

The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) was established by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 and has since come to be the core legal body of the United Nations system in the field of international trade law. The UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP) established UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day in 2014 to celebrate this historical resolution.

This year, 40 universities and institutions have joined the annual celebration by co-organizing 21 activities across the region to commemorate the establishment of UNCITRAL and promote awareness of international trade standards and norms, particularly those endorsed by UNCITRAL.

## October 2021

### 13 October 2021

- Chung-Ang University
- / Seoul, Republic of Korea

Chung-Ang University is hosting the first event of the 2021 UNCITRAL AP Day. The virtual event consists of an overview of UNCITRAL, its internship programme, and various UNCITRAL texts. There will be a presentation on UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules, and a Professor of Law at Chung-Ang University will introduce the audience to copyright disputes that MSMEs commonly encounter and the relevant countermeasures to potential copyright infringement. The event is the first of three AP Day events hosted in the Republic of Korea.

### 14 October 2021

- Inha University
- / Incheon, Republic of Korea

The second UNCITRAL AP Day event hosted in the Republic of Korea will consist of an overview of UNCITRAL, its internship programme, and its various texts. There will be a presentation on UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules and a presentation on millennial consumers' consumption patterns and cross-border e-commerce opportunities for international trade.

### 22 October 2021

- Renmin University and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- / Beijing, People's Republic of China

Renmin University is co-hosting with the International Chamber of Commerce an AP Day event under the theme "Mediation: Finding Another Way of Cross-Border Dispute Resolution—from Medium, Small, and Micro Enterprises Perspective." The event will provide insights on the potential benefits to MSMEs on a harmonized and expedited enforcement framework for settlement agreements resulting from mediation and the practical issues that a jurisdiction may face when incorporating international conventions into its domestic law.

### 26 October 2021

- Seoul National University
- / Seoul, Republic of Korea

The third 2021 AP Day event hosted in the Republic of Korea will cover an overview of UNCITRAL, its internship programme, and its various texts, including the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules. A Professor at Seoul National University will introduce the methods of UNCITRAL Working Groups.

## November 2021

### 5 November 2021

- Shanghai University of Finance and Economics and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- / Shanghai, People's Republic of China

Themed "International Commercial Dispute Resolution: A MSMEs Perspective," this hybrid mode event will be co-hosted by Shanghai University of Finance and Economics and the International Chamber of Commerce. Legal practitioners and academics will discuss various topics such as expedited arbitration and cross-border commercial arbitration and mediation, from MSMEs' perspective. The Executive Deputy Secretary-General of China Academy of Arbitration Law will introduce the key elements of expedited arbitration procedures, and a Professor of Law and a Senior Partner from a Law Firm will introduce the APEC ODR framework and the ICC Arbitration Rules in 2021 respectively.

### 10 November 2021

- Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong (HKU), the Hong Kong Mediation Centre (HKMC), and the International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute (IDRRMI)
- / Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China

The webinar themed "The Role of Dispute Resolution in Assisting MSMEs Economic Recovery" will focus on facilitating smaller businesses in resolving disputes. Speakers from HKU will highlight the significance of ODR for MSMEs in business-to-business and business-to-customer disputes as well as the advantages of ODR in cross-border e-commerce. Speakers will also examine the need for a business to foresee threats such as the pandemic and plan for solutions to minimize risk and mitigate the impact of such threats. It will also address the need for MSMEs to have stable finance opportunities, protection, policy support, and collaboration to grow sustainably and the need for a business to provide effective and fair ways of dispute resolution as well as to have professional and well-designed procedures.

### 12 November 2021

- Faculty of Law, Thammasat University and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand
- / Bangkok, Thailand

The Faculty of Law, Thammasat University and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand are organizing a virtual AP Day focusing on how different areas of the work of UNCITRAL may reduce the legal obstacles encountered by MSMEs through their life cycle, especially in Thailand. UNCITRAL RCAP officers will introduce UNCITRAL and its work on legal harmonization, MSMEs, and the digital economy. A government official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand will present on Thailand's role in UNCITRAL and how UNCITRAL initiatives may benefit Thai MSMEs.

