

UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Days 2024

“Transparency@10”

The UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Days (“AP Days”) series is one of the flagship events of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (“RCAP”). They comprise a series of academic events that RCAP co-hosts with institutions of higher learning every year to raise awareness of UNCITRAL texts and the importance of legal harmonization amongst law students – the next generation of legal thinkers and policymakers – and are academic in nature and free of admission charges. In addition to enhancing and spotlighting institutional academic capacities in the field of international commercial law, the AP Days may also serve to provide capacity building to public and private stakeholders and assist participating jurisdictions in their consideration of UNCITRAL texts.

AP Days 2024 is the eleventh edition of this flagship series. Special attention is called to the “Transparency@10” theme, with partnering institutions invited to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards, which provide a harmonized legal framework for and promote transparency and accessibility to the public of treaty-based investor-State arbitration (“ISDS”).

This year, a total of 49 universities and institutions across the Asia-Pacific region in 14 jurisdictions plan to co-host 21 AP Days 2024 academic events with UNCITRAL RCAP to promote awareness of international trade standards and norms. Please join us!

March 2024

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Shanghai University of Political Science and Law; Fudan University; East China University of Political Science and Law; Moot Alumni Association (MAA); and Shanghai Arbitration Commission

• Shanghai, China (On-site)

» Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, Fudan University, East China University of Political Science and Law, MAA and Shanghai Arbitration Commission will co-host “The AI Advantage: Challenges and Opportunities for International Arbitration”. This AP Days event will focus on the Stocktaking Project on Dispute Resolution in the Digital Economy (“DRDE”), UNCITRAL e-commerce texts and their relevance to arbitration, the Taxonomy of Legal Issues in the Digital Economy, and the UNCITRAL online learning modules and internship programme.

September 2024

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University of Colombo, Faculty of Law; Sri Lanka Law College (SLLC); Horizon Campus; Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT); and the Moot Court Bench (MCB), Sri Lanka

• Colombo, Sri Lanka (Virtual)

» SLLC, APIIT and the Moot Court Bench will co-organize a webinar under the theme of “Alternative Dispute Resolution and the CISG: Sri Lanka’s Gateway to Global Trade.” The webinar will focus on the contribution of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) to harmonizing and modernizing international trade law, and the UNCITRAL online learning modules and internship programme.

11 September 2024

The Institute of Legal Studies, Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)

• Seoul, Republic of Korea (Hybrid)

» The Institute of Legal Studies of SKKU will co-organize a seminar exploring the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods from a Korean perspective. The event will highlight the Convention’s purpose, key provisions, and alignment with international frameworks like the CISG. Discussions will focus on the potential benefits of Korea’s accession to the Limitation Convention, comparative analyses with Korean domestic law, and UNCITRAL’s ongoing work on a case law digest to enhance practical understanding of the treaty.

20 September 2024

Hanyang University School of Law

• Seoul, Republic of Korea (On-site)

» Co-hosted with Hanyang University School of Law, the seminar “Introduction to UNCITRAL and RCAP and Practical Applications of UNCITRAL Texts” will feature an overview of UNCITRAL’s work, including updates from the 57th session of the Commission, the Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts (CLOUT) system, and internship opportunities at UNCITRAL RCAP. Korea’s perspectives on implementation challenges of the Singapore Convention will also be discussed.

23-24 September 2024

China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL)

• Beijing, China (Hybrid)

» CUPL is co-hosting the ‘International Conference on Negotiable Cargo Documents’. The conference will cover topics such as legislative perspectives on transport documents, overcoming legal barriers in multimodal transport systems, China’s adoption of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records (“MLETR”), and UNCITRAL learning resources and internship opportunities.

27-29 September 2024

The Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at National Law University, Delhi; Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI); INSOL INDIA; and Insolvency Law Academy

• New Delhi, India (On-site)

» The Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at The National Law University, Delhi, supported by IBBI, INSOL India and Insolvency Law Academy is co-hosting the 7th Edition of Arun Jaitley International Moot Competition on Insolvency and Bankruptcy. The theme of the competition will be “Corporate Insolvency including Cross-Border Insolvency” and highlights the uniform application and interpretation of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency.

October 2024

8 October 2024

Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade (JRI), Inha University

• Incheon, Republic of Korea (Virtual)

» JRI of Inha University is co-hosting an AP Days event to provide a comprehensive introduction to the work of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP as well as e-commerce regulations in different jurisdictions.

29 October 2024

Beijing Normal University Law School (BNU)

• Beijing, China (Hybrid)

» BNU is co-hosting an AP Days event under the theme “Intellectual Property Rights in CISG” and “Intellectual property issues in Artificial Intelligence”. The event will focus on the main legal systems of the WTO multilateral trading system and TRIPS Agreement. The event will also discuss the impact of the European Artificial Intelligence Act and the challenges posed by AI-generated content to intellectual property rights.

31 October 2024

The University of Sydney Law School; Centre for Asian and Pacific Law at the University of Sydney (CAPLUS); Sydney Centre for International Law (SCIL); and UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for Australia (UNCCA)

• Sydney, Australia (Hybrid)

» CAPLUS, SCIL and UNCCA are co-hosting the “UNCITRAL RCAP Symposium: Navigating Transparency and Confidentiality in International Arbitration” to celebrate the 2024 AP Days. The event will focus on exploring the critical balance between confidentiality and transparency in international arbitration, particularly in the Asia-Pacific.

