

UNCITRAL Colloquium on Navigating the New Era of Digital Finance

Conference room 3, United Nations Headquarters

Day 1 - 20 February 2025 (Thursday)

Panel 1 10.00-11.00	UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions and other UNCITRAL texts
	Moderator: Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret , Secretarwaty of UNCITRAL
	Mr. Jae Sung Lee , Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat - <i>Overview of UNCITRAL texts on secured transactions</i>
	Mr. Spyridon Bazinas , Consultant and Lecturer - <i>UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions: preparation and implementation</i>
	Mr. Jean-François Riffard , Professor, Université Clermont Auvergne - École de Droit - <i>One size fit (almost!) all! The transsystemic and comprehensive character of the Model Law on Secured Transactions</i>
Panel 2 11.00-13.00	Mr. Orkun Akseli* , Professor of Commercial Law, Law School, University of Manchester - <i>Secured Transactions Law Reform and Digital Assets</i>
	Secured transactions reforms by States and international organizations
	Moderator: Mr. Jae Sung Lee , Senior Legal Officer, Unstst CITRAL secretariat
	Ms. Claudia Solares , Registrar of the Registry of Movable Guarantees, Guatemala - <i>Reformas a la ley de garantías mobiliarias y a la ley modelo de garantías mobiliarias de UNCITRAL</i>
	Mr. Mehmet Mûcahit Arvas* , Part-time Lecturer, Founder at Marvas Legal - <i>Türkiye's journey of secured transactions reform</i>
	Ms. Yvonne Atwiine , Senior Registration Officer, Uganda Registration Services Bureau, Uganda Business Facilitation Centre - <i>Implementation of secured transactions reforms in Uganda</i>
	Ms. Clara Guerra , Director for the Office for Financial Market Innovation and Digitalisation of Lichtenstein - <i>Securing the Digital Economy: Tokenized IP, Digital Securities, and the Future of Secured Transactions</i>
	Ms. Maria Del Pilar Bonilla , International Consultant on Secured Transactions - <i>Implementation of a secured transactions regime: new challenges</i>
	Mr. William Brydie-Watson , Senior Legal Officer, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) - <i>Secured transactions and receivables finance - coordinating the UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions and the UNIDROIT Model Law on Factoring</i>
	Ms. Gérardine Goh Escolar , Deputy Secretary General, Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) - <i>Issues of private international law in secured transactions involving emerging assets: the work of the HCCH</i>
	Mr. Chris Southworth , Secretary General of ICC UK/Director, International Centre for Digital Trade and Innovation - <i>Legal infrastructure for trade in the 21st century</i>
Lunch Break (13:00 – 15:00)	
Panel 3 15.00-18.00	Digital assets and data as collateral
	Moderator: Mr. Jae Sung Lee , Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL secretariat
	Mr. William A. Starshak , Principal of the Commercial Finance Group, Goldberg Kohn Ltd - <i>Legal Reform and Digital Assets, UNCITRAL MLETR and its Progeny</i>
	Ms. Megumi Hara , Professor of Law, Chuo University - <i>Creation and Third-Party Effectiveness of Security Interests in Digital Assets: Revisiting the Model Law with Insights from Japan's Reform</i>
	Mr. Woo-Jung Jon , Assistant Professor, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology - <i>Security Interests in Digital Assets under Korean Law: Possibility, Limitations and Legal Protection Gaps</i>
	Mr. Neil B. Cohen , 1901 Distinguished Research Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School - <i>Some Thoughts About Legal Structures for Security Interests in Data</i>
	Mr. Henry Gabriel , Professor of Law, Elon University - <i>The Emergence of Security Rights in Electronic Data</i>
	Mr. Heng Wang , Professor of Law, Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University - <i>Digital currencies and secured transaction law: A perspective from central bank digital currencies</i>
	Mr. Giuliano Castellano , Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Deputy Director of the Asian Institute of International Financial Law, The University of Hong Kong - <i>Digital Assets in Digital Finance: Regulatory Standards and Law Reform Implications</i>
	Reception hosted by Secured Finance Network and Goldberg Kohn UN Millennium Plaza Hotel, Landmark Room
18:30-20:30	

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Day 2 - 21 February 2025 (Friday)

Panel 4 10.00-12.00	Climate change finance
	Moderator: Mr. Ignacio Tirado , Secretary-General, UNIDROIT
	Ms. Belinda Ellington* , Senior Advisor, International Emissions Trade Association (IETA) - <i>VCC market infrastructure and oversight</i>
	Mr. Jason Norman Lee , Joint Head, Legal & Regulatory, Temasek International Pte. Ltd. - <i>Financial regulation as a catalyst for the use of VCCs in financing transactions</i>
	Ms. Sophia Han , Tax Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP (New York) - <i>Project Financing Legal Structuring Landscape for Green Investments</i>
	Mr. Shaun Leong* , Cross border dispute resolution specialist – <i>Blockchain's role in enhancing carbon markets - the tokenization of carbon credits, and navigating related disputes</i>
	Mr. Andrea Tosato , Professor, Southern Methodist University – <i>Core Private Law Issues for Verified Carbon Credits</i>
	Ms. Ipshita Chaturvedi , Legal Consultant, International Law Chambers - <i>Regulatory bottlenecks on VCCs as collateral in secured transactions</i>
Panel 5 12.00-13.00	Mr. Christopher Odinet – Professor, Texas A&M University - <i>U.S. Commercial Law Aspects of the Carbon Credit Market</i>
	Registry operation: methods, best practices and technologies
	Moderator: Mr. Marek Dubovec , Director of Law Reform Programs, International Law Institute
	Mr. Matthew Saal , Digital Finance Specialist, International Finance Corporation (IFC) – <i>Securing Digital Assets Transactions</i>
	Ms. Diana Lucía Talero Castro , Secured Transactions Expert Consultant, Senior Associate UVP&A Abogados Colombia - <i>Enforcing e-invoices as digital assets</i>
Ms. Mary Gilmore-Maurer , Senior Legal Counsel, Legal, Policy and Markets Department Counsel, VERRA - <i>The Verra Registry: opportunities and challenges for verified carbon credits as collateral for project financing</i>	
Ms. Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell , Full Professor of Commercial Law, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid – <i>Registries for the Digital Era: Automated, data-driven, and interoperable data ecosystems</i>	
Lunch Break (13:00 – 15:00)	
13:30-14:30 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Joint Committee for Coordinating and Supporting Secured Transactions Reform (invitation only) Side room C	
Panel 6 15.00-17.00	Trade and supply chain finance
	Moderator: Mr. Yaochen GONG , Associate Legal Officer, Treaty Section, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs
	Mr. Marek Dubovec , Director of Law Reform Programs, International Law Institute - <i>Rights to Payment in Supply Chain Finance</i>
	Mr. Richard M. Kohn , Founder and a Principal of the Commercial Finance Group, Goldberg Kohn Ltd. - <i>Promoting Cross-Border Trade Finance</i>
	Mr. Kyrylo Mukhomedzyanov , Project Lead, Financial Sector Specialist, IFC - <i>Agricultural finance: crop receipts as collateral</i>
	Ms. Dora Neo , Associate Professor, National University of Singapore (Singapore) - <i>Security Interests in Warehouse Receipts</i>
17.00-18.00	Roundtable discussion

* Prerecorded video