### 15 November 2021

- Shanghai University of International Business and Economics, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Law Research Society of China Law Society
- / Shanghai, People's Republic of China

Themed "Cross-Border E-Commerce and Dispute Resolution from the Perspective of MSME," the AP Day event will comprise of two sessions: "Cross-Border E-Commerce Facilitated MSMEs" and "Dispute Resolution Tailor-Made for MSMEs." The opportunities and challenges of cross-border e-commerce in China and how MSMEs avoid disputes and opt for a dispute resolution method in practice will also be discussed.

### 16 November 2021

- Beijing Normal University
- / Beijing, People's Republic of China

Beijing Normal University is hosting an AP day increasing awareness of the latest trends in the intellectual property law practice and legislation development in light of the rapid advancement of AI technology and the resulting conflicts. A Professor at Beijing Normal University will discuss the work of UNCITRAL Working Group IV, including the ongoing legislative work and future developments on electronic identity and trust services and their close cooperation with UNCITRAL RCAP. Another Professor will discuss the EU IP law approach to the development of Artificial Intelligence and the challenges they encountered when dealing with copyright law in the context of AI.

### 16 November 2021

- International University of Humanities and Development and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan
- / Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

The first AP Day event with Turkmenistan will be in hybrid format and is themed "The Benefits of Legal Harmonization for Turkmenistan: An UNCITRAL Overview of the CISG and the New York Convention." Officers from UNCITRAL RCAP and UNCITRAL in Vienna will provide an overview of UNCITRAL and its instruments. Other experts will discuss various topics including the application of UNCITRAL instruments in Turkmenistan, the country's latest developments on international trade, the importance of arbitration in resolving international disputes, and the benefits of the New York Convention to the country.

### 19 November 2021

- Kathmandu University School of Law and Nepal International ADR Center
- / Kathmandu, Nepal

Nepal's inaugural UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day event co-organized with Kathmandu University School of Law ("KUSL") and Nepal International ADR Center, themed "Understanding the UNCITRAL ADR Instruments in Nepali Context," is aimed to enhance students, scholars, and public and private stakeholders' knowledge of UNCITRAL's instruments on arbitration and mediation. The Secretary of Law Commission and the Secretary of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs of Nepal will discuss the role of Nepal in UNCITRAL.

## December 2021

### 4 December 2021

- Institute of International Law, Wuhan University and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- / Wuhan, People's Republic of China

Co-organized with the Institute of International Law of Wuhan University and the ICC and themed "Expedited Arbitration, to facilitate dispute resolution arrangements for MSMEs", this hybrid AP Day event invites speakers from the public sector, academia and arbitration sector to discuss the role of the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules in resolving disputes involving MSMEs and their impact on Chinese arbitration practice.

### 13 December 2021

- School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University
- / Vladivostok, Russian Federation

The online AP Day event with Far Eastern Federal University ("FEFU") aims to enhance discussions regarding MSMEs and UNCITRAL instruments on international commercial dispute resolution in Russia. The event will be commenced with welcoming remarks by the Dean and Director of the FEFU School of Law, followed by UNCITRAL RCAP officers and the Vice Dean at FEFU School of Law. Two students of the Master's Degree Program of the FEFU School of Law will also give presentations on the topic of "Russian and Chinese Response to Covid-19: MSMEs Legal and Financial Assistance".

### 14 December 2021

- The Faculty of Shari'ah and Law, Maldives National University, Villa College, Avid College and Maldives Moot Court Society
- / Malé, the Maldives

The Maldives' inaugural AP Day event, co-organized by UNCITRAL RCAP, the Faculty of Shari'ah and Law, Maldives National University ("MNU"), Villa College, Avid College, and Maldives Moot Court Society ("MMCS"), will take place on 14 December 2021. Under the theme of "How UNCITRAL texts on Arbitration and Mediation benefit Medium and Small Seized Enterprises (MSMEs)", the event will be attended by students, academics, lawyers, and legal practitioners.

