

Meetings and side events during the WG II session (6 – 10 February 2023, New York)
(Limited to in-person participation)

7 February Tuesday	<p>Trade in Commercial Mediation (13:30 – 14:30) Venue: Conference Room 1</p>
	<p><i>Organized by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Saudi National Competitiveness Center (NCC) and Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA)</i></p> <p>This event will feature recent legislations and initiatives transforming the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) ecosystem and their role to enhance the competitiveness of Saudi Arabia. Practical insights related to ADR field in Saudi Arabia will also be discussed. Presenters: Mrs. Anna Joubin-Bret, UNCITRAL Secretary; H.E. Dr. Eiman Al Mutairi, Vice Minister of Commerce & CEO of NCC; Dr. Hamed Merah, CEO of SCCA; Mr. Christian Alberti, Chief of ADR at the SCCA; Mr. Musab AlJammaz, Head of the Legislation Office at the Ministry of Justice.</p>
	<p>Conversation with Andrés Jana, Chair of UNCITRAL WG II (19:00 – 20:00) Venue: Colombia Law School (*Limited to delegates of WGII *)</p>
	<p><i>Organized by the Colombia International Arbitration Association</i></p> <p>The discussion event aims to put on the spotlight the latest developments of the Working Group II to the arbitration community in New York. Mr. Andrés Jana, Chair of WGII will be joined in the discussion by Columbia Law School's Professor George A. Bermann. The discussion will be followed by a Q&A round with attendees.</p> <p>If interested, please register by clicking on this hyperlink → RSVP. Please note that registration closes on Monday, February 6th at 12:00 pm. For inquiries, please reach out to Judy Wang, at (917) 664-6265, or email xw2796@columbia.edu.</p>
8 February Wednesday	<p>Stocktaking of Developments in Dispute Resolution in the Digital Economy (08:00 – 09:30) Venue: Withersworldwide (*Limited to State delegates*)</p>
	<p><i>Organized with New York State Bar Association, American Society of International Law, and New York International Arbitration Centre</i></p> <p>A breakfast briefing and exchange of views between State delegates on UNCITRAL's project launched in 2021 – Stocktaking of Developments in Dispute Resolution in the Digital Economy. The Secretariat is tasked to monitor the changing landscape of dispute resolution in the digital economy by compiling, analysing and sharing relevant information with a view to laying the groundwork for possible work on updating UNCITRAL texts or developing new ones if necessary. The Secretariat is pleased to update delegates on the implementation of the project and to seek inputs.</p>

<p>8 February Wednesday</p>	<p align="center">Saudi Arabia's Competitiveness Roundtable (10:30 -12:30) Venue: The Plaza Hotel</p>
	<p><i>Organized by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA) & Saudi National Competitiveness Center (NCC)</i></p> <p>The roundtable event will provide an overview of the latest legislative, judicial, and economic reforms and on-going initiatives to enhance the competitiveness of the business environment and investment framework in Saudi Arabia. Presenters: Mrs. Anna Joubin-Bret, UNCITRAL Secretary (Moderator); H.E Dr. Majid Al-Kassabi, Minister of Commerce & CEO of NCC; H.E. Dr. Eiman Al Mutairi, Vice Minister of Commerce KSA & CEO of NCC; Dr. Hamed Merah, CEO of SCCA; Mr. Christian Alberti, Chief of ADR at the SCCA; Dr. Bashar Al-Mofadda, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Justice.</p>
<p>13 February Monday</p>	<p align="center">The New Age of Dispute Resolution: Digitization & Evolving Norms (18:30 – 21:30) Venue: Bracewell LLP</p>
	<p><i>Organized with New York International Arbitration Centre, New York State Bar Association, and American Society of International Law</i></p> <p>The event will be held in relation to UNCITRAL's project on the Stocktaking of Dispute Resolution in the Digital Economy. As part of its stocktaking activities to seek inputs from different parts of the world, the Secretariat is organising this discussion with practitioners and academics in New York on two respective issues: (1) the use of technology in arbitration; and (2) online mediation. Presenters: (Panel 1) Christina Hioureas, Emma Lindsay, Hagit Muriel Elul, Martin Gusy and Sherman W. Kahn; (Panel 2) Jacqueline Nolan-Haley and Sherman W. Kahn.</p> <p>For registration, kindly click here.</p>