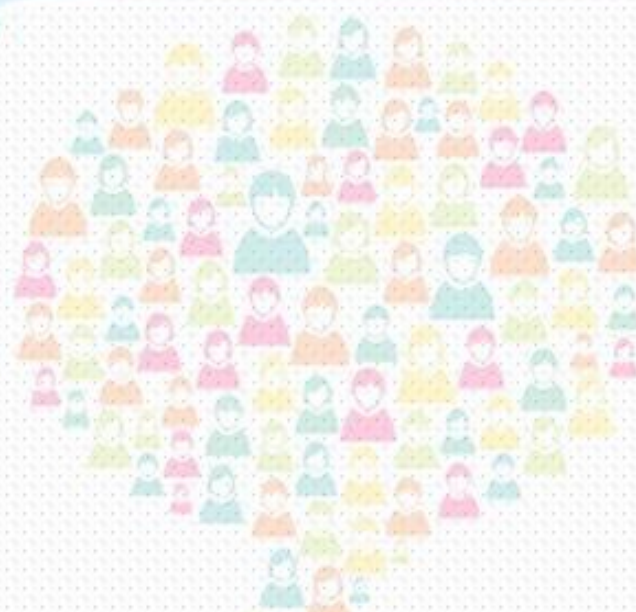


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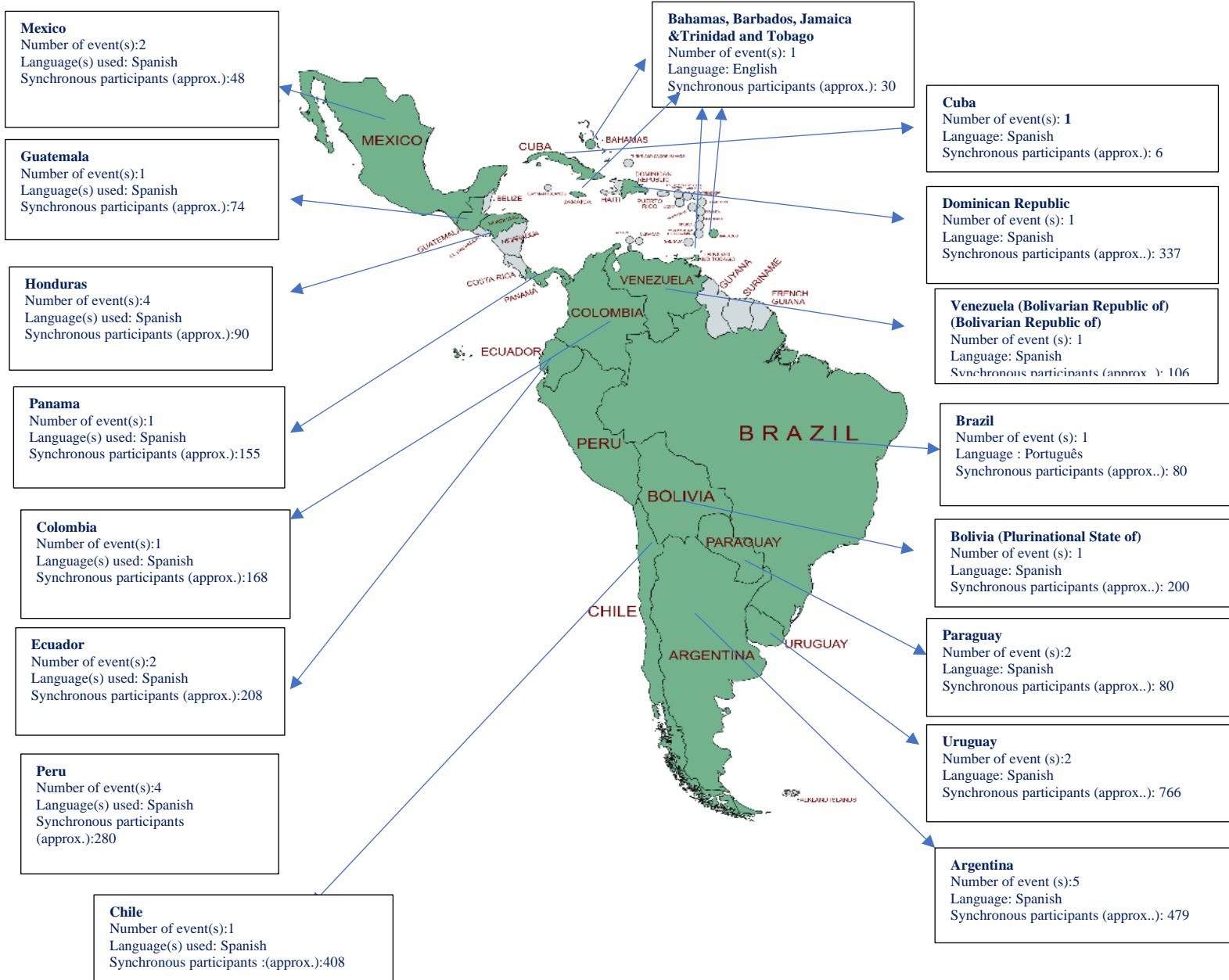
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2021 UNCITRAL LAC DAY

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Introduction

1. This report on the 2021 UNCITRAL Latin American and Caribbean Day (“the LAC Day”) series highlights its objectives, deliverables and the outcomes achieved. It provides an illustrated summary of the salient features of the 2021 series, a description of each activity and concluding remarks. Two annexes appear at the end on I) participating universities and institutions arranged by jurisdiction and II) testimonies from beneficiaries. This report is accompanied by an executive summary in Spanish.

Glossary

2. This glossary may assist readers in ensuring that references to the following acronyms are correctly understood. Terms such as “ADR” means alternative dispute resolution; “CISG” means the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sales of Goods.

3. International organizations: “ASADIP” means American Association of Private International Law; “CLOUT” means case law on UNCITRAL texts; “Commission” means the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL); “ICSID” means the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes; “LAC” means Latin American and the Caribbean; “MERCOSUR” means the Southern Common Market; the “OAS” means the Organization of American States; “PCA” means the Permanent Court of Arbitration; “SIECA” means the Central American Economic Integration; “CIMA” means Spanish Civil and Trade Arbitration Centre; “TPR” means Mercosur Permanent Review Tribunal; “UNDP” means United Nations Development Programme.

4. Universities: in Argentina “UBA” means Universidad de Buenos Aires; “UCEL” means Universidad del Centro Educativo Latinoamericano; “UNPAZ” means Universidad Nacional de Jose C. Paz; and “USAL” means Universidad del Salvador; in Bolivia (Plurinational State of) “UNIVALLE” means Universidad del Valle; in Dominican Republic “PUCMM” means Pontificia Universidad Católica y Maestra; in Ecuador “USFQ” means Universidad San Francisco de Quito; and “UDLA” means Universidad de las Américas; in Honduras “UNAH” means Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras; in Mexico “UNAM” means Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México; in Paraguay “UNA” means Universidad Nacional de Paraguay; in Peru “UNMSM” Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos; “UPC” means Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas and “PUCP” means Pontificia Universidad Católica; in Uruguay “UM” means Universidad de Montevideo; and “UDELAR” means Universidad de la República; in Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) “UCAB” means Universidad Católica Andrés Bello.

Background

5. In 2014, UNCITRAL Day was first launched as the UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day by the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for the Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP) to celebrate the historical establishment of UNCITRAL by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966. Since 2014, the UNCITRAL Day has become

an annual flagship event for UNCITRAL RCAP and the UNCITRAL Secretariat as a whole. Activities in this series raise awareness of UNCITRAL instruments and the importance of legal harmonization amongst the next generations of legal thinkers and policymakers.

6. UNCITRAL Day activities are academic in nature and free to attend. The substance and format of UNCITRAL Day activities are designed to provide maximum flexibility to support partnering institutions. On substantive programming, the UNCITRAL Day series has an overarching theme for each year, suggested by and coordinated with the UNCITRAL Secretariat. Partner institutions may organize activities under this theme or other UNCITRAL related topics.¹

7. Since 2020, the UNCITRAL Secretariat has held UNCITRAL Day in LAC countries, with great success.² The inaugural event in 2020 brought together 34 universities and institutions from 16 jurisdictions across the region and co-hosted 30 online academic events about UNCITRAL legislative work on transparency in treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration.³ The second edition in 2021 gathered 27 universities and institutions from 20 jurisdictions and co-hosted 30 online academic events about the new texts on international mediation and arbitration.⁴

8. UNCITRAL Day has been a success that led to the expansion to more regions beyond Asia and the Pacific and LAC. In 2021, at its fifty-fourth session, the Commission commended the Secretariat for the UNCITRAL Day events and welcomed the opportunity that the UNCITRAL Days had provided to States and partner organizations to illustrate their contributions to the harmonization of international trade law in practice through the use of UNCITRAL texts in their own technical assistance activities. The Commission welcomed the successes of the annual UNCITRAL Day in both the Asia-Pacific and the Latin American and Caribbean regions, welcomed the forthcoming 2021 series, and took note of the potential benefits for other regions to host UNCITRAL Day events.⁵ The UNCITRAL Secretariat looks forward to further expanding the UNCITRAL Day series to more regions including Africa in 2022.

LAC Day 2021 series

9. Like the first edition, the second edition of the UNCITRAL LAC Day took place from November to December 2021. It comprised 30 online academic events. Building upon the success of the first edition, the 2021 series expanded to new jurisdictions in the Caribbean, and a multi-country approach. For example, the event organized in the Bahamas included Barbados,

¹ See the UNCITRAL Day 2021 Report for additional background information available on the UNCITRAL Website-www.uncitral.un.org

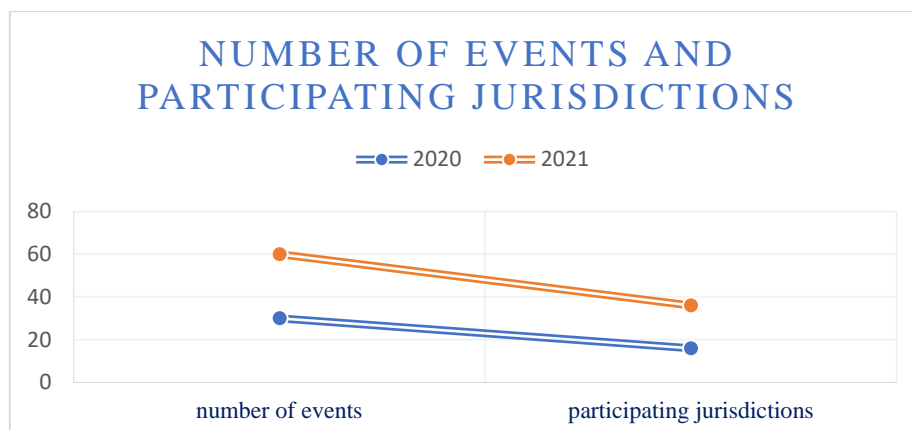
² The LAC Day replicates the AP Day approach in the LAC region.

