



# 2022 UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day

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 28 universities and institutions across the Asia-Pacific region in 9 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 year 2022 marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of UNCITRAL RCAP. To commemorate this occasion the suggested theme for AP Day 2022 is: “RCAP@10: The Next 10 Years of Legal Harmonization in the Region.” RCAP invites partnering institutions to reflect on past AP Day events, if applicable, and explore how legal harmonization especially via the work of UNCITRAL could benefit both traditional and new areas of trade in the coming decade. Examples of topics could include digital trade, the continuing rise of and new forms of support for MSMEs including access to credit/secured transaction and simplified insolvency regimes, cross-border insolvency and fresh starts, international commercial mediation and arbitration, and others. The RCAP@10 theme therefore encourages a retrospective and exploratory lens on how different areas of UNCITRAL’s work have and will continue to facilitate the doing of business in the region.

## September 2022

**30 September 2022**

• Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade,  
Inha University  
/ Incheon, Republic of Korea

- » Inha University is hosting the first event of the 2022 UNCITRAL AP Day. The online event will cover an overview of UNCITRAL, including the RCAP internship programme, focusing on the role of UNCITRAL in the modernization and harmonization of international trade law in national legal systems. A professor from Inha University will discuss the results of a study on data mining in cross-border logistics.

## October 2022

**17 October 2022**

• Hanyang University School of Law  
/ Seoul, Republic of Korea

- » The Hanyang University School of Law is hosting an AP Day event which comprises an introduction to the work and texts of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, including its internship programme, with a presentation on the CISG and the Singapore Convention on Mediation.

**20 October 2022**

• Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University  
/ Seoul, Republic of Korea

- » The Asia-Pacific Law Institute of the Seoul National University is hosting an AP Day event which will cover an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, and on the UNCITRAL mediation framework. Thereafter, a professor will discuss the activities of UNCITRAL Working Groups.

**27 October 2022**

• Faculty of Shariah and Law, Villa College; and Maldives Moot Court Society  
/ Malé, Maldives

- » Faculty of Shariah and Law of the Villa College and Maldives Moot Court Society will be co-hosting an AP Day event on “Harmonizing International Commercial Laws for the Asia-Pacific Region to Facilitate Business & Trade”. The role of UNCITRAL RCAP in promoting harmonization and modernization of international trade law will be highlighted as well as an overview of the UNCITRAL arbitration framework. Guest speakers will address the role of arbitration in international trade and business and an UNCITRAL Legal Officer will cover the importance of the CISG and the UNIDROIT Principles/ International Principles of Contract Law (lex mercatoria) in modernizing and harmonizing international contract law.

**27 October 2022**

• Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong; Hong Kong Mediation Centre; and International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute  
/ Hong Kong SAR, China

- » The AP Day webinar themed “Charting the Course for Another Decade: Mediation and Arbitration in the Asia-Pacific Region” will focus on the latest trends and issues on alternative dispute resolution and on an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, including its internship programme and various UNCITRAL texts. Academics and practitioners will examine the hybrid process of mediation-arbitration/ arbitration-mediation-arbitration, international legal harmonization, the increasing role of online dispute resolution, and issues such as digital access inequality between jurisdictions.

## November 2022

**4 November 2022**

• East China University of Political Science and Law; and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)  
/ Shanghai, China

- » East China University of Political Science and Law and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) are co-hosting an AP Day event under the theme “The Next 10 Years: Prospects on International Arbitration – Opportunities and Challenges”. The event will focus on the work of UNCITRAL on dispute settlement. Also, the role of UNCITRAL RCAP in promoting harmonization and modernization of international trade law in the AP region will be addressed. Speakers ranging from academics to arbitration experts will discuss issues and topics on international arbitration such as party autonomy.

**5 November 2022**

• Cyber Law Centre, Korea University; Korea International Mediation Centre; Korean Society of Mediation Studies; and Kim & Chang  
/ Seoul, Republic of Korea

- » Cyber Law Centre of the Korea University, Korea International Mediation Centre, Korean Society on Mediation Studies and Kim & Chang are co-hosting an online AP Day event. Law professors will address mediation, negotiation and UNCITRAL instruments. Domestic and international lawyers will focus on practical aspects of international mediation and the Singapore Convention on Mediation. The role of UNCITRAL RCAP in promoting harmonization and modernization in the areas of international mediation and arbitration will be highlighted.

