



The UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day is an annual flagship academic series launched in 2014 by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (“UNCITRAL RCAP”) to celebrate the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 establishing UNCITRAL, which has since come to be the core legal body of the United Nations system in the field of international trade law.

This year, an initial 34 universities and institutions across the Asia-Pacific region in 13 jurisdictions have joined the annual celebration to commemorate the establishment of UNCITRAL by co-hosting a series of academic events with UNCITRAL RCAP to promote awareness of international trade standards and norms, particularly those endorsed by UNCITRAL, amongst law students – the next generation of legal thinkers and policymakers. The main theme of the UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day 2021 is “Enabling MSMEs and Assisting Economic Recovery through Legal Harmonization”. Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (“MSMEs”) represent the majority of businesses in most jurisdictions and account for a large portion of overall employment. However, MSMEs worldwide experience similar obstacles to doing business at all stages of their operation. These obstacles have been exacerbated by the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Asia Pacific Day 2021 theme provides a synoptic view of how different areas of the work of UNCITRAL reduce the legal obstacles encountered by MSMEs throughout their life cycle.

October 2021

- Department of Security Convergence, Graduate School, Chung Ang University
/ Seoul, Republic of Korea (Virtual)
- Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade, Inha University
/ Incheon, Republic of Korea (Virtual)
- Renmin University Law School and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
/ Beijing, China (Hybrid)
- Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University
/ Seoul, Republic of Korea (Virtual)

November 2021

- Shanghai University of Finance and Economics and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
/ Shanghai, China (Hybrid)
- Department of Law, The University of Hong Kong (HKU), Hong Kong Mediation Centre (HKMC), and International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute (IDRRMI)
/ Hong Kong SAR, China (Virtual)
- Shanghai University of International Business and Economics and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
/ Shanghai, China (Hybrid)
- Faculty of Law, Thammasat University
/ Bangkok, Thailand (Virtual)
- Beijing Normal University (BNU)
/ Beijing, China (Hybrid)
- Kathmandu University School of Law (KUSL) & Nepal International ADR Center (NIAC)
/ Kathmandu, Nepal (Virtual)
- UNCITRAL Asia Pacific - Latin American and Caribbean Day
Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Universidad de las Américas, Universidad Nacional de Chimborazo, and the Embassy of the Republic of Ecuador in Korea
/ Ecuador & Republic of Korea (Hybrid)

- Turkmen State University, International University of Humanities and Development, International Relations Institute, Turkmen Institute of Economy and Management, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan
/ Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (Virtual)

December 2021

- Law School of Wuhan University and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
/ Wuhan, China (Hybrid)
- Faculty of Law, University of Macau
/ Macau SAR, China (Hybrid)
- Foreign Trade University
/ Hanoi, Vietnam (Virtual)
- Gujarat National Law University Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law (GCCIL)
/ Gujarat, India (Hybrid)
- Center for Asian Legal Exchange, Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University
/ Nagoya, Japan (Hybrid)
- School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU)
/ Vladivostok, Russia (Hybrid)
- The Maldives National University, Villa College, Avid College, and Maldives Moot Court Society (MMCS)
/ Malé, Maldives (Virtual)
- Shanghai University of Political Science and Law and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
/ Shanghai, China (Hybrid)

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