³ The financial support of the European Commission the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the OPEC Fund for the operation of the Transparency Registry was gratefully acknowledged in most of the activities part of the first edition and some of the activities part of the second edition.

⁴ These newly adopted texts are: In international mediation a) the Guide to Enactment and Use of the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Mediation and International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, b) the UNCITRAL Mediation Rules, and c) the UNCITRAL Notes on Mediation. In international arbitration a) the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules, and b) the accompanying explanatory note.

⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/76/17)*, para 308-315, available at <https://undocs.org/en/A/76/17>.

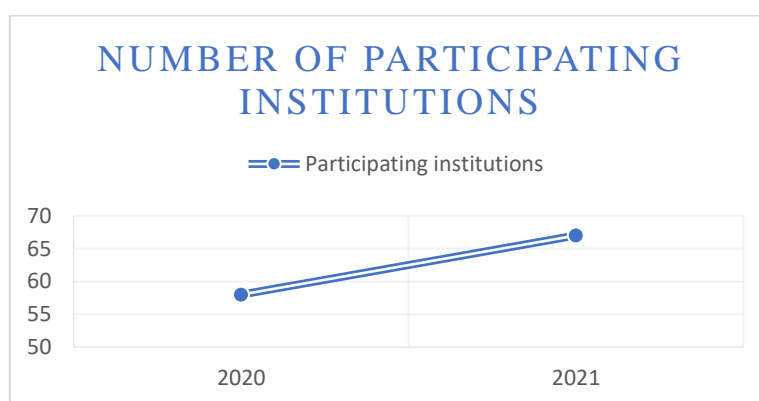
Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. Additionally, the 2021 edition added new universities⁶ with one of them in a new jurisdiction (University of La Havana in Cuba).



10. UNCITRAL LAC Day events were attended by a diverse audience across the region.⁷ Whilst most of the events were directed towards law students, some were delivered to other stakeholders, such as public and private experts, and researchers. Furthermore, the fact that all events were held online enabled the participation of public audiences from across the LAC region and beyond covering developed, developing, landlocked countries and small islands.

Salient features of events

11. The 2021 series has also strengthened collaboration with regional organizations (i.e.: ASADIP, OAS, SIECA, MERCOSUR) and international organizations (i.e. PCA, ICSID) which will provide opportunities to reach more jurisdictions in the Latin American and Caribbean region in future editions.



Note: Participating institutions includes regional organizations, chambers of commerce, professional bodies such as bar associations, and mediation and arbitration centers, among others.

12. The format and composition of the LAC Day series have remained flexible and varied according to the capacity and preference of partner institutions, ranging from informal in-class

⁶ This was the case in Ecuador, Peru, and Uruguay

⁷ The event drew listeners from the 20 jurisdictions and from extra regions, mainly France, Switzerland, Spain, Tunisia, and the United States.

discussion to multi-day international academic conferences. Panellists have continued to include academics, practitioners, government officials, legislators, and members of the judiciary, who have written about UNCITRAL instruments and/or participated in UNCITRAL activities such as its Working Groups, colloquia and expert meetings, amongst others. The 2021 edition included the participation of members of parliament in the region, particularly in those jurisdictions that were considering incorporating and/or adopting UNCITRAL texts.⁸

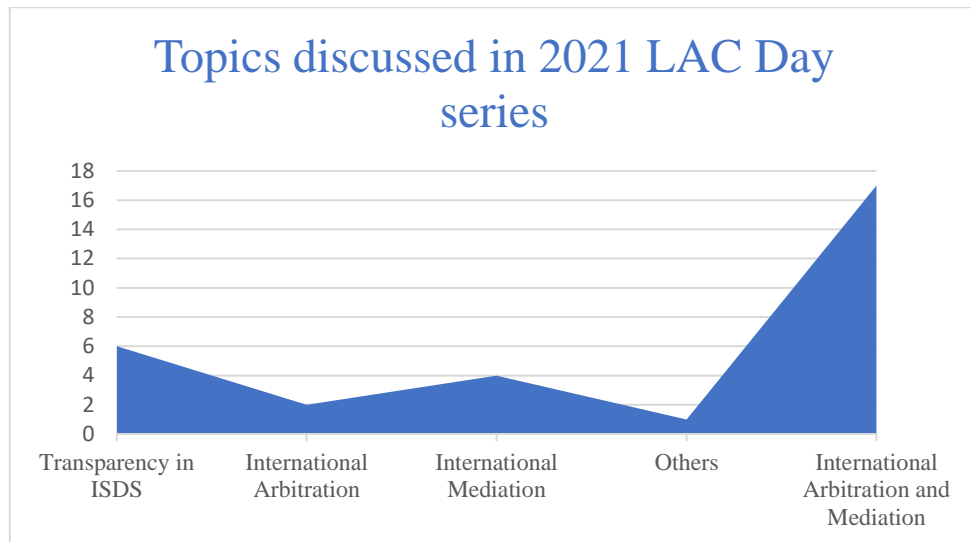
13. The theme for the LAC Day 2021 was the newly adopted UNCITRAL texts on international mediation and arbitration. In international mediation, the proposed theme covered newly adopted texts and existing legislative tools that complete the legal framework on mediation. These texts are a) the Guide to Enactment and Use of the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Mediation and International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, b) the UNCITRAL Mediation Rules, c) the UNCITRAL Notes on Mediation, d) the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation and, b) the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Mediation and International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, 2018. In international arbitration, the proposed theme covered the newly adopted UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules and the accompanying explanatory note.

14. In addition, the LAC Day activities have played an important role in familiarizing jurisdictions with the use of mediation and arbitration and ensuring that UNCITRAL legal texts are effectively adopted, implemented, and interpreted. In the 2021 edition, participating jurisdictions received in-depth training on UNCITRAL texts on international mediation and arbitration. Experience has shown that many jurisdictions are already using the existing UNCITRAL texts on international arbitration⁹ and some jurisdictions are considering adopting the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (New York, 2018) and/or incorporating the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Mediation and International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (2018).¹⁰

⁸ For further information, consult in this report the Highlights of the UNCITRAL LAC Day 2021

⁹ Partly as result of this series since 19 January 2022 the Arbitration and Conciliation Center at the Chamber of Commerce Bogota has managed arbitral cases under the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules. <https://www.centroarbitrajeconciliacion.com/en/International-Arbitration>

¹⁰ For further information, consult in this report the Highlights of the UNCITRAL LAC Day 2021.



Note: More than one subject area may be covered in any given event. Others includes topics on UNCITRAL existing texts on e-commerce, international sale of goods, international transport of goods and security interests. Some events covered more than one topic.

15. Further, universities participating in this series have highlighted the educational importance of the Transparency Registry, which continues to operate as a reference on international arbitration.

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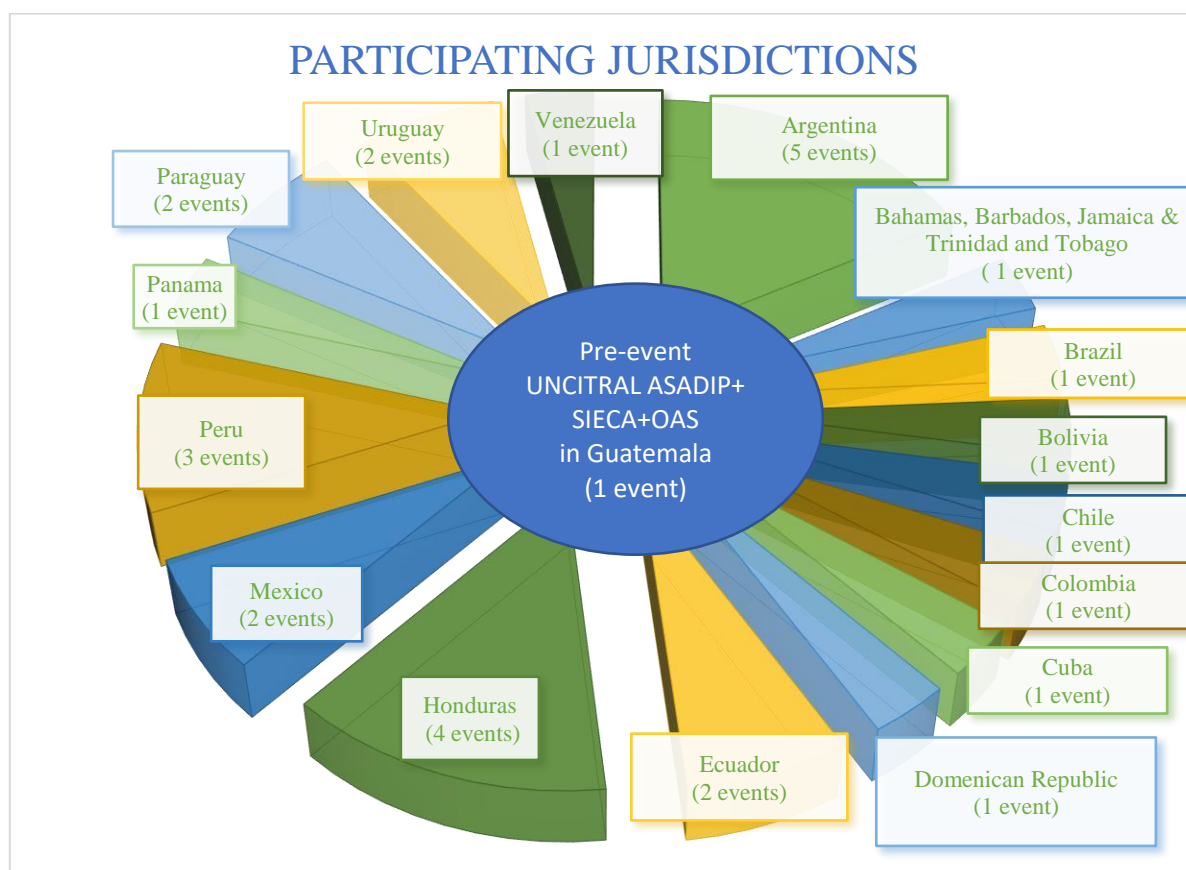
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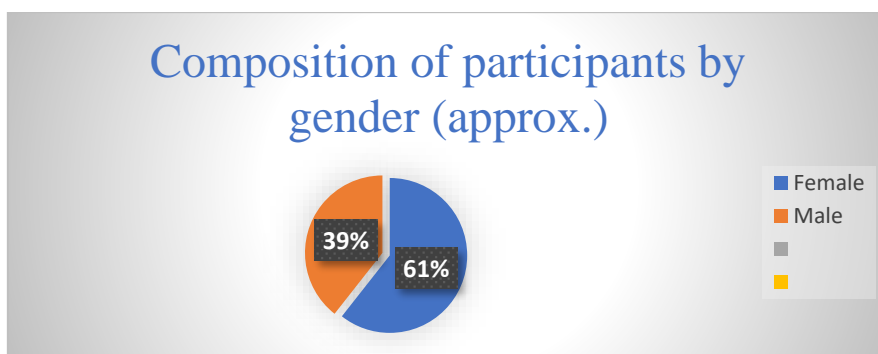
16. In 2021, UNCITRAL LAC Day events were held in 20 jurisdictions, namely Argentina, the Bahamas (which included Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago), Brasil, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). Amongst these 20 jurisdictions, 15 organized LAC Day events for the second consecutive year, and the 5 others (Cuba, Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago) attended for the first time.



