


SPEAKER PROFILES

➤ **Day 1: Monday, 6 September (16:00 – 19:00 Korea Standard Time)**



<i>Session</i>		<i>Bio</i>
Opening Ceremony		<p>Park, Beom Kye, Minister of Justice, Republic of Korea</p> <p>Mr. Park Beom-kye is the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Korea. He was appointed as the Minister in January 2021.</p> <p>After passing the 33rd National Bar Examination in 1991 and completing training at the Judicial Research and Training Institute (23rd class), Minister Park began his career as a judge at Seoul Southern District Court in 1994.</p> <p>He served as a judge from 1994 to 2002 at Seoul Southern District Court, Seoul Central District Court, Jeonju District Court and Daejeon District Court.</p> <p>After being elected as the member of the 19th National Assembly at the general election in 2012 to represent Daejeon, Minister Park served as a three-term member of the National Assembly until he was appointed as the Minister of Justice in 2021.</p> <p>He studied Law in Yonsei University and Economics in Hanbat National University.</p> <p>He was born in Yeongdong County, Northern Chungcheong Province and is married with two children.</p>


Anna Joubin-Bret, The Secretary, UNCITRAL



Anna Joubin-Bret is the Secretary of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and Director of the Division on International Trade Law in the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations. She was appointed on 24 November 2017.


Prior to her appointment, Mrs. Joubin-Bret was a practicing Attorney-at-law of the Paris Bar. She specialized in International Investment Law and Investment Dispute Resolution. She focused on serving as counsel, arbitrator, mediator and conciliator in international investment disputes. She served as arbitrator in several ICSID, UNCITRAL and ICC disputes. Prior to 2011 and for 15 years, Anna was the Senior Legal Adviser for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). In this capacity, she managed the research and advisory work on international investment law issues as well as the technical assistance program on international investment agreements (IIAs). During her tenure, Anna assisted countries and governments in the formulation of investment policies and frameworks and the management of investor-State disputes. Anna has edited and authored seminal research and publications on international commercial law and international investment law, notably the Sequels to UNCTAD IIA Series. She co-edited with Jean Kalicki a book on Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement in 2015. She lectured on international investment law in various universities and institutes all over the world. She holds a post-graduate degree (DEA) in Private International Law from the University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, a Master's Degree in International Economic Law from the University Paris I, a Bachelor's Degree of Arts in Political Science from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques and a Bachelor's Degree of Arts in Private Law from the Université Jean Moulin (Lyon III).



She has been Legal Counsel in the legal department of the Schneider Group, General Counsel of the formerly French KIS Group and


		<p>Director-Export of Pomagalski S.A. She has been appointed judge at the Commercial Court in Grenoble (France) and was elected Regional Counsellor of the Rhône-Alpes Region in 1998.</p>
		<p>Park, Nam Choon, Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea</p> <p>Nam Choon Park is Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City. He was elected in June 2018 at the 7th local elections of the Republic of Korea and sworn in as Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City the following month. He has 38 years of experience in civil service, building a wide range of knowledge especially on maritime issues related to oceans, fisheries and ports. Based on his accumulated insights, he was in charge of the Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Agency in 2001. He also worked in the Presidential Office for four years from 2003. He served as a two-term National Assembly member from 2012 to 2018. He studied Public Administration in Korea University, ROK, and received his MSc in International Transport of University of Whales, UK.</p>
<p>Panel 1 & 2</p>	<p><u>Moderator</u></p> 	<p>Monica Canafoglia, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL</p> <p>Monica Canafoglia is a legal officer at the International Trade Law Division (ITLD) of the UN Office of Legal Affairs, which is the substantive secretariat for the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).</p> <p>She is currently serving as secretary of UNCITRAL Working Group I (Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) and coordinating the UNCITRAL presence on social media.</p> <p>Before joining the International Trade Law Division, Monica worked for other agencies of the United Nations system.</p> <p>Monica is a licensed lawyer in Italy, her home country.</p> <p>She also holds a Master's degree in Public Policy and Management.</p>



