

UNCITRAL AP DAYS 2023

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The UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Days 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 commemorate the December 1966 General Assembly resolution establishing UNCITRAL. The AP Days aim at raising awareness of UNCITRAL's texts and the importance of legal harmonisation amongst law students – the next generation of legal thinkers and policymakers – and are thus academic in nature and free of admission charges.

The suggested theme for AP Days 2023 is "Exploring the digital frontiers of cross-border trade". Digital technologies have impacted all aspects of everyday life, including cross-border trade. However, there may also be challenges in the use of transferable documents in electronic form. Moreover, electronic exchanges are not only about information sharing, but also about data analysis and reuse, and this has given rise to a new set of issues with regard to data provision.

Academic activities in this series aim to raise awareness of these issues and educate on the importance of legal harmonisation through UNCITRAL texts to solve and/or reduce them. UNCITRAL has prepared a legal framework for the digital economy that enables and facilitates the use of electronic means to engage in commercial activities. Further, the ongoing legislative work at UNCITRAL is focused on legal aspects of the use of automation in contracting, including artificial intelligence, and of data contracts. The proposed theme provides a timely discussion on how UNCITRAL's existing framework on e-commerce and ongoing legislative work could support States in developing an enabling legal framework for cross-border trade in the digital economy, noting that the work of UNCITRAL on digital trade law does not deal with regulatory issues such as consumer protection and data privacy and protection.

This year, **32 universities and institutions** across the Asia-Pacific region in 11 jurisdictions have joined the AP Days 2023 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.

May 2023

6 May 2023

The Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at National Law University; Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India; INSOL India; and Insolvency Law Academy

• New Delhi, India (On-site)

- » The 6th Arun Jaitley International Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot Competition, co-branded as the first 2023 UNCITRAL AP Days event, will be hosted by the Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at National Law University, and supported by Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, INSOL India, and Insolvency Law Academy. Professors, practitioners, and students will explore cross-border insolvency issues in the competition.

11 May 2023

Transnational Business Law Department, Faculty of Law of Padjadjaran University

• Bandung, Indonesia (Virtual)

- » The Transnational Business Law Department, Faculty of Law of the Padjadjaran University is hosting an AP Days event themed "Recent Developments of UNCITRAL Instrument in Arbitration and Mediation". The event will cover an introduction of UNCITRAL, the UNCITRAL arbitration and mediation frameworks, and the RCAP internship programme.

22 May 2023

Handong Institute for Arbitration and Reconciliation; Handong Global University School of Law; and Handong International Law School

• Pohang, Republic of Korea (Virtual)

- » Handong Institute for Arbitration and Reconciliation, Handong Global University School of Law; and Handong International Law School are hosting an online AP Days event, highlighting the role of UNCITRAL RCAP in promoting harmonization and modernization of international trade law in the Asia-Pacific region. The UNCITRAL arbitration framework, including transparency standard, and the UNCITRAL mediation framework will also be addressed.

June 2023

8 June 2023

Shanghai University of Political Science and Law

• Shanghai, China (Virtual)

- » Shanghai University of Political Science and Law is hosting an AP Days event on UNCITRAL arbitration and mediation frameworks. The webinar will also include an introduction of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, including the e-modules and internship programme.

September 2023

18 September 2023

Hanyang University School of Law

• Seoul, Republic of Korea (Virtual)

- » The Hanyang University School of Law is hosting an AP Days event which covers an introduction to UNCITRAL, including its internship programme, and an overview of UNCITRAL's texts on e-commerce. A professor from Hanyang University School of Law will provide a presentation on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods ("CISG").

20 September 2023

Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University School of Law

• Seoul, Republic of Korea (On-site)

- » The Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University School of Law is hosting an AP Days event which will cover an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, the UNCITRAL texts on e-commerce, and RCAP internship programme. Thereafter, a professor will discuss UNCITRAL legal instruments for global business.

21 September 2023

Sri Lanka Law College; and The Moot Court Bench, Sri Lanka

• Colombo, Sri Lanka (Virtual)

- » The Moot Court Bench and Sri Lanka Law College are co-hosting an AP Days event under the theme "Adopting the CISG: the Journey to Legal Harmonization". The event will focus on the benefits of the CISG to Sri Lanka and the regional perspectives of the CISG's impact on international trade.