17. At large, the LAC Day events gathered 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, mediators, arbitrators, policymakers, government officials, members of the judiciary and legislators.

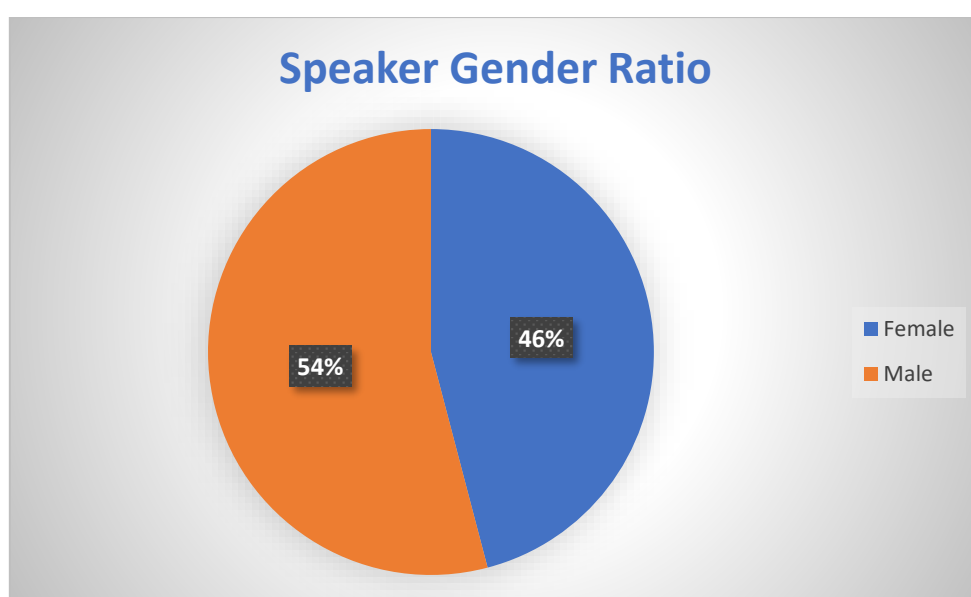
18. Alone, the academic event launching UNCITRAL LAC Day was attended by 61% female, 39% male participants.¹¹ The UNCITRAL Secretariat and its partnering institutions sought to maintain gender-balanced panels and will continue to do so in future editions.

¹¹ Where gender breakdown was available, this pattern was broadly repeated throughout this series



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

19. Gender parity is also realized in experts participating in LAC Day events, including panelists, moderators and commentators on national law.

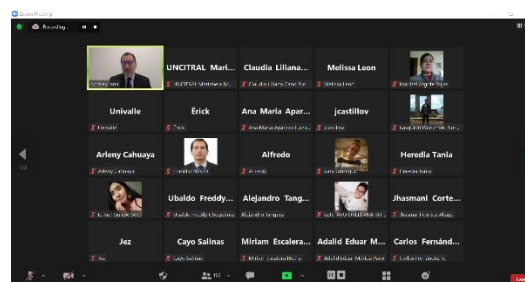
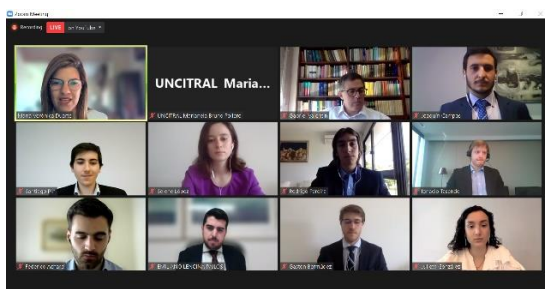
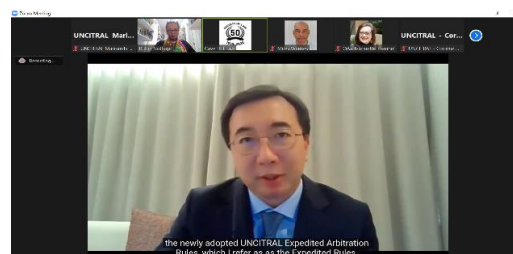
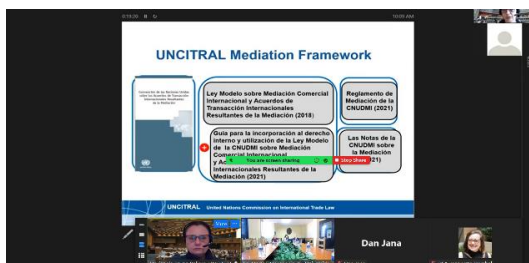
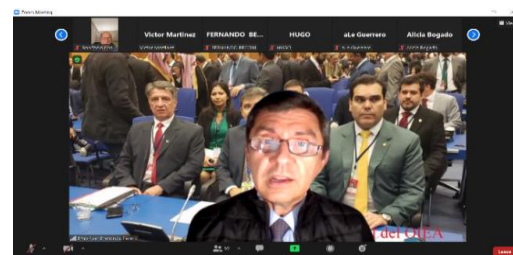
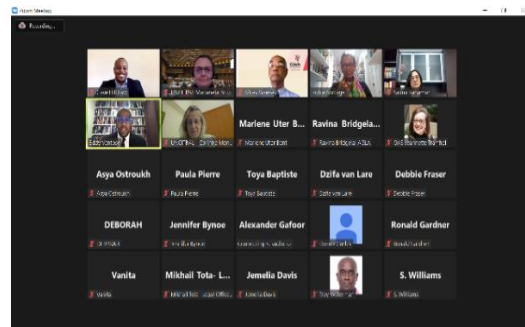
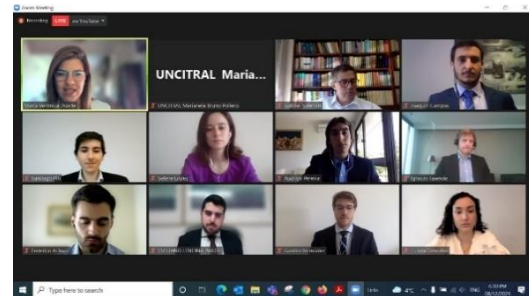


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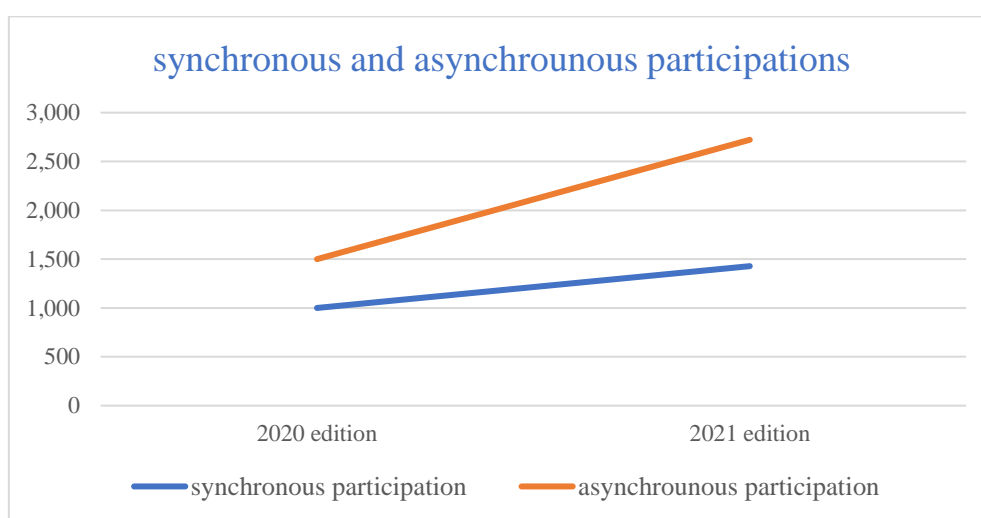
Secretariat support

20. The UNCITRAL Secretariat has supported all LAC Day activities, and will continue to do so, in the form of live (video) presentations on UNCITRAL instruments and current developments. Where online live presentations were not possible, the UNCITRAL Secretariat delivered tailor-made pre-recorded presentations and provided institutional support for the activity. In the 2021 series, the UNCITRAL Secretariat also delivered recorded presentations (videos) on the new texts on international mediation and arbitration. These videos were produced in English and Spanish,¹² and shared with universities prior to the events. To enhance regional accessibility and to promote multilingualism, the UNCITRAL Secretariat and participating experts delivered contributions in English, Spanish and Portuguese. The Secretariat's support also sought to train professors in charge of programmes on international mediation and arbitration, to enhance capacity-building in the region, through a "train-the-trainers" approach.