November 2024

6 November 2024

Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong (HKU); Hong Kong Mediation Centre (HKMC); and International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute (IDRRMI)

• Hong Kong, China (On-site)

» HKU, HKMC and IDRRMI are co-hosting an AP Days themed “Transparency in International Arbitration”. Highlights of the event will include the UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration and the United Nations Convention on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration, followed by an examination of how transparency impacts the law and institutional arbitral rules in Hong Kong, China.

7 November 2024

Seoul National University Asia-Pacific Law Institute Seoul, Republic of Korea (On-site)

» Seoul National University Asia-Pacific Law Institute is co-hosting the AP Days event under the theme “Asia Pacific Day in SNU Law School”. The event will introduce UNCITRAL RCAP, the UNCITRAL transparency standards, and the practical and uniform application of UNCITRAL instruments from the Korean government’s perspective.

18 November 2024

Department of Convergence Security Science, Chung-Ang University; and Sungshin Women’s University

• Seoul, Republic of Korea (On-site)

» Department of Convergence Security Science, Chung-Ang University and Sungshin Women’s University are co-hosting “Harmonization of International Trade Norms and SW Copyright Security Policy”. The event will introduce the activities of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, including internship opportunities, and commercial law developments related to digital trade.

23 November 2024

The Maldives National University; Villa College; and Maldives Moot Court Society

• Malé, Maldives (Virtual)

» Maldives National University, Villa College and Maldives Moot Court Society are co-hosting a seminar on “Transparency in International Investment Agreements: Evolution and UNCITRAL’s Role”. The event will delve into the development of transparency norms, key components of transparency in international investment agreements, and the challenges and criticisms faced. It will also highlight UNCITRAL’s significant contributions to legal harmonization through the UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration.

27 November 2024

Faculty of Law, University of Macau; World Trade Center Macau; Shanghai Arbitration Commission; China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) Hong Kong Arbitration Centre; Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA); Zuhai Court of International Arbitration (ZCIA); and eBRAM

• Macao SAR, China (Hybrid)

» The Faculty of Law, University of Macau, World Trade Center Macau, Shanghai Arbitration Commission, CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center, SCIA, Zuhai Court of International Arbitration and eBRAM are co-hosting “Trade Law Harmonization in an Era of Generative AI: Revisiting UNCITRAL Legal Standards on Uniform Sales Law, e-Commerce, Dispute Settlement, and Insolvency”. The event will focus on investor-State dispute settlement, international commercial arbitration, the CISG and uniform sales law, and other commercial law topics.

29 November 2024

School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU)

• Vladivostok, Russia (Hybrid)

» The FEFU School of Law is hosting an AP Days event on “Introduction to UNCITRAL, Russia’s contributions, and Transparency@10”. The event will introduce the UNCITRAL transparency standards, international commercial arbitration in Russia, and UNCITRAL learning resources including CLOUT, the online learning modules and internship programme.

December 2024

6 December 2024

Centre for WTO & WIPO Studies, School of Law & Technology, Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU)

• Raipur, India (Virtual)

» Themed “Global Trade Dynamics: Digital Economy and the Rule of Law”, HNLU’s AP Days symposium aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and explore strategies to strengthen legal infrastructure for digital transformation in the Asia-Pacific region, focusing on the UNCITRAL digital trade framework.

12 December 2024

Adilet Law School of the Caspian University and Maqsut Narikbayev University

• Almaty, Kazakhstan (Hybrid)

» Caspian University and Maqsut Narikbayev University are co-organizing Kazakhstan’s inaugural AP Days on “UNCITRAL: Legislation and Experience of Kazakhstan”. The symposium discusses the benefits of UNCITRAL instruments for trade and investment in Kazakhstan, focusing in particular on the CISG and uniform sales law.

17 December 2024

Transnational Business Law Department, Faculty of Law of Padjadjaran University (UNPAD)

• Bandung, Indonesia (Virtual)

» Padjadjaran University is co-hosting an AP Days event under the theme “Transparency in International Investment Agreements and Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)”. The event will focus on the development of transparency in international investment agreements and ISDS based on UNCITRAL instruments and national perspectives.

18 December 2024

National University of Mongolia School of Law

• Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Virtual)

» The National University of Mongolia School of Law is co-organizing Mongolia’s inaugural AP Days event, themed “UNCITRAL Arbitration and Transparency: Asian Perspectives”. The webinar will feature insightful discussions on the UNCITRAL arbitration framework and transparency standards, Mongolia’s prospects as a seat for international arbitration, and transparency in arbitration from an Asian perspective.

20 December 2024

Ho Chi Minh City University of Law (HCMC ULAW); Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam (MFA); and Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC)

• Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (Virtual)

» HCMC ULAW, MFA and VIAC are co-organizing a webinar on “UNCITRAL’s Model Law & Instruments”. The webinar will bring together academics, legal experts and policymakers for in-depth discussions on UNCITRAL’s arbitration framework and Viet Nam’s perspective on international arbitration standards and ISDS reform.

21 December 2024

Baku State University

• Baku, Azerbaijan (On-site)

» Baku State University is co-hosting Azerbaijan’s inaugural AP Days event focusing on “Transparency in International Arbitration at Large: The UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration (1985) with Amendments (2006), and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules”. The session will delve into the principles of transparency in arbitration, the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, key provisions within the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules that promote procedural transparency, practical challenges in implementing transparency and strategies to address these issues.