<p>Panel 1. MSME formation: business registration</p>		<p>Gen Goto, Professor of Law, University of Tokyo, Japan</p> <p>Gen Goto is Professor of Law at the University of Tokyo, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, in Japan. He has visited Harvard Law School as Visiting Scholar at East Asian Legal Studies (2013-2015, 2018), and has taught at NUS Law (2017 and 2019) and at Radzyner Law School of IDC Herzliya in Israel (2019). After graduating from Faculty of Law at the University of Tokyo in 2003 (LL.B.), Professor Goto had been Assistant Professor at the University of Tokyo (2003-2006), Lecturer (2006-2008) and Associate Professor (2008-2010) at Gakushuin University in Tokyo, and Associate Professor (2010-2019) at the University of Tokyo. Also, he had assisted the Japanese Government on law reforms as Researcher of Japanese Ministry of Justice (2010-2013, for reform of Companies Act) and as Professional Member of Financial System Council of Japanese Financial Services Agency (2011-2013 and 2016-2019, for reforms of Insurance Business Act and other financial regulations).</p>
		<p>Cesar Cordova, Senior Director, Jacobs, Cordova & Associates</p> <p>Cesar Cordova is Senior Director of Jacobs, Cordova & Associates (www.regulatoryreform.com), a consultant firm on regulatory reform and good regulatory governance. He specializes in regulatory issues concerning the setting up of an institutional architecture to drive systemic reforms, the implementation of Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA), the appraisal of regulatory burdens, and the improvement of regulatory compliance. He has advised governments of more than 50 developed or in-transition countries and many international organizations.</p> <p>From 2017 to 2021 (June) he directed a large project in Lao PDR to <i>Streamlining Procedures to Start a Business</i> in particular through the reform of the business registration system managed by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.</p>


		<p>Before joining JC&A, he was acting head of the OECD Regulatory Governance Division and directed the OECD country review program. Previously he contributed to the launching and designed of the Mexican regulatory improvement policy. He has French and Mexican nationality.</p>
		<p>Rosanne Bell, Executive Director, Australian Securities and Investments Commission</p> <p>Rosanne is an Executive Director with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. For many years Rosanne's responsibilities have included leading ASIC's registry team. The registry team is responsible for the efficient administration of over 30 business registers, including the companies, business names, professional and other registers. In her role Rosanne has been accountable for ASIC's registry functions, including business registration, maintenance and searching services. Rosanne has led many programs of work to streamline registry functions and move them online. Rosanne has recently led ASIC's involvement in a major program of work by the Australian Government to modernise Australia's business registers and to transfer the functions from ASIC to the Australian Taxation Office. Rosanne is an active member of the international registry community and has held the role of President of the international Corporate Registers forum over the past 4 years.</p>
<p>Panel 2. MSME formation: Limited Liability Enterprises (LLE)</p>		<p>Yang Bingxun, Director, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Commerce, China</p> <p>Yang Bingxun received his bachelor and master degree in Law from the Tsinghua University, China, in 2003 and 2006. He worked as a legal expert in the Ministry of Commerce, China, from 2006 to 2011, dealing with the legislation on foreign investment laws and the negotiations of FTAs, BITs, ECFA, etc. He was appointed a diplomat in the embassy of China in Poland in 2011. He made effort to conclude the China-Poland Infrastructure Cooperation Agreement and contributed to enhance the bilateral relationship. He has worked</p>


		<p>in the department of law and treaty of MOFCOM and participated the UNCITRAL meetings as a member of Chinese delegation since the end of 2016. He is currently also a public lawyer to defend on behalf of MOFCOM in administrative litigation cases.</p>
		<p>Anne Matthew, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Business & Law, School of Law, Queensland University of Technology</p> <p>Anne Matthew is a Senior Lecturer at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Law School, a Consultant at Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Lawyers, and Chair of the UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee, Australia's Expert Advisory Committee on Working Group I (MSMEs). Dr Matthew's upcoming publications include, Risk-taking, Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Corporate Law (forthcoming, Routledge). This scholarly monograph presents Dr Matthew's studies into how regulation can create an enabling environment for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, including particularly their access to finance. Her research focuses on companies and company-like entities, specifically those engaged in innovation and entrepreneurship. The study considers laws and policy approaches from the UK, EU, USA, Singapore, and the Pacific Region, including Australia.</p> <p>Innovation, entrepreneurship, and risk-taking play a pivotal role in economic growth and should be encouraged in a modern economy. Dr Matthew's PhD thesis considered how to best position the legal environment created by corporate law to encourage these phenomena, particularly among start-up ventures. Using principles of neo-Schumpeterian economics, Dr Matthew's thesis examined the law from industry, financial and public perspectives, and formulated recommendations for improvement and simplification. Dr Matthew's thesis was awarded QUT's Outstanding Thesis Award.</p>