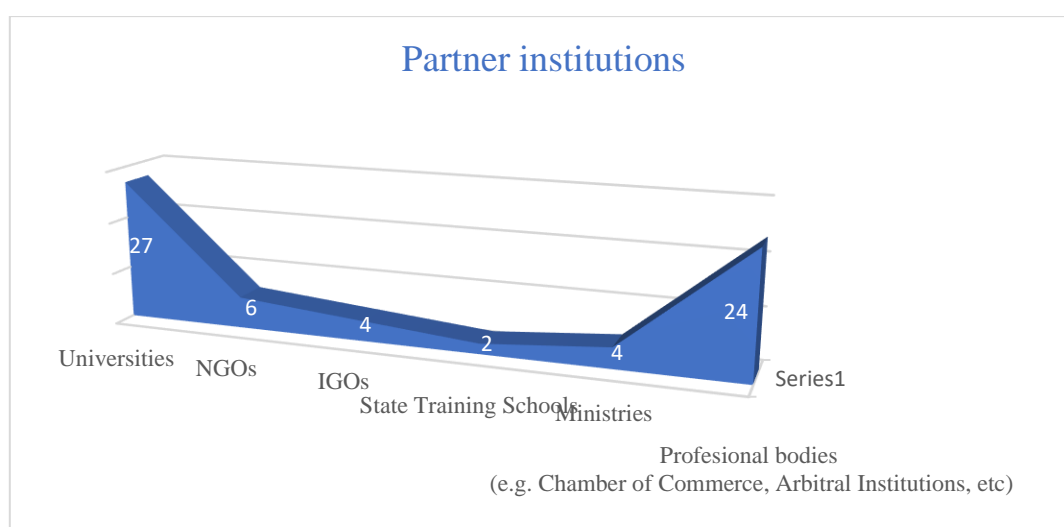
¹² These videos were produced by UNCITRAL secretariat legal officers that provided technical support during the elaboration and adoption of the legislative texts on mediation and arbitration. One of the videos was recorded in English with captions in Spanish and the other was recorded in English with a ppt presentation in Spanish.



21. The second edition of the LAC Day, as the first edition, adopted an online mode of delivery. While this format was largely dictated by ongoing COVID-19 measures, the use of technology has continued to boost 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 Day 2021 series superseded the previous edition. The 2020 edition had a global live audience of over 1,000 participants and some of the events were reproduced 1,500 times in FaceBook; while the 2021 reached a global audience of 1428 synchronous participants and 2722 asynchronous participants.¹³ Further, some of the event were reproduced in social media accounts (YouTube/Facebook) and networks of professional bodies (i.e.: Association of Professors and Lawyers).¹⁴ In light of this extended reach, UNCITRAL LAC Days will continue to include online participation in addition to any in-person element.



Partner institutions



¹³ Last updated 21.01.2022

¹⁴ Statistics on viewers per event can be found in the section “Highlights of the UNCITRAL LAC Day 2021”.

22. The success of UNCITRAL LAC Day is in no small part attributable to the continuous support received from all LAC Day partner institutions, including universities, higher education institutions training schools for Government representatives and diplomats, Ministries in several countries (mainly members of the judiciary), international and regional organizations, and professional bodies.¹⁵

23. As for the first edition, the UNCITRAL LAC Day series was also generously supported by the American Association of International Private Law (ASADIP). Further, this second edition has renewed the support from the Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration (SIECA) with the participation of the Manager of the Central American Mechanism for the Settlement of Trade Disputes (MSC); from the Organization of American States (OAS) with the participation of senior legal officer from Department of International Law, Secretariat of Legal Affairs; from the Secretariat of the MERCOSUR Permanent Review Tribunal with the participation of its Secretary; from the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) with the participation of senior legal counsels. This series had received the support of Centres of Mediation and Arbitration at Chambers of Commerce which, as partners, provided academic, professional, and technical assistance.

Support towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



24. The LAC Day 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 solving international disputes through alternative mechanism to adversarial dispute settlement (arbitration and mediation). On the long term, this series of events will be influential in establishing a standard practice of using UNCITRAL texts to facilitate a progressive modernization of commercial legal frameworks.

25. UNCITRAL has contributed towards the achievement of the SDGs by countries in a number of different and interrelated areas.¹⁶ During this series SDG16 was of particular relevance: “Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels”.

26. Activities organized during this series echoed the 2021 Commission Report at recognizing the contribution of the UNCITRAL newly adopted texts on mediation and arbitration. The 2021 Commission Report recognized that non-adversarial methods, in particular mediation, are seen to be swifter and less expensive than adversarial dispute settlement, benefiting commercial enterprises, promoting long-term and cross-border commercial transactions, and offering States possible cost savings in administration of justice. Micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises may not have the financial resources or time to pursue solutions through adversarial dispute settlement. Thus, non-adversarial dispute

¹⁵ See Annex 1 for a list of main institutions.

¹⁶ For more information, please visit <https://uncitral.un.org/en/about/sdg>

settlement, such as mediation, may be particularly suitable for MSMEs. An essential prerequisite for an effective dispute settlement is the ability to enforce, including across borders, an award or a settlement agreement reached through a dispute settlement mechanism or procedure in a cost-effective way. The Commission has further recognized that the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules provide for a streamlined, simplified and cost effective procedure that preserves the fundamental principles of arbitration, such as party autonomy and due process. The UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules are particularly appropriate for low-value cases that are not overly complex and may further contribute to the post-pandemic recovery by providing a procedural option for MSMEs, which are to a large extent family-owned or owned by women.¹⁷



27. In addition, the UNCITRAL LAC Day series in itself has contributed to the accomplishment of SDG 17 “Partnership for the Goals” by strengthening longterm partnerships with regional organizations active in the field of international law in the region. The 2020 and 2021 series have counted with longstanding cooperation and support from institutions active in the field of international private law (e.g. ASADIP, SIECA, OEA, MERCOSUR, PCA, ICSID). In addition, the LAC Day series has also built effective partnership with Governments, UNDP country offices, professional bodies, chambers of commerce, and center of arbitration and conciliation. This series has also raised awareness of UNCITRAL mandate to modernize and harmonize the law of international trade.

The following are special highlights from each of the events of the 2021 LAC Day

28. Building on the first series, the success of the LAC Day second edition is reflected in the higher number of participating universities and institutions, the increasingly diverse pool of speakers, moderators and the larger numbers of listeners and followers. Although the LAC Day series focused on UNCITRAL existing texts on mediation and arbitration, each event had its own unique and diverse features in terms of its deliverables, topics covered, and audience reached. All these events were online and counted with an active participation from the Chair of UNCITRAL Working Group II, the UNCITRAL The Secretary of UNCITRAL, and members of UNCITRAL Secretariat.¹⁸

29. UNCITRAL LAC Day – Academic Pre-event (Guatemala, 21 October 2021)

The LAC Day series was officially launched in this first LAC Day event, organized jointly with UNCITRAL longstanding partners institutions in the region (i.e.: ASADIP, SIECA, OAS, PCA). The theme of this event was “creating synergies among international legislative bodies in the field of mediation and arbitration” and was attended by 74 listeners (mainly representatives of the network of universities organizing LAC Day events).¹⁹ During this event,

¹⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No.17 (A/76/17), paras 372-373

¹⁸ The participation was in the format of a presentation during opening or closing ceremony, part of a panel and/or in the Q&A segments.

¹⁹ A recorded of this event was circulated among ASADIP, SIECA and OAS networks

panelists from partner organizations highlighted the need to promote cooperation and exchange good practices on international trade law. Then, the Chair of UNCITRAL Working Group II Mr. Andres Jana, the Secretary of UNCITRAL Ms. Anna Joubin- Bret and legal officers Ms. Miriana Belhadj and Marianela Bruno Pollero highlighted UNCITRAL's working methods, including that instruments are negotiated through an international and inclusive process involving members States of UNCITRAL, non member States and invited intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. UNCITRAL Secretariat legal officers presented an overview of UNCITRAL's activities in general, underscoring the main contribution of the 2020 LAC Day to UNCITRAL's legislative and technical assistance activities, the CLOUT system and the UN internship programme. In the second part of this event, partner institutions gave testimonies on coordination efforts towards improving the business climate in the region (i.e., OAS-UNCITRAL); and on how the UNCITRAL Rules on Expedited Arbitration informed the process of managing virtual hearings (Central American Mechanism for the Settlement of Trade Disputes -SIECA).

30. This event raised awareness of UNCITRAL's regional coordination efforts to avoid duplication of efforts and promoting efficiency, consistency, and coherence in the unification and harmonization of international trade law.

Video of the event

31. Conference, Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, Universidad Nacional de Paraguay (UNA), with the support of the Secretariat of Mercosur Permanent Review Tribunal (TPR), (Paraguay, 1 and 2 November, 2021

2021 was the second consecutive year that the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, UNA, organized two academic events during the LAC Day, which which were reproduced in YouTube (86 viewers). The theme of these two events were international mediation and arbitration and were supported by the Secretary of the TPR. These events gathered high level panelists on international trade and investment law from local university, from the Permanent Representation of Paraguay to the United Nations-Vienna; from the Secretary of the TPR and members of UNCITRAL Secretariat.

32. These two events raised awareness on UNCITRAL existing texts on mediation and arbitration among the next generation of legal thinkers, researchers, and legal practitioners from the public and private sectors. It emphasized the importance of harmonizing the rule governing international mediation in MERCOSUR member countries through the adoption of the Singapore Convention on Mediation.²⁰

Video of the event [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#)

33. Round table: Towards improving the efficiency in the arbitral process: UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules, Division on International Relations, Faculty of Law, University of Buenos Aires (UBA), (Argentina, 3 November 2021)

²⁰ At the time of this event, the Convention has been signed by Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay and Uruguayan Parliament is studying its ratification.

2021 was the second consecutive year that the Division on International Relations, Faculty of Law co-organized a LAC Day activity. This event was an interactive roundtable, where participants shared experiences and reflected on how the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules incorporated new trends on international commercial arbitrations. Panelists in this event were well-known arbitrators; members of the Advisory Committee on International Law at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina; Professors of Private International Law at the local university; young legal practitioners, and members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat (Q&A segment).

34. This interactive event promoted and raised awareness of the UNCITRAL texts on arbitration among a large community of students, legal practitioners, arbitrators, professors, researchers, members of the judiciary and the public in general. It has also promoted a continuing dialogue with members of the Advisory Committee at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina as regards their views on measures required to improve the commercial law framework on dispute resolution in Argentina.

35. Round table on international mediation: processes and proposals in the Southern Cone, Faculty of Legal Sciences, Universidad del Salvador (USAL), (Argentina, 4 November 2021)

2021 was the second consecutive year that the Faculty of Legal Sciences, USAL organized a LAC Day activity. This event was an interactive session on the practice of mediation in the Southern Cone region (Mercosur member countries). Discussions kicked off with an up-to-date status of mediation in Mercosur countries, including references to mediation in international agreements signed by Mercosur with third countries (e.g. Mercosur-Egypt). Next, the status of the Convention on Mediation in the Southern Cone was discussed. This event concluded with an analysis of UNCITRAL legal framework on international mediation, where issues on confidentiality, party autonomy and harmonization were discussed. Members of UNCITRAL Secretariat participated in the Q&A segment.

36. This event raised awareness about the UNCITRAL framework on international mediation and contributed to build legal local capacity to interpret UNCITRAL legal framework on mediation as a way to promote the harmonization of the legal framework on international mediation within Mercosur countries.

