

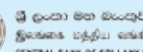
# 2014 UNCITRAL South Asia Seminar

Economic growth in the global economy : contribution of UNCITRAL texts on e-commerce and secured transactions to an enabling environment for business

**18-19 September 2014 Colombo, Sri Lanka**

Venue : Ruby Meeting Room, Hilton Colombo

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## PROGRAMME

### DAY 1 (18<sup>th</sup> September)

### Electronic commerce and paperless trade

#### Inauguration (9.15am – 10.00am)

**Welcome address** | P W Epasinghe, Professor, ICTA Chair & Advisor to HE the President

**Opening speeches** | Y Wijayatilleke, PC, Solicitor General & Actg AG of Sri Lanka

João Ribeiro, Head of UNCITRAL RCAP

Hon Mohan Pieris, PC, Chief Justice of Sri Lanka

**Closing remarks** | Jayantha Fernando, ICTA Legal Advisor

#### • Panel 1: The UN Electronic Communications Convention (10.15am – 11.30am)

The purpose of this panel is to illustrate the benefits arising from the adoption of the UN Electronic Communications Convention and discuss the experience so far.

> **Moderator** – João Ribeiro

> **Key Note Address**

Kuvera De Zoysa, PC (Impact of the Electronic Transactions Act on Civil & Commercial Law Proceedings in Sri Lanka)

- Jeffrey Chan, Deputy Solicitor-General, Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore
- Hong Xue, Director of the Institute for Internet Policy & Law, Beijing Normal University, China
- Jayantha Fernando, Director and Legal Advisor, ICT Agency of Sri Lanka

#### • Panel 2: Impact of UNCITRAL texts in authentication frameworks (11.30am – 1.00pm)

This session will illustrate how UNCITRAL texts have helped influence the formulation of national policies and practices in setting up technology neutral authentication frameworks and how such policies and practices have helped improve e-Commerce and e-Business.

> **Moderator** – Jayantha Fernando

> **Key Note Address**

Sunimal Weerasuriya, CEO/ General Manager, Lanka Clear Ltd

- Jae Sung Lee, Legal officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat
- Tahseen A. Khan, Controller of Certifying Authorities, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, New Delhi, India
- Rohana Palliyaguru, Operations Manager, Sri Lanka CERT, National Certification Authority framework in Sri Lanka

#### • Panel 3: Impact of UNCITRAL E-Commerce texts in commercial arbitration (2.00pm – 3.30 pm)

The purpose of this panel is to take stock of the implementation of the UNCITRAL E-Commerce texts and its impact on international commercial arbitration practice.

> **Moderator** – Kuvera De Zoysa, PC

> **Key Note Address**

Hon Faiszer Mustapha, PC, Deputy Minister of Investment Promotion (Impact of the Sri Lankan Electronic Transactions Regime on Arbitration and enforcement of Awards)

- Indira Nanayakkara, Head of Department of Commercial Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Qisheng He, Professor, Wuhan University, China
- Ali Sabry, President's Counsel, Sri Lanka
- Chanaka De Silva, Partner, Nithya Partners, Sri Lanka

#### • Panel 4: Regional perspectives on the adoption of UNCITRAL texts (3.45pm – 6.00pm)

The purpose of this panel is to compile regional experience in the implementation of UNCITRAL texts on e-commerce and to assess the potential for future developments, with particular regard to adoption of the UN Electronic Communications Convention.

> **Moderator** – Hong Xue

- Saeed Habiba, Associate Professor, University of Tehran, Iran
- Abdul Rasheed Ibrahim, Assistant Commissioner, Customs Service, Malé, Maldives
- Huong Dieu Nguyen, Officer, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Vietnam
- Joy Cheng, Officer, Attorney-General's Department, Australia

**Opening Statement** | Hon Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Public Management Reforms

• **Panel 5 : UNCITRAL texts on Secured Transactions (with reference to UNIDROIT and Hague Conference texts) (9.00am - 10.30am)**

This session will mainly make an introduction to the implementation of UNCITRAL texts on secured transactions in the region.

> **Moderator** – Nihal Fernando, PC

> **Key Note Address**

Ananda Silva, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Sri Lanka (Sri Lankan Secured Transactions Regime and Implementation)

- Jae Sung Lee, Legal officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat
- Anselmo Reyes, Representative Hague Conference on Private International Law, Asia-Pacific Regional Office
- K A Janaka Lakmal, Deputy General Manager, CRIB, Sri Lanka

• **Panel 6 : Domestic and Regional implementation of the Secured Transactions regime (10.45am – 12.15pm)**

This panel will focus on Sri Lanka's introduction of the ST law and security rights registry and will also provide a platform for other regional perspectives from other States that have implemented ST reforms.

> **Moderator** – Ms Elaine Maceachern, Senior Specialist, Secured Transactions – Asia & Pacific, IFC

- Chaminda Hettiarachchi, Manager Legal, Central Finance PLC
- Hiroo Sono, Professor, University of Hokkaido, Japan
- M R Umarji, Partner, Alliance Corporate Lawyers, India

• **Panel 7 : Towards implementation of ESCAP Resolution 68/3: Enabling paperless trade and the cross-border recognition of electronic data and documents for inclusive and sustainable intraregional trade facilitation (1.30pm - 3.00pm)**

The purpose of this panel is to illustrate the work done by ESCAP to promote paperless trade in Asia and the Pacific and, in particular, to clarify the interaction between UNCITRAL texts, on the one hand, and core B2G applications for paperless trade like electronic single window facilities, on the other hand, and the legislative consequences of that interaction.

> **Moderator** – Dayanath Jayasuriya, PC

- Yann Duval, Chief of Trade Facilitation, Trade and Investment Division, UN ESCAP
- Jae Sung Lee, Legal officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat
- Farzana Jameel, Deputy Solicitor General, Sri Lanka
- A. W. Sudattha I Silva, Superintendent of Customs (ICT), Sri Lanka Customs
- Manohar Bhattarai, Senior Advisor, Computer Association of Nepal

• **Panel 8 : Final Round Table Discussion and Conclusions (3.00pm - 4.15pm)**

> **Joint Moderators** - Jae Sung Lee & Dr Rohan Perera, PC

> **Discussants**

- Aritha Wickramanayake, Precedent Partner, Nithya Partners (Lead Discussant)
- Farzana Jameel, Deputy Solicitor General, Sri Lanka
- Milinda Gunatilleke, Deputy Solicitor General, Sri Lanka
- Lasantha Hettiarachchi, Attorney at Law
- Sunil Abeyratne, Attorney at Law

**Concluding Statements** | (Jayantha Fernando, ICTA Legal Advisor & Joao Ribeiro, Head of UNCITRAL RCAP)

**Closing Address** | Reshan Dewapura, CEO of ICTA