		<p>Dr Matthew is a practising solicitor with experience in international dispute resolution, commercial property, banking, finance, and small business advisory. Dr Matthew is presently a Consultant at Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Lawyers practising in the Arbitration Division.</p> <p>Dr Matthew teaches postgraduate and undergraduate programs at the QUT Law School in international commercial arbitration, international commercial law and finance, corporate law and the regulation of artificial intelligence and robots.</p>
		<p>Siniša Petrović, Professor of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia</p> <p>Siniša Petrović is a tenured professor of law at the Faculty of Law University of Zagreb. He teaches courses on Commercial Law, Company Law, Sports Law and Competition Law. His former positions include Counselor to the Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Croatia for negotiations with international community, member and deputy president of the Croatian Competition Council, member of the Negotiating team for negotiations on accession of the Republic of Croatia to the EU and Special advisor of the Prime minister for European law. He has served as arbitrator in, inter alia, ICC, LCIA and VIAC arbitrations and has been an arbitrator of the Court of Arbitration for Sport. He has been Croatian delegate in the UNCITRAL WG I.</p>
		<p>Sharla Draemel, Attorney-Adviser, Office of Private International Law, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State, United States of America</p> <p>Sharla Draemel is an Attorney-Adviser with the Office of Private International Law at the U.S. Department of State. She was the U.S. Delegate to UNCITRAL Working Group 1, which negotiated the Legislative Guide on a Limited Liability Entity. She has served in a variety of legal roles at the Department of State since 2007, including as Legal</p>

		<p>Counselor to the U.S. Embassy in The Hague. In her current position, she manages the U.S. Advisory Committee on Private International Law and represents the United States before UNCITRAL, Unidroit, and the Hague Conference on Private International Law.</p>
<p>Roundtable on MSME Financing: Access to Credit</p>	<p><u>Moderator</u></p> 	<p>Athita Komindr, Head, UNCITRAL RCAP</p> <p>Athita is Head of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP), managing technical assistance and capacity building programming available to over 50 States in Asia and the Pacific in key areas of commercial law, including dispute resolution, MSMEs, international contract practices, sale of goods, electronic commerce, transport, insolvency, international payments, secured transactions, and procurement. In that capacity, she coordinates with Governments and international and regional organizations with respect to trade law reform activities aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Athita has twenty years of experience in the fields of international trade and economic law, arbitration, multilateral dispute resolution, and the rule of law and development. Prior to joining the United Nations, Athita mainly advised and worked with numerous Thai agencies, including the Thailand Institute of Justice, the Thai Ministry of Science and Technology, and the Thailand Arbitration Center where she managed the Arbitration and Legal Affairs Divisions. She also worked for the Thai Ministry of Commerce in Bangkok (2002-2005) and Geneva (2005-2010), representing Thailand in bilateral, regional, and multilateral trade negotiations, WTO dispute settlement, and treaty drafting.</p> <p>Admitted to the New York Bar, Athita has experience in both common and civil law traditions in the public and private sectors, and holds degrees from Harvard College, Georgetown University Law Center, and Harvard Law School.</p>



		<p>Deanna Morris, Economic Affairs Officer, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, UNESCAP</p> <p>Deanna Morris is currently leading the Section's work on innovative finance, with a focus on green finance. Previously, she managed the Innovative Financing component of a US\$ 10 million ESCAP programme on "Catalyzing Women's Entrepreneurship". She has led the establishment of ESCAP's first-ever Women's Impact Investment Fund and worked with key partners to implement a FinTech challenge fund across the Asia-Pacific region.</p> <p>Prior to joining ESCAP, Deanna was the Deputy Programme Manager of the Shaping Inclusive Finance Transformations Programme (SHIFT) at the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF). At UNCDF she supported the overall establishment of the SHIFT women's financial inclusion programme and acted as a member of the programme management and strategic planning team.</p> <p>Overall, her expertise is in the areas of financial inclusion, women MSME finance, digital finance and FinTech, and market systems programme development.</p> <p>She has a master's degree in Sustainable International Development from Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy and Management and a bachelor's degree in Economics and Management.</p>
		<p>Sandeep Varma, Chief Executive officer, Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), India</p> <p>Joined Small Industries Development Bank of India [SIDBI] as Assistant Manager in September 1991 at Hyderabad BO and was associated with various facets of Branch Banking.</p> <p>Entrusted with the responsibility as Branch Head for a large branch of Mumbai Metropolitan Branch Office and successfully completed the assignment for 3 years.</p>