37. Seminar on UNCITRAL new texts on mediation and arbitration, Program on Legal Studies, University of CEMA, jointly with the Spanish Civil and Trade Arbitration Center (CIMA), (Argentina-Spain, 4 November 2021)

2021 was the first year that CEMA co-organized an UNCITRAL LAC Day activity, which was part of the IV International Arbitration Day. This day focused on different aspects of international arbitration and included a dedicated segment on UNCITRAL texts on mediation and arbitration. During this segment leading international practitioners and arbitrator from Argentina, Spain and the United States reflected on the practice of mediation and arbitration; exchanged practical experiences intra and extra region; and answered concerns on the use of UNCITRAL texts. Participants included 117 students, coaches, professors, legal practitioners, arbitrators, and researchers, amongst others. Members of UNCITRAL Secretariat participated in the Q&A segment.

38. This event promoted and raised awareness about the UNCITRAL framework on international mediation and the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules. It also supported community-based institutions that contribute to access to justice, legal education and skills-building such as bar associations (i.e.: interamerican bar association); arbitration and conciliation centers (i.e.: CIMA), universities and legal information centers (i.e.: asociacion de fomento de arbitraje de Barcelona).

39. Conference and virtual panels on international commercial mediation and arbitration, National University of Mexico (UNAM), co-sponsored by the Legal Advisor Office, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mexico (Mexico, 9-10 November 2021)

2021 was the second consecutive year that the Secretary of Foreign Affairs co-sponsored a LAC Day activity in Mexico. For this event, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs partnered with the UNAM and organized two days of virtual panels on UNCITRAL texts on mediation and arbitration. During this event, the Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks. Then, a first panel reflected on the new texts on international commercial arbitration, including the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules. Law professors, wellknown legal practitioners and high level representative from the Mexican Arbitration Center exchanged good practices in commercial arbitration in Mexico and discussed the UNCITRAL texts on expedited arbitration. The second day of this event reflected upon the UNCITRAL legal framework on international mediation over a series of round tables. Speakers in these panels were high level representatives from the Mexican Arbitration Centre; legal practitioners acting as arbitrators and mediators; members of the Mexican delegation to UNCITRAL Working Group II; and UNAM Professor.

40. This event raised awareness on the UNCITRAL new texts on mediation and arbitration and informed on the Mexican project to modernize the legal framework on international mediation. It also promoted discussions with the local community of meditors and arbitartors on measures required to incorporate the UNCITRAL Model Law on mediation (2018) into the Mexican substantive law that could lead to the adoption of the Convention on Mediation in Mexico.

Videos of [Day I](#) and [Day II](#)

41. Seminar on the UNCITRAL new texts on international mediation and arbitration, Faculty of Legal Science, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana of Colombia and the University Externado de Colombia, (Colombia, 11 November 2021)

These two main Colombian universities participated for a second consecutive year and organized a whole day event with 4 panels on UNCITRAL texts on mediation and arbitration, with the active engagement of local law professors. This event was posted on YouTube and received 168 views. The first panel analysed the effects and control of the agreement resulting from mediation (invoking and enforcing) and gathered legal practitioners from Spain and high level representative from the Centre of Conciliation and Arbitration, at the Chamber of Commerce in Colombia. The second panel compared the UNCITRAL Rules on Mediation with other rules on mediation, including as pannelists legal practitioners on mediation and arbitration from Uruguay, France, and the United States. The third panel was on UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules and other rules on expedited arbitrations. Pannelists included leading legal practitioners from Colombia and France; and experts on international arbitration

at Bogota Chamber of Commerce. The President of UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) and Vice-Chair of the 54th Commission Session provided an in-depth analysis of the UNCITRAL new texts on expedited arbitration, which are ready to be used by the arbitration community. This webinar concluded with closing remarks from the PCA, who explained the PCA role in the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules.

42. This event contributes to build local capacity to interpret UNCITRAL legal framework on mediation and international arbitration in a way that would promote uniformity in their application. At the time of writing this report, we were informed that the Arbitration and Conciliation Center at the Chamber of Commerce Bogota has managed arbitral cases under the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules²¹ and the Colombia Parliament is considering ratifying the Convention on Mediation.²²

Video of the event

43. Workshop on Singapore Convention on Mediation and UNCITRAL Mediation Rules: challenges and opportunities for Ecuador, Faculty of Law, University de las Americas (UDLA), (Ecuador, 11 November 2021)

2021 was the first year that UDLA Ecuador organized a LAC Day Ecuador event in collaboration with the Instituto Ecuatoriano de Arbitraje. The UNCITRAL The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks. This workshop had two interactive panels moderated by local law professors and was attended by 40 listeners. The first panel analyzed Ecuador's legal practices inline with the new UNCITRAL framework on international mediation (Ecuador was the first country in the region to join the Singapore Convention on Mediation). In addition, international mediators exchanged views on the practice of international mediation in Ecuador in general and on the digital economy. The second panel was on international commercial arbitration and the UNCITRAL Rules on Expedited Arbitration. Panelists included leading arbitrators and practitioners; high level representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Santiago and Mexico. Then, the Chair of UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) and Vice-Chair of the 54th Commission Session provided an in-depth analysis of the newly adopted texts on expedited arbitration.

44. This event raised awareness about the UNCITRAL framework on international arbitration and promoted the existing legal tools on mediation to harmonize the legal framework on international mediation in Ecuador. Ecuador has recently adopted new legislation on arbitration and mediation²³ and has recently ratified the Singapore Convention on Mediation. Experiences and view exchanges in this event informed other jurisdictions in the region that are about to modernize their legal framework on mediation and arbitration.

45. Conference on LAC DAY, Universidad del Centro Educativo Latinoamericano (UCEL); (Argentina, 15 November 2021)

2021 was the second consecutive year that UCEL organized a LAC Day activity. This event was done in collaboration with Arbitraje Alumni, Women Way in Arbitration, Argentinian

²¹ <https://www.centroarbitrajeconciliacion.com/en/International-Arbitration>

²² <https://www.elnuevosiglo.com.co/articulos/03-29-2022-proyectos-de-acuerdos-internacionales-seran-para-la-proxima-legislatura>

²³ Ecuador Law on Mediation and Arbitration is available here

<https://www.funcionjudicial.gob.ec/www/pdf/mediacion/Ley%20de%20Arbitraje%20y%20Mediacion.pdf>

and Ecuador Rules on Mediation and Arbitration (August 2021) is available here

https://www.fielweb.com/App_Themes/InformacionInteres/Decreto_Ejecutivo_No._165_20210718190912.pdf

Young Arbitration Practitioners, and XIV International Arbitration Competition. The theme of this event was international mediation and arbitration. During the first panel, members of UNCITRAL Secretariat talked about the legislative timeline in the elaboration of the UNCITRAL framework on mediation and arbitration, including the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. Next, a round table with moot coaches, professors, arbitrators, and young legal practitioners highlighted the importance of moot competition in the education of lawyers. Then, representative from PCA introduced the role of PCA in the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules.

46. This event raised awareness on the importance of educating students and young practitioners on ADR (mediation and arbitration) and highlighted the need for achieving gender balance in the pool of arbitrator/mediators. In 2021, UCEL started a postgraduate programme on international arbitration partly inspired by the success of the 2020 UNCITRAL LAC Day-UCEL.²⁴

Video of the event

47. Seminar, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, School of Law, (PUCMM) (Domenican Republic, 17 November 2021)

2021 was the second consecutive year that the PUCMM organized a LAC Day activity. The theme of this event was UNCITRAL and international arbitration in the Dominican Republic and received 337 views in PUCMM TV. This event started with an overview on UNCITRAL framework on international arbitration and followed with an analysis of the Dominican Republic law on commercial arbitration,²⁵ which mirrors the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration (1985), with amendments as adopted in 2006. Then, wellknown international arbitrators talked about salient features of the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules while a member of the Supreme Court of Justice and PUCMM Professor moderated the debate. Members of UNCITRAL Secretariat participated in the Q&A segment.

48. This event promoted the UNCITRAL framework on international mediation among members of the judiciary, practitioners, researchers, and students in the Dominican Republic. It also built local capacity to interpret international commercial law standards in a way that would promote uniformity in their application in the Dominican Republic.

Video of the event

49. LAC Day Peru, Institute of International Studies, Pontificia Universidad Católica (PUCP), (Peru, 18 November 2021)

2021 was the second consecutive year that PUCP organized a LAC Day activity with the participation of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Peru. This event was attended by 122 participants, including students. During this event the Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks, followed by well-known legal practitioners on arbitration, who shared their experience in applying UNCITRAL texts on mediation and arbitration in their legal practices. In addition, senior legal practitioners explained how to manage international arbitration on investments, public services, and construction agreements. This event concluded with a

²⁴ During this event, the UNCITRAL Transparency Registry was promoted, and its donors acknowledged.

²⁵ Law N.489-08

dedicated segment on the UNCITRAL legislative work on mediation and arbitration, with the participation of members of the PUCP Center for analysis and settlement of disputes, professors, and representatives of the academic forum at UNCITRAL Working Group III. International practitioner and arbitrator from the Centre on national and international arbitration, at the Chamber of Commerce Lima had also joined this discussion.

50. This event promoted the use of UNCITRAL new texts on international arbitration and mediation among representatives from the private and public sectors, professors, researchers, policy makers, lawyers, arbitrators, students, and the public in general. This conference concluded with a call to create a Moot Court on UNCITRAL texts and/or any other research activity for students.

51. Conference on International Mediation and Arbitration, Faculty of Law, University of Montevideo (UM), (Uruguay, 18 November 2021)

2021 was the first time that the Faculty of Law, UM organized a LAC Day activity. The event was in a format of a webinar on the UNCITRAL new texts on mediation and arbitration. It was attended by 101 students and experts from the region (Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brasil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)), and beyond (Switzerland, Tunisia and the United States). The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks and members of UNCITRAL Secretariat presented an overview of UNCITRAL legal framework on mediation. This presentation was complemented by testimonies on good practices and experiences on mediation in Ecuador, Uruguay and the region. This segment concluded with a call to incorporate the UNCITRAL framework on mediation in Uruguay. Thereafter, a second segment on commercial arbitration unfolded. Members of UNCITRAL Secretariat presented an overview of UNCITRAL texts on international arbitration, including the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. Then, a dedicated segment on the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules unfolded with comments from commercial arbitrator from the Stock of Exchange Buenos Aires and local practitioners and law professors.