### 15 December 2021

- Nagoya University Graduate School of Law
- / Nagoya, Japan

The Japanese AP Day with Nagoya University Graduate School of Law will be held in a virtual format under the theme "Bringing Arbitration to MSMEs: Academic and Institutional Initiatives for a More Accessible Arbitration". A Professor from the Nagoya University Graduate School of Law, an attorney and practitioner from the JCAA, and a practitioner from the CAM will introduce the arbitration institution and its tools and practice for MSMEs.

### 17 December 2021

- University of Western Australia and the UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for Australia
- / Perth, Australia

For the AP Day event with the University of Western Australia (UWA) in collaboration with UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for Australia ("UNCCA") themed "Enabling MSMEs and Economic Recovery Through Legal Harmonization", the Dean and Head of UWA Law School and professors at the University of Western Australia will discuss the importance of understanding the CISG and the significance of legal harmonization as well as the role of MSMEs in growing and diversifying Africa-Australia Investment and Trade.

### 17 December 2021

- University of Macau, World Trade Center Macau Arbitration Center and Shanghai Arbitration Commission
- / Macau SAR, People's Republic of China

The AP Day with the University of Macau, Faculty of Law, supported by World Trade Center Macau Arbitration Center and Shanghai Arbitration Commission, will be held in a hybrid format. Themed "Conquering the COVID: Enhancing Economic Recovery Through Harmonization of Law Governing MSMEs", the event will explore how the legal harmonization can benefit MSMEs and contribute to enhancing economic recovery.

### 20 December 2021

- Foreign Trade University Hanoi, Vietnam International Arbitration Center, Viet Nam Society of International Law, and Vietnam Business Lawyers Club
- / Hanoi, Viet Nam

The AP day event will be co-hosted with the Faculty of Law, Foreign Trade University Hanoi, Viet Nam and co-organized with Vietnam International Arbitration Center, Viet Nam Society of International Law, and Vietnam Business Lawyers Club, with CISGVN supporting. Discuss themes will focus on the advantages and disadvantages to MSMEs on international trade integration, the benefits of the CISG to small businesses, and practical drafting tips for MSME CISG contracts.

### 28 December 2021

- Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (SHUPL) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- / Shanghai, People's Republic of China

The AP Day event at Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (SHUPL) will be co-organized by UNCITRAL RCAP and the ICC in an offline seminar. Under the theme "Starting from the Moot: How do we prepare for start-up enterprises as start-up lawyers", the eminent academics and mooties from SHUPL will speak on International Arbitration and Moot Court Competition Stories.

## January 2022

### 10 January 2022

- Sri Lanka Law College (SLLC) and the Moot Court Bench (MCB)
- / Colombo, Sri Lanka

The AP Day event will be co-organized with Sri Lanka Law College (SLLC) and the Moot Court Bench (MCB) as part of the pre-event series of the International Investor-State Mediation Competition (IIMC Colombo 2022). Under the theme "UNCITRAL and the Path to ISDS", representatives from SLLC, MCB, UNCITRAL in Vienna and UNCITRAL RCAP will discuss the UNCITRAL mediation framework including the Singapore Convention on Mediation, and Investor-State Mediation in Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS).

## February 2022

### 3 February 2022

- Gujarat National Law University's Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law (GCCIL), Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU), and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)
- / Gujarat, India

Themed "MSMEs: Legislative and Regulatory Challenges", the International Conference will focus on India laws and policies relating to micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). After the Inauguration session, there will be four technical sessions and the Round Table session, focusing on insights into MSMEs in relation to promoting the Covid-19 recovery and economic development.



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