		<p>Over 27 years, apart from core branch operations, gained expertise in P&D, Refinance, Bills, Development Financing Institution matters, Asset Recovery and Human Resources at various levels of Bank hierarchy before promoted as General Manager since July 01, 2017. Lead in introducing and improvise various HR policies including maiden Transfer Policy in the Bank. Responsible for HR Strategy, IR matters and HR Operations. Introduced tools of Staff wellness viz. SEHAT etc. Have independently handled Venture Capital Funds Operations Vertical, Board Division and as Executive Assistant to CMD, since June 2018 devising strategy for expanding the reach of Fund of Funds Scheme (FFS) of DIPP, Government of India vertically as well as horizontally by market making of new business/AIFs, putting in place risk mitigation systems by way of designing appropriate Rating Model, liaising with various high level functionaries of Government and other Multilateral Agencies viz. World Bank, DFID etc., development of VCF ecosystem in India, Convenor of VCIC.</p>
		<p>Yang Yi, Chief Investment Officer of Equity Management, RealAI, China</p> <p>Yang Yi, Chief Investment Officer of Equity Management of RealAI, the pioneer of 3rd generation AI that can provide explainable, trustable, secure algorithm and total solution in finance, energy and other sectors. Responsible for structuring and delivering financing solutions for the company. With multiple years of investment experience, she worked on and closed 15+ deals, each worth about \$5M on average. She focused on SMEs investment in TMT sector, having an in-depth understanding of the financing difficulties of SMEs. Winner of 2020 30-under-30 elite investor by FZ capital.</p>


		<p>Won H. Cho, Managing Partner, D’LIGHT Law Group, Republic of Korea</p> <p>As an experienced patent lawyer with extensive commercial transactional experience in various specialty industries including entertainment, ICT and healthcare, Won H. Cho is uniquely positioned to advise clients on a wide range of complex IP, corporate and regulatory matters. He started his career as an associate at Bae, Kim & Lee LLC (“BKL”) and went on to serve as a partner of the firm, leading BKL’s prominent intellectual property and technology transaction practices, spanning a total of 16 years. Mr. Cho also worked on secondment at Ropes & Gray (New York) in 2014 in the firm’s Intellectual Property division. He has earned a reputation at home and abroad as an exceptional multi-disciplinary lawyer with deep and extensive career experience, representing local corporations, multi-national companies, government agencies and non-profit organisations. Mr. Cho is now an adjunct professor at KAIST-MIP (Master of Intellectual Property) and serves in leadership roles at various local and state organisations, including the Korea Fair Trade Commission Advisory Committee, Korean Intellectual Property Office, US Korea Law Foundation, Korea Licensing Executive Society, and the Korea Association of Entertainment Law, among others. Mr. Cho holds a B.A. from Seoul National University and received an LL.M. from the University of Texas.</p>
		<p>Georgina Naigulevu, Local self-made e-commerce entrepreneur, Fiji</p> <p>Georgina Naigulevu has over 11 years of software development experience in the ICT field across multiple industries and a Senior Manager at the HFC bank where she oversees Applications, Projects, and Innovation. Putting her ICT knowledge and skills to use, Georgina co-founded the Mobile Me Mappathon App – a community project in partnership with the Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation that locates facilities on the road, pavements and footpath within pilot sites in</p>