52. This event raised awareness of the UNCITRAL framework on mediation and the UNCITRAL Rules on Expedited Arbitration, educated students and young practitioners on international commercial law issues relevant to the use of mediation and arbitration in the settlement of commercial disputes. This event concluded that UNCITRAL texts on mediation and arbitration adjusted well in solving commercial disputes in the southern cone region and these texts were well fit to solve small claims.²⁶

53. Conference on the future of mediation vis a vis the UNCITRAL texts, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Panama, (Panama, 18 November 2021)

2021 was the second consecutive year that the University of Panama organized a LAC Day activity. This event was supported by Ministries of Government, the Judiciary, National Bar Association, Panama Conciliation and Arbitration Center, Spanish Club of Arbitration-Panama Chapter, and the Association of International Private and Comparative Law of Panama. The theme of this event was the future of mediation and the UNCITRAL texts on mediation and it was attended by 155 participants, including students. The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered

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opening remarks and members of UNCITRAL Secretariat talked about the UNCITRAL legal framework on international arbitration, including the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. Then, a dedicated segment on UNCITRAL texts on mediation was organized including testimonies on the practice of mediation and the current legal framework in Panama.²⁷ Panellists included high level representatives from the public sector (Division on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Ministry of Government; and National Division on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Judiciary Body); from the private sector (Mediator of Enterprises, members of the Commission on Mediation and Arbitration, the National Bar Association, the Centre on Conciliation and Mediation), from the academia (law professors and researcher from the National Centre on Scientific Investigation (CNRS)-CERSA, University of Paris II (Pantheon).

54. This event raised awareness on the value of mediation as an alternative mean to solve dispute, assessed the need for commercial law reforms and advocated for the adoption of the Singapore Convention on Mediation in Panama.²⁸

Video of the event

55. UNCITRAL LAC Day-Bolivia, Law Programm, Universidad del Valle (UNIVALLE), HQ Cochabamba, La Paz, Sucre and Trinidad, (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), 25 November 2021)

2021 was the second consecutive year that UNIVALLE organized an UNCITRAL LAC Day activity. This event was sponsored by the Conciliation and Arbitration Center, National Chamber of Commerce and the Cochabamba Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Services. The theme of this event was UNCITRAL texts on mediation and arbitration. This conference was attended by over 200 students and broadcasted to UNIVALLE campus in Cochabamba, La Paz, Sucre and Trinidad. The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks. Then, members of UNCITRAL Secretariat presented an overview of UNCITRAL framework on mediation and arbitration, including the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. Then, the Chair of UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) and Vice-Chair of the 54th Commission Session provided insightful remarks and a detailed explanation of the UNCITRAL Rules on Expedited Arbitration. Then, a representative of the PCA talked about their role in the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules. This webinar concluded with a round table on arbitration with national experts from the Conciliation and Arbitration Centre at the Chamber of Commerce of Cochabamba. These local experts provided an up-to-date view on the Bolivian legal framework on ADR (mediation and arbitration)²⁹ vis a vis the UNCITRAL texts on international mediation and arbitration.

56. This event raised awareness on the benefit of the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules for the business community (MSME) and promoted the UNCITRAL legal framework on mediation among potential users from the private and public sector, students and the public in general.³⁰

²⁷ Law n.5/1999

²⁸ During this event, the UNCITRAL Transparency Registry was promoted, and its donors acknowledged.

²⁹ Bolivian Political Constitution, 4th Part, Title II, Chapter II, art.366; and Law 708/2015 on Conciliation and Arbitration available at <https://www.procuraduria.gob.bo/page/473-x00x-marco-legal>

³⁰ During this event, the UNCITRAL Transparency Registry was promoted, and its donors acknowledged.

57. Roundtable Key developments in arbitration and mediation in the Caribbean from the perspective of leading practitioners from the Bahamas, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, Faculty of Law, University of West Indies, (Barbados, 26 November 2021)

The Faculty of Law, University of West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, in collaboration with the UNCITRAL Secretariat and the Caribbean Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, hosted the first UNCITRAL LAC Day activity. This virtual UNCITRAL LAC DAY event, which was the first event of its kind in the English-speaking Caribbean, addressed key developments in the field of arbitration and mediation in the Bahamas, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, in the context of UNCITRAL's main instruments. The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks. Then, leading regional practitioners talked about key developments in arbitration and mediation in the Caribbean while presenting an up to date status on the legal framework on mediation and arbitration and their perspective on the way towards modernization in the region. Panellists included representatives a) from the region (the Caribbean Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators ; b) from Bahamas (Justice (retired) and Prof. of Law, Department of Laws, Social Science, University of the Bahamas); c) from Jamaica (Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus & Consultant Senior, Legal Advisor, Minister of Justice); d) from Trinidad and Tobago (ADR Practitioner, Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Commerce); and Justice, Superior Court Judge, Chairman of the Court, Tax Appeal Court (Superior Court of Record/Approved Mediation Agency). Members of UNCITRAL Secretariat participated to this event as experts.

58. This event, which covered multiple jurisdictions in the English Caribbean updated on new legal development in international mediation and arbitration³¹ aiming to harmonize the framework on international mediation and arbitration in this region. During this event, UNCITRAL Secretariat technical assistance to law reform in the Caribbean was acknowledged.

59. Conference, Universidad Nacional de José C. Paz (UNPAZ), (Argentina, 29 November 2021)

2021 was the second consecutive year that UNPAZ organized a LAC Day activity. This was an in-class online lecture and it was followed by 261 viewers in YouTube. The theme of this class was UNCITRAL texts on mediation and arbitration. The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks. Then, local professor and researcher at UNPAZ, analysed the UNCITRAL legal framework on mediation and arbitration. This analysis followed a training delivered by members of UNCITRAL secretariat. Then, a senior lecture and professor reflected on human rights and investment-State international arbitration.

60. This event educated students on international commercial issues and increased their awareness of basic rights and obligations arising from international mediation and arbitration, including the public interest involved in international investment arbitration.

Video of the event

61. Day on mediation and expedited arbitration: the UNCITRAL texts, College of Jurisprudence, University San Francisco de Quito (USFQ), (Ecuador 2 Decembre, 2021)

³¹ i.e. [the Bahamas Arbitration Act 2009](#); [the Arbitration Bill 2018](#); and [the International Commercial Arbitration Bill 2021](#) ; [the Jamaica 2017 Arbitration Act](#); Jamaica signed the Singapore Convention on Mediation; [the Caricom Model Arbitration Rule 2021](#); and the Draft Trinidad and Tobago Arbitration Bill August 2021.

2021 was the second consecutive year that USFQ organized a LAC Day event. This event had two interactive panels and was followed by 56 participants and reproduced 207 times in Facebook. The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks. Then, members of UNCITRAL Secretariat presented an overview on the UNCITRAL legal framework on international mediation. This segment was followed by comments and views on the implementation of the Singapore Convention on Mediation in Ecuador. The main points discussed during this segment were the right to invoke and enforce settlement agreements and pros and cons of the UNCITRAL Model law.³² The second panel was on commercial arbitration and expedited arbitration. Pannellists included wellkown legal practitioners acting as legal counsels and arbitrators. This event concluded with a roundtable on the practice of mediation and arbitration in Ecuador, with the participation of members of the mediation and arbitration community in Ecuador and members of UNCITRAL Secretariat.

62. This event promoted the UNCITRAL new texts on mediation and arbitration. As expressed before, Ecuador has recently adopted new legislation on arbitration and mediation³³ and has recently ratified the Singapore Convention on Mediation. This event assisted members of academia with developing local legal doctrine on international mediation in line with UNCITRAL texts. In addition, experiences and view exchanges in events organized in this series³⁴ informed other jurisdictions in the region that are about to modernize their legal framework on mediation and arbitration.

Video of the event

63. Conference, Master in Trade Law, Faculty of Legal Sciences, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH),(Honduras, 2, 7, 8, 9 December 2021)

2021 was the second consecutive year that the Master in Trade Law Programme at the Faculty of Legal Science, UNAH organized a LAC Day activity. This activity included 4 different conferences sponsored by the Centre on Conciliation and Arbitration, Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Tegucigalpa. This series of fourth conferences analysed the UNCITRAL texts on mediation and arbitration and the alternative dispute resolution practice in Honduras. The first conference was about the NY Convention and the Rules on Expedited Arbitration delivered by the UNAH, Regional Coordinator for Latino America, Young Arbitrators Forum at the International Chamber of Commerce. The second conference was on the OAS instruments and international arbitration delivered by senior representative from the Department of International Law, Secretariat for Legal Affairs, OAS. The third conference was about the Singapore Convention on Mediation and mediation in Honduras, delivered by the Representative of Honduras to UNCITRAL, with the participation of members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat. Then, the fourth conference was on the art of mediation and the UNCITRAL texts on mediation delivered by mediator from the office of the United Nations Ombudsman.

64. These fourth conferences had supported community-based institutions that contribute to private sector development, access to justice, and legal educations and skills in Honduras

³² It refers to the Model Law on International Commercial Mediation and International Agreements Resulting from Mediation (2018)

³³ Ecuador Law on Mediation and Arbitration is available here

<https://www.funcionjudicial.gob.ec/www/pdf/mediacion/Ley%20de%20Arbitraje%20y%20Mediacion.pdf>

and Ecuador Rules on Mediation and Arbitration (August 2021) is available here

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³⁴ See paras 36-37

(e.g., chamber of commerce, arbitration and conciliation centers and legal information centers). Honduras is the first country in Central America to ratify the Convention. Participants to this event emphasised the need to educate and inform local practitioners on the art of ADR, and how to effectively apply and interpret the new UNCITRAL legal instruments on this area.

65. International Conference, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, University Nacional Mayor de San Marcos (UNMSM), (Peru, 3 December 2021)

2021 was the first time that the UNMSM organized a LAC DAY activity. This event was sponsored by the Peruvian Institute of Arbitration and totaled 80 participants, mainly students. The theme of this event was UNCITRAL contribution to the regulation of international trade, particularly on mediation and arbitration. The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks. Then, members of UNCITRAL Secretariat presented the newly adopted texts on mediation and arbitration. This segment was complemented by lessons and experiences from the practice of international mediation. Then, a representative of the Permanent Court of Arbitration talked about their role in the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules. This seminar had also several panels on topics including e-commerce and transport documents; UNCITRAL texts on security interest; the CISG; and the Hamburg Rules delivered by professors and experts from Peru, Spain and the United States.

66. This seminar contributed to maintain a regular dialogue with non-governmental organizations that represent various segment of the economy (e.g. mediation and arbitration, transactions and e-transactions, transportation and maritime transport, and security interests) as regards their views on measures required to improve and modernize the international commercial law framework in Peru.

