (Maldives)

"Nagoya University Graduate School of Law is proud to take part in the UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day. We believe that hosting the event with UNCITRAL Regional Center for Asia and the Pacific raises the level and prestige of our initiatives, and makes the event more interesting not only for students and academics, but also for participants coming from the legal profession and civil society. We look forward to contributing again to the UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day in the future!"

Nagoya University Graduate School of Law (Japan)

"The Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution (OADR) commends the initiative of UNCITRAL RCAP to include Filipino students in this endeavor. The participants found the lectures interesting, notably the UNCITRAL's Internship Programme."

**Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Department of Justice
(Philippines)**

"全面介绍了UNCITRAL的历史沿革和UNCITRAL的仲裁及调解制度体系和运行机制，让听众对UNCITRAL在国际商事争议解决中的重要地位和作用有了深入了解。"

Participant, Peking University School of Transnational Law (China)

"The 2023 joint Asia Pacific Day with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific became very special for the Far Eastern Federal University School of Law as it marked the 5th Anniversary since Far Eastern Federal University takes part in UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day and as FEFU School of Law celebrated its 65th Anniversary of continued legal education."

Our students and stakeholders are honored to continue observing the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific's absolutely positive role and high

efficiency in promoting the work and visibility of UNCITRAL in the Asia-Pacific region. This offers students and young practitioners the unique opportunity to look beyond their own horizons, as they are able to get an insight into the work of one of the most important institutions in the world, which would not have been possible otherwise. We can only encourage everyone to take advantage of this unique opportunity and to grow from this experience.

Our heartfelt and sincere appreciation is extended to UNCITRAL RCAP for continued support of our joint events and activities! We are looking forward to further strengthening our working ties!"

School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University (Russian Federation)

This event has enriched SHUPL's faculty and students' knowledge on the UNCITRAL organizational structure, arbitration rules and mediation rules, and stimulated their enthusiasm to study international trade rules and to participate in the work of international arbitration and mediation. We would like to express our gratitude to experts from UNCITRAL RCAP for combining the Asia Pacific Day event with our Overseas Lecture event and look forward to continuing friendly communication with UNCITRAL."

Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (China)

"The Moot Court Bench together with Sri Lanka Law College had the pleasure of collaborating with UNCITRAL RCAP to host the AP Days 2023 Webinar "Adopting the CISG: The Path to Legal Harmonisation" which considered how the CISG could be a valuable instrument in developing international trade within non-contracting states such as Sri Lanka.

An in-depth discussion on how the CISG could foster legal harmonisation within Contracting States was facilitated by UNCITRAL and the Panel of Speakers.

UNCITRAL and the Panel provided important statistical and practical insight into the impacts of legal harmonisation globally, particularly in States contracted to the CISG, while considering its suitability for Non-Contracting States.

Facilitating this conversation amongst young lawyers and students worldwide has been a crucial step towards appreciating and considering the potential benefits of the CISG and legal harmonisation may bring to Non-Contracting States."

Sri Lanka Law College; The Moot Court Bench (Sri Lanka)

"UNCITRAL AP Days, the annual academic seminar with UNCITRAL RCAP, offers students studying Industrial Security a valuable opportunity to gain insights into evolving trends in international commercial law, as well as learn about the organization's intriguing internship programme. Chung Ang University looks forward to continued collaborations."

**Software-Information Asset Protection Talent Development Division,
Chung Ang University (Republic of Korea)**

“Transnational Business Law Department has an excellent opportunity to be the co-host for the UNCITRAL AP Day Event 2023 in collaboration with UNCITRAL RCAP. The webinar on Recent Development on the UNCITRAL Instrument of Arbitration and Mediation attracted so many law students to join. Arbitration and Mediation in Indonesia have been developed, and the knowledge of arbitration and mediation has become more relevant.

Arbitration and ADR is a compulsory subject in our Faculty. The purpose is to give an introduction and prepare the students to understand Arbitration and ADR, in particular in this globalization era.

The knowledge and information delivered directly from UNCITRAL representatives give another experience for students and the opportunity for the students to be exposed by interacting directly. They enjoyed the session and wished to have another one by UNCITRAL.

On behalf of the Transnational Business Law Department Faculty of Law Universitas Padjadjaran, I would like to convey our great appreciation for this excellent opportunity. And it is an honor to have another collaboration in the future.”

**Transnational Business Law Department, Faculty of Law,
Padjadjaran University (Indonesia)**