**21 November 2022**

• Beijing Normal University Law School  
/ Beijing, China

- » Beijing Normal University Law School is hosting an AP Day event on post-pandemic world trade. The webinar will include an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, and their roles in promoting harmonization and modernization of international trade law.

**25 November 2022**

• Industrial Security Research Center, Chung-Ang University  
/ Seoul, Republic of Korea

- » Themed “An Approach to Establish Economic Security System under Global Trade Environment”, the AP Day will cover an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, including its internship programme, and UNCITRAL texts on e-commerce. Several experts will examine current issues on digital trade as well as international mediation and arbitration.

## December 2022

**2 December 2022**

• Faculty of Law, University of Macau; World Trade Center Macau Arbitration Center; Shanghai Arbitration Commission; and CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center  
/ Macao SAR, China

- » Faculty of Law of the University of Macau, World Trade Center Macau Arbitration Center, Shanghai Arbitration Commission and CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center are co-organizing an AP Day event in a hybrid joint conference with the theme “The Renewed Role of Legal Harmonization in the Post-Pandemic Recovery of International Trade and Commerce”. In addition to an overview of UNCITRAL, including the RCAP internship programme, experts and scholars will focus on the role of UNCITRAL in facilitating legal harmonization in the region and its relevance for economic integration in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. The significance of UNCITRAL’s work in the areas of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), access to credit, insolvency, and dispute resolution in the context of the post-pandemic economic recovery process will also be highlighted.

**7 December 2022**

• Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Department of Justice, Philippines  
/ Manila, Philippines

- » Part of the Philippines’ 3rd National Alternative Dispute Resolution Convention themed “Modern and Inclusive Justice: The Future of ADR in the Philippines”, the AP Day event will be hosted by the Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Department of Justice of the Philippines. The event will cover an overview of UNCITRAL and RCAP, including the internship programme, UNCITRAL frameworks on arbitration and mediation, and the interplay between UNCITRAL instruments and the Philippines’ legal framework on ADR.

**13 December 2022**

• Nagoya University Graduate School of Law; and Japan Commercial Arbitration Association  
/ Nagoya, Japan

- » Nagoya University Graduate School of Law and Japan Commercial Arbitration Association are co-hosting an AP Day event on “The Role of Arbitration in Legal Harmonization: An East Asian Perspective”. Professors from the Nagoya University Graduate School of Law will provide the opening and closing remarks. International arbitration experts from Japan and Italy will address the importance of cooperation between arbitration institutions as a tool for harmonization, and the arbitrability of intellectual property disputes in East Asia.

**19 December 2022**

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

- » The AP Day event with Far Eastern Federal University will cover an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, including its internship programme and the UNCITRAL frameworks on arbitration and mediation. Law professors from the Far Eastern Federal University will deliver presentations on the legal protection of investors and the current status of ADR system in the Russian Federation.

## February 2023

**20 February 2023**

• City University of Hong Kong; and Hong Kong Mediation Council  
/ Hong Kong SAR, China

- » City University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Mediation Council are co-hosting an AP Day event that will introduce the work of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, the internship programme and the UNCITRAL frameworks on arbitration and mediation. A professor at the City University of Hong Kong will discuss Hong Kong SAR’s ADR framework and ongoing initiatives in the field of dispute resolution related to UNCITRAL instruments.

## March 2023

**2 March 2023**

• Research Institute of Environmental Law, Wuhan University; and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)  
/ Wuhan, China

- » Themed “Sustainable Development: Value of International Arbitration and Mediation”, the AP Day event co-organized with the Research Institute of Environmental Law of the Wuhan University and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) will cover how UNCITRAL’s work contributes to the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), focusing on the UNCITRAL arbitration and mediation frameworks. ICC will share tips on how to adopt greener practices in the arbitration process.

**16 March 2023**

• Gujarat National Law University Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law  
/ Gujarat, India

- » The final 2022 UNCITRAL AP Day event will be co-organized with Gujarat National Law University Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law. The event will provide an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, the internship programme, the UNCITRAL arbitration and mediation frameworks, and advancing legal harmonization in India via the CISG and UNCITRAL instruments on insolvency.

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