67. UNCITRAL LAC DAY in Uruguay, Faculty of Law, Universidad de la Republica, (UDELAR), (Uruguay, 6 December 2021)

2021 was the second year that the Faculty of Law, UDELAR organized an UNCITRAL LAC Day activity. This event was a whole day webinar on the UNCITRAL new texts on mediation and arbitration that was streamed live and received 665 views. The morning session had two panels. The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks. Then, a first panel compared the Rules on Expedited Arbitration with other rules on arbitration, included as panelists local professors; director of the Institute on Private International Law; chair of the Uruguay Bar Association; and legal counsel at local law firm. The second panel gathered the UDELAR Arbitration Moot team. During this panel, students answered moot coaches' questions on the UNCITRAL texts on mediation and arbitration. This panel included young practitioners acting as Moot coaches, law students' members of the Moot team and mediators and arbitrators. The afternoon session had three panels. During the afternoon first panel members of UNCITRAL Secretariat presented the UNCITRAL framework on mediation and arbitration, including the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. There followed a second panel on the legal framework of mediation in Uruguay, including an analysis of the mediation bill introduced to Uruguayan Parliament. To conclude, the Chair of UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) and Vice-Chair of the 54th Commission Session delivered a keynote speech on the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules. This afternoon session gathered high level representatives from the MERCOSUR TPR, wellknown mediators from Ecuador and Uruguay, legislators and

members of the parliamentary draft committee that introduced the mediation bill to the Uruguayan Parliament.

68. This webinar assessed the need for commercial law reforms in Uruguay and encouraged the ratification of the Convention on Mediation and the incorporation of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Mediation in the national legislation.³⁵

Video of the event

69. Conference on the Singapore Convention on Mediation and Brasil, School of Law and Post Graduated Programme in Law, Federal University Espirito Santo, (Brasil 8 December 2021)

This was the second consecutive year that a consortium of universities (School of Law and Post-Graduated Programme in Law at Federal University of Espirito Santo (UFES), and Universidad Federal de Minas Gerais) organized a LAC Day activity in Portuguese. The theme of this event was the Singapore Convention on Mediation and its impact in Brazil. This event was attended by 80 participants (alive). The event was sponsored by the Institute of International Procedural Law, the ASADIP, the National Board on Scientific and Technological Development; the Commission on Mediation and ADR; the Chamber of Commercial Mediation and Arbitration; and the International Law Commission of the Espirito Santo Bar Association. During this event the Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks and members of UNCITRAL Secretariat referred to the newly adopted texts on mediation and arbitration. Then, it followed featured keynote presentation on the practice of arbitration and mediation in the region by wellknown senior arbitrator, with experiences in the MERCOSUR Permanent Tribunal (review) and member of the Brazilian National Group of the PCA. Then, there was a first panel on the Singapore Convention on Mediation and arbitration on changing the rule of the game. This panel was moderated by law professors from local universities (University of Brasilia, Universidad Federal Minas Gerais and Universidad Federal do Rio Grande Do Sul). Panellists were legal counsels from international law firms in Brasil. Then, it followed a presentation on Singapore Convention on Mediation: benefits on international de-judicialization by a law professor from University of Rio Janeiro. Next, the last segment was on international mediation in Brazil; featuring high level representative from the National Commission on Mediation and ADR; and law professor from the University of the State of Rio de Janeiro.

70. This seminar informed a large pool of private practitioners, mediators, arbitrators, researchers, professors, and students on the UNCITRAL legal framework on international mediation in Portuguese. Brazil has recently signed the Singapore Convention on Mediation.

71. Conference on international mediation and arbitration, Faculty of Law, University of La Havana, (Cuba, 8 December 2021)

This is the first time that the University of La Habana, Cuban Court of International Commercial Arbitration (Corte Cubana de Arbitraje Comercial Internacional) organized a LAC Day activity. This event was a conference on the UNCITRAL new texts on mediation and

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arbitration. The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks and members of UNCITRAL Secretariat provided an overview of UNCITRAL texts on mediation and arbitration, including the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. Then, it followed a second panel on Cuban legislative framework on mediation and arbitration by law professors, University of La Havana and mediator and arbitrator at the Cuban Court of International Commercial Arbitration.

72. This conference informed a specialized audience on the UNCITRAL new texts on mediation and arbitration. It has contributed to share views and experiences on the practice of mediation and arbitration in Cuba,³⁶ and ongoing draft projects on mediation and arbitration modelled after the UNCITRAL texts.³⁷ As this conference were organized at the end of the university academic calendar, the university will share a recording of this event with students in international private law at the start of their 2022 calendar year.

73. International Conference on mediation and arbitration, Catholic University Andres Bello (UCAB) and University Monteavila, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), 9 December 2021)

This was the second consecutive year that the UCAB and the University Monteávila co-organized a LAC Day event, sponsored by ASADIP. This event was co-sponsored by the Venezuelan professional bodies on mediation and arbitration (e.g.: Business Centre on Conciliation and Arbitration (CEDCA); AVA; CIERC; and DM). This conference gathered 106 participants. The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks and members of the UNCITRAL Secretariat presented the newly adopted texts on mediation and arbitration. Then, law professors and legal practitioners discussed different aspects of the UNCITRAL legal framework on mediation and the UNCITRAL Rules on Expedited Arbitration. Panellists included private legal practitioners and seniors' members of professional bodies associations in Venezuela (AVEME, CIERC-UMA, CEDCA, AVA, CACC, and SOVEDEM)

74. This conference built local capacity to interpret UNCITRAL new texts on mediation and arbitration in a way that would promote harmonization in their application. Venezuela has signed the Singapore Convention on Mediation and has planned to draft a bill on international mediation and to modernize mediation centres.

Video of the event

75. University of Chile, Faculty of Law, Chile, 14 December 2021

2021 was the second consecutive year that the University of Chile and the Under-Secretary for International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized a LAC DAY activity. This event was a webinar on new tools for dispute resolution: mediation under UNCITRAL instruments and mediation on ISDS. This event reached an audience of 408 views, including listeners from other jurisdictions that are about to modernize their legal framework on mediation. The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks. This event was sponsored by the Mediation and Arbitration Centre at the Chamber of Commerce in Santiago de Chile and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). Panelists and

³⁶In ADR see art.93 [Cuban Constitution](#) (2019); In Mediation, see the Court of International Commercial Arbitration, [Mediation Rules](#). In Arbitration see the see the Court of International Commercial Arbitration, [Arbitration Rules](#)

³⁷ During this event, the UNCITRAL Transparency Registry was promoted, and its donors acknowledged.

moderators included the Chair of UNCITRAL WGII (Dispute Settlement); local law professor, policy makers (Chief of Legal Division, Ministry of Justice) senior practitioners (Chief, Mediation Unit, Chamber of Commerce Santiago). During this event, experts shared experiences on the practice of mediation in Chile and compared the Chilean bill project on mediation with the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Mediation. This event had also a panel on arbitration and ISDS, which was moderated by Chilean Coordinator of the Programme for the Defence of the State in International Investment Arbitration from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During this panel Chilean members of the legal team defending the State in ISDS cases and a senior legal counsel at ICSID shared their experiences and views on mediation in international investment cases.

68. This event assessed the need for commercial law reforms in the area of mediation. It also raised awareness on the UNCITRAL legal framework on international mediation and informed a specialized audiences on key development in commercial mediation in Chile. Chile has recently signed the Singapore Convention on Mediation.

Video of the event

76. International Conference UNCITRAL LAC DAY, Faculty of Law, Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas (UPC), (Peru, 10 December 2021)

2021 is the first year that UPC organized a LAC Day activity. The theme of this event was the UNCITRAL new texts on international arbitration. This event was sponsored by the Arbitration Centers of AmCham and the Chamber of Commerce of Lima and gathered an audience of 80 experts from the private and public sectors, professors, researchers, policy makers, lawyers, arbitrators, students and the public in general. The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered opening remarks and members of UNCITRAL Secretariat presented an overview of UNCITRAL texts on arbitration. Next, the Chair of UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) and Vice-Chair of the 54th Commission Session, provided a detailed explanation of the UNCITRAL Rules on Expedited Arbitration. This presentation was complemented by remarks from the PCA on the role of this institution in the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules. This panel concluded with remarks from local practitioners members of the Arbitration Centres AmCham, and the Chamber of Commerce Lima. They shared their experiences in arbitration and compared the UNCITRAL Rules on Expedited Arbitration with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. After a round of Q&A, experts on international arbitration shared their experiences and views on the practice of arbitration in Peru.

77. This event, which concluded the LAC DAY 2021, raised awareness on the UNCITRAL newly adopted texts on international arbitration in Peru.

Video of the event

Conclusions and way forward

78. The LAC Day series has been a ground-breaking success. The use of technology continues to encourage more participants from diverse backgrounds and geographical locations to participate and has made the contributions and discussions more accessible. Through this series of events, students, academics, legal practitioners, arbitrators, and mediators better

appreciate the benefits of using UNCITRAL instruments and uniform law and will be more equipped to use them once their respective jurisdictions have adopted or decided to adopt them.

79. The success of the LAC Day series reflects 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 Day has concluded, it is expected that the forthcoming edition, in 2022, will continue to benefit from online delivery even if face to face activities gradually resume. Relevant ministries, authorities, and institutions interested in co-organizing a LAC Day with the UNCITRAL Secretariat in 2022 are encouraged to contact us to explore collaboration opportunities via the following contact information:

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Annex I

List of participating universities and institutions

COUNTRY	PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS	DATE OF EVENT
ARGENTINA		
	Faculty of Legal and Social Sciences, Universidad Nacional de José C. Paz,	29 November 2021
	UCEL Rosario, in collaboration with Arbitraje Alumni, Argentinean Young Arbitrator Practitioners, Women Way in Arbitration and the XIV International Arbitration Competition	15 November 2021
	Faculty of Legal Sciences, USAL	04 November 2021
	Program on Legal Studies, University of CEMA, jointly with the CIMA	4 November 2021
	Division on International Relations, Faculty of Law, UBA	3 November 2021
BARBADOS (Bahamas, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago)		
	University of West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, jointly with CIArb Caribbean Branch	26 November 2021
BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF)		
	Law Programme, UNIVALLE, Cochabamba, La Paz, Sucre y Trinidad, with the support of the Conciliation and Arbitration Centre, National Chamber of Commerce and the Cochabamba Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Services	25 November 2021
BRAZIL		
	Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Universidade de Brasília with the support of the Institute of International Procedural Law LABCODEX, the ASADIP, the National Board on Scientific and Technological Development (CNPQ); the Commission on Mediation and ADR (OAB/RJ); the Chamber of Commercial Mediation and Arbitration (CAMARAB); and the International Law Commission of the Espírito Santo Bar Association.	8 December 2021