21 September 2023

Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade, Inha University

• Incheon, Republic of Korea (Virtual)

- » Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade, Inha University is hosting an AP Days event themed "Exploring the digital frontiers of cross-border trade". The online event will cover an overview of UNCITRAL, including the RCAP internship programme, and focus on UNCITRAL's texts on e-commerce. Professors from Inha University will discuss the issues of different e-commerce platforms.

October 2023

10 October 2023

SW-Information Asset Protection Talent Development Division, Chung Ang University

• Seoul, Republic of Korea (On-site)

- » SW-Information Asset Protection Talent Development Division of Chung Ang University is hosting an AP Days event which will cover an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, and UNCITRAL texts on e-commerce. Several experts will examine current issues on digital trade as well as challenges in pursuing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

November 2023

7 November 2023

Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

• Hong Kong, China (Hybrid)

- » The Faculty of Law of the Chinese University of Hong Kong is hosting its inaugural AP Days event which will introduce the latest developments of UNCITRAL's work and provide an overview of UNCITRAL's texts on e-commerce. Other panel speakers will discuss the transformative role of technology in cross-border trade and investment.

13 November 2023

Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Department of Justice, Philippines

• Manila, Philippines (Hybrid)

- » As part of the Philippines' ADR Roadshow in the National Capital Region for Schools, the AP Days 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 most recent texts relating to e-commerce, the CISG, the Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts (CLOUT) and the internship programme. UNCITRAL's arbitration and mediation frameworks will also be discussed.

15 November 2023

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

• Hong Kong, China (Hybrid)

- » The Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Mediation Centre, and the International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute are co-hosting an AP Days event themed "Unleashing the Potential of Cross-Border Digital Trade". The event will focus on UNCITRAL's latest developments and its texts on e-commerce. The UNCITRAL RCAP internship programme will also be introduced.

18 November 2023

Peking University School of Transnational Law; and Rede Chambers

• Shenzhen, China (Hybrid)

- » Peking University School of Transnational Law and the Rede Chambers are co-hosting an AP Days event themed "An examination of some recent Hong Kong court decisions and fireside chat discussion". The event will focus on the work of UNCITRAL on international commercial arbitration and discuss Hong Kong arbitration cases highlighting the court's pro-arbitration approach.

December 2023

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Faculty of Law, University of Macau; World Trade Center Macau Arbitration Center; Shanghai Arbitration Commission; and CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center

• Macao, China (Hybrid)

- » The 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 Days event in the form of a hybrid joint conference with the theme "National and Regional Harmonisation of International Trade Law: A Decade in Retrospect and the Desiderata of the Future". This event marks the 10th anniversary of collaboration between UNCITRAL RCAP and the University of Macau and discusses a wide range of issues including micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), e-commerce, cross-border insolvency and dispute resolution. There will also be a dedicated session to the law students at the University of Macau on the RCAP internship programme.

14 December 2023

The Maldives National University; Faculty of Shariah and Law, Villa College; and Maldives Moot Court Society

• Malé, Maldives (Virtual)

- » The Maldives National University, the Faculty of Shariah and Law of the Villa College and Maldives Moot Court Society will be co-hosting an AP Days event. The event will cover an introduction to UNCITRAL and the UNCITRAL stocktaking project on dispute resolution in the digital economy. An overview of the UNCITRAL mediation framework and the RCAP internship programme will also be provided.

20 December 2023

School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University

• Vladivostok, Russian Federation (Hybrid)

- » The School of Law of Far Eastern Federal University is hosting an AP Days event which will cover an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, and the latest developments of UNCITRAL's work. Presentations focusing on UNCITRAL arbitration and mediation frameworks, and the UNCITRAL Guide on Access to Credit for MSMEs will also be provided.

20 December 2023

Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University; and Asian Institute of International Financial Law, The University of Hong Kong

• Nagoya, Japan (Hybrid)

- » The final 2023 UNCITRAL AP Days event will be co-organized with the Graduate School of Law of the Nagoya University and the Asian Institute of International Financial Law of the University of Hong Kong themed "The Role of Technology and Law in Cross-Border Trade: Substantive and Procedural Issues" highlighting cross-border law and technology issues. Speakers will discuss the law and technology reforms in the financial industry and the application of artificial intelligence in arbitrations.

RCAP warmly welcomes expressions of interest from institutions interested in co-organizing an activity under the AP Days 2023 and looks forward to exploring collaboration opportunities. Interested institutions please fill in the expression of interest form at:

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