CHILE		
	Faculty of Law, Universidad de Chile, co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Under Secretary on Economic Relations (SUBREI)	9 December 2021
COLOMBIA		
	Faculty of Legal Sciences, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and Universidad Externado de Colombia	11 November 2021
CUBA		
	School of Law, Universidad de La Habana with the support of the Cuban Court of International Commercial Arbitration (Corte Cubana de Arbitraje Comercial Internacional)	8 December 2021
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		
	School of Law, PUCMM	17 November 2021
ECUADOR		
	College of Jurisprudence, Universidad San Francisco de Quito	2 December 2021
	Faculty of Law, UDLA in collaboration with the Ecuadorian Institute of Arbitration	11 November 2021
HONDURAS		
	Magister on International Trade, Faculty of Legal Sciences, UNAH, with the support of the Centre on Conciliation and Arbitration, Chamber of Commerce of Tegucigalpa	2, 7- 9 December 2021
MEXICO		
	(UNAM co-sponsored by the Legal Advisor Office, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mexico)	9-10 November 2021
PANAMA		

	Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, University of Panamá, with the support of Ministries of Government, the Judiciary, National Bar Association, Panama Conciliation and Arbitration Centre, Spanish Club of Arbitration-Panama Chapter, and the Association of International Private and Comparative Law of Panama.	23 November 2021
PARAGUAY		
	Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, UNA, with the support of the Secretariat of the TPR.	1-2 November 2021
PERU		
	Faculty of Law, Universidad de Ciencias Aplicadas, with the support of the Arbitration Centres of AmCham and the Chamber of Commerce of Lima.	10 December 2021
	Faculty of Law, University Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, with the support of the Peruvian Institute of Arbitration	3 December 2021
	Institute of International Studies, PUCP.	18 November 2021
URUGUAY		
	Faculty of Law, UDELAR.	6 December 2021
	Faculty of Law, Universidad de Montevideo,	18 November 2021
VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)		
	Universidad Católica Andres Bello y Universidad Monteávila, in collaboration with ASADIP and the Business Centre on Conciliation and Arbitration (CEDCA), AVA; CIERC; and DM	09 December 2021

Annex II

Testimonies from beneficiaries

Below are some extracted testimonials from the UNCITRAL LAC Day series partnering universities and institutions (organized in alphabetical order) discussing the benefits to students and stakeholders:³⁸

ARGENTINA

María Valentina Manzur Lecerasi · 1st
Estudiante de la Facultad de Abogacía, Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA). Law-student from UBA, Law-School.
2d · 5

Saludos a todos,

Como estudiante de Abogacía con un profundo amor por el Derecho Internacional de Arbitraje. Quería compartir con todos ustedes, que hoy tuve el enorme placer de disfrutar de la segunda edición del "UNCITRAL LAC DAY", donde se trató la mejora del proceso arbitral que el Reglamento de Arbitraje Acelerado de la CNUDMI ofrece.

Este evento estuvo a cargo de un equipo de expertos, tales como Guillermo Argerich, María B. Noodt Traquela, Juan Jorge y Martín Vainstein.

Y antes de cerrar quiero decirles, que esta oportunidad fue posible gracias al maravilloso trabajo que ha realizado la Dirección de Relaciones Internacionales de la Facultad de Derecho (UBA), mi alma mater. #uba 200 años!

Greeting Everyone,

As a law-student with a deep love for the International Arbitration Law. I wanted to share with you all that today I had the enormous pleasure to enjoy the Second Edition of the "UNCITRAL LAC DAY" made by UNCITRAL: United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

Which was held by an amazing team, such as, Guillermo Argerich, María B. Noodt Traquela, Juan Jorge and Martín Vainstein.

However, this opportunity was possible to me all thanks to the brilliant work that Juan Francisco Padin with the Dirección de Relaciones Internacionales de la Facultad de Derecho (UBA), of my alma mater, has made. #uba

Santiago Cappagli · 2nd
Abogado (UCA). Secretario de 1ª Instancia del Juzgado Nacional en lo Comercial N° 3. Jefe de Trabajos Práctico...
20h · Edited · 6

Me suma mucho escuchar qué se está haciendo y cómo se enfrentan algunos desafíos de procedimiento en los arbitrajes! Siempre hay ideas para tomar, adaptar y aplicar al Juzgado. Gracias Dirección de Relaciones Internacionales de la Facultad de Derecho (UBA) Guillermo Argerich Martín Vainstein y María Blanca Noodt Taquela

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La Dirección de Relaciones Internacionales
de la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de Buenos Aires
CERTIFICA que
Santiago Cappagli
ha asistido en el día de hoy, 3 de noviembre del 2021, al
evento virtual
"UNCITRAL LAC DAY 2021 - En pos de la mejora del proceso arbitral: Reglamento de Arbitraje
Acelerado de la CNUDMI".

Juan Francisco Padin
Co-Director de Relaciones Internacionales
Facultad de Derecho - UBA

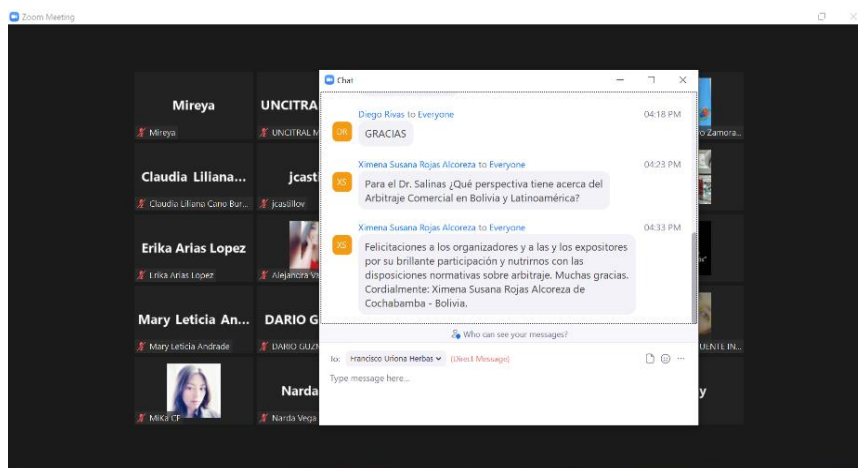
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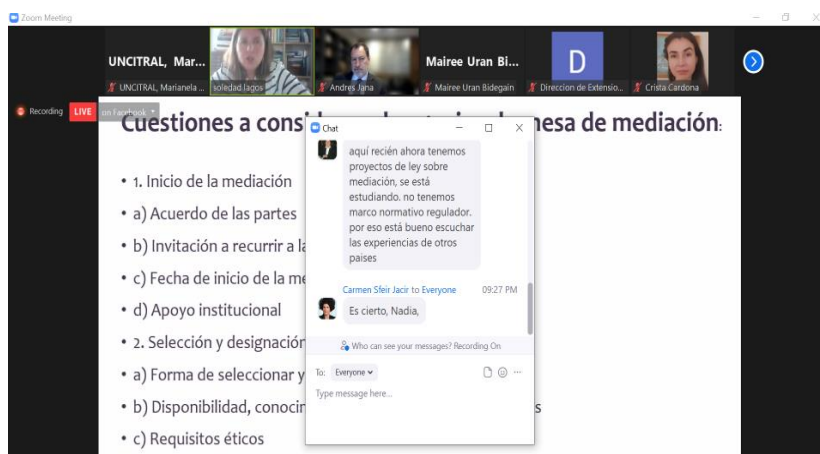
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³⁸ The financial support of the European Commission, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the OPEC Fund for the operation of the Transparency Registry was gratefully acknowledged in those events where the Transparency Registry was promoted.

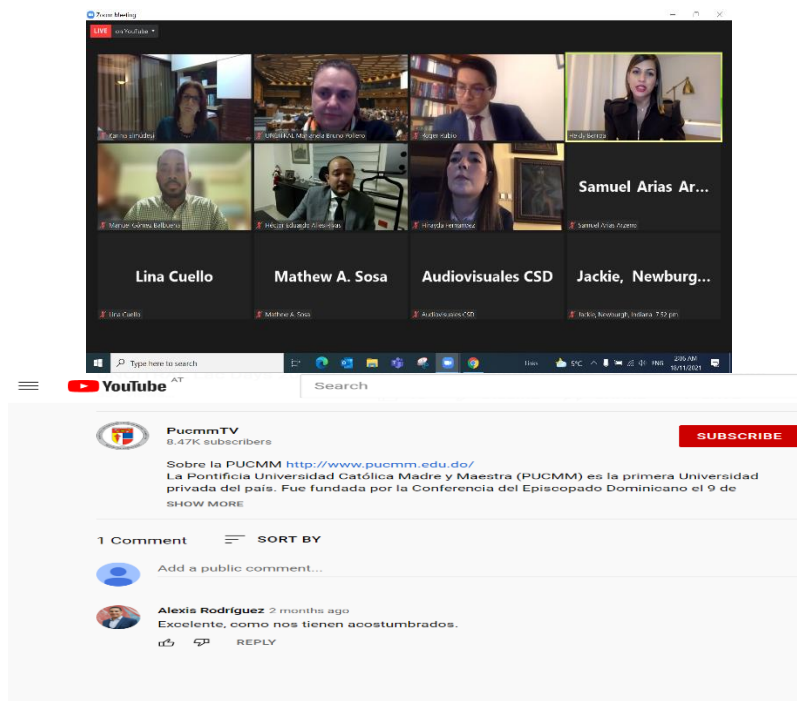
BOLIVIA (Plurinational State of)



CHILE



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



HONDURAS



MEXICO



Te escribo para agradecerte que nos hayan acompañado durante las jornadas del Día de UNCITRAL-LAC: Reflexiones sobre Arbitraje y Mediación Comercial Internacional. Fue un enorme honor y gusto escuchar las palabras de la Dra. Anna Joubin-Bret y tenerlas en las sesiones que organizamos. Sin duda el día de UNCITRAL representa una oportunidad invaluable para difundir la gran labor que realizan para el Derecho Mercantil Internacional y para estudiar los instrumentos que tiene UNCITRAL en diversos temas que componen esta rama del Derecho.

Espero colaborar nuevamente con ustedes en este tipo de actividades de difusión, las cuales valoramos mucho.

Recibe un cordial saludo.

Subdirección de Derecho Internacional II, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, México.

PERU

“ A nombre del IDEI, quiero reiterar nuestro agradecimiento por habernos confiado nuevamente la realización de este evento académico en Perú y por el apoyo brindado. Espero que una futura versión del UNCITRAL LAC DAY nos permita seguir contribuyendo en la difusión de la valiosa labor del CNUDMI y la reflexión sobre esta....”

Cordiales saludos,

Elvira Méndez Chang, Directora, Instituto de Estudios Internacionales, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

URUGUAY