		<p>Suva accessible for persons with disabilities. Georgina currently holds membership in the International Centre for Democratic partnerships, Fiji Institute of Banks and the Pacific Islands Chapter of the Internet Society.</p>
		<p>Ratha Chea, Founder & CEO, Khmun, Cambodia</p> <p>Ratha is an accomplished software executive with over 10 years of experience in software development. Ratha holds a Bachelor's Degree in Information and Computer Science from the University of California, Irvine, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from California State University, Fullerton. She worked as a Senior Financial Analyst in California and in Sydney. In each of her workplaces, she used the synergy of her skills as a Software Developer and Financial Analyst to help grow and improve the business processes of the company.</p> <p>In 2011, Ratha Co-founded Versita Pty. Ltd. a Software Development Company in Australia and after returning to Cambodia in 2016 she founded Khmun Technology Co., Ltd., which specialized in eCommerce. Cambodia's eCommerce is rapidly growing and fast expanding. However, some communities have not directly benefited from this growth.</p> <p>Khmun - eShop is an e-commerce platform with an app-based, end-to-end marketplace that connects MSMEs, emphasizing women-led businesses, to consumers in Cambodia and beyond. Driven by a mission to increase digital literacy, promote local products, and create more jobs and opportunities.</p> <p>Besides working in the private sector, she is also an advisory board member of the National Council of Science, Technology, and Innovation.</p> <p>Ratha also volunteers her time with some organizations such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cambodia Women Entrepreneur Association (CWEA) - Vice President ● Cambodia Digital Technology Association (CDTA) - Vice President


➤ **Day 2: Tuesday, 7 September (16:00 – 19:00 Korea Standard Time)**


<i>Session</i>		<i>Bio</i>
Panel 3. MSMEs in the Digital Age	<u>Moderator</u> 	Alexander Kunzelmann, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL <p>Alex currently services UNCITRAL Working Group IV on electronic commerce, which is working on electronic identification and trust services, and Working Group VI on the judicial sale of ships. Alex also assists the UNCITRAL secretariat in its exploratory work on legal issues related to the digital economy, in which he has studied the use of artificial intelligence in trade, data transactions and the use of digital assets in trade.</p> <p>Before joining the United Nations in 2018, Alex worked as counsel and legal officer with the Attorney-General's Department of Australia, where he advised the federal government in constitutional law, public law and public international law matters. Prior to that, he worked in private practice and as a legal officer with the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law in the Netherlands, where he focused on cross-border judicial cooperation.</p> <p>Alex holds a bachelor of arts and bachelor of laws from the Australian National University and master of laws specialising in international law from Leiden University in the Netherlands.</p>
		Sam Saili, Chief Executive Officer, Skyeye, Samoa <p>Fa'aso'otauloa Sam Saili was born, raised and educated in the islands of Samoa. He has been in the ICT sector for over 20 years with expertise in System Analysis and Design, Data Networks, Databases, Project Management, Mobile Apps, FinTech and Startup scaling. He is a fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufacturers</p>


		<p>and Commerce (RSA) and twice selected as one of Samoa Observer's People of the Year in 2017 and 2019. He is 12th of 13 children so he has been in negotiations all his life. Raised in the Samoan culture of "tautua" or "to serve", it has been natural that the company he co-founded with his siblings embraces serving for the benefit of the community.</p>
		<p>Charly Gordon, Deputy Director, Innovation for All, International Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Charly Gordon is Deputy Director Innovation for All in the policy department of the International Chamber of Commerce. He focuses on policy issues linked to the digital economy as well as SME digitalisation and access to finance. Prior to taking on this role, he held several posts within the UK Foreign Office and Department for International Trade.</p>
		<p>Sutapa Amornvivat, Founding CEO, SCB Abacus, Thailand</p> <p>Sutapa Amornvivat, Ph.D. is Founding CEO of SCB Abacus, an AI-powered data-tech startup that delivered Thailand's first fully-automated digital lending platform using alternative data. The company is committed to build inclusive lending and decisioning platforms with security, privacy and simplicity at the core of our design. Sutapa currently sits on Public Sector Audit and Evaluation Subcommittee, overseeing the development of Thailand's Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC); and serves as board members of Khon Kaen University, Asian Institute of Technology, and Capital Market Academy. Sutapa served on Subcommittee on Finance, Banking, Financial Institutions and Capital Markets, The National Legislative Assembly; as well as Board of Directors, Thailand Center of</p>

		<p>Excellence for Life Sciences (TCELS). Previously at Siam Commercial Bank (SCB), Sutapa was Chief-level executive, led the Economic Intelligence Center, established the Risk Analytics Division, and headed Risk Management Committee of SCB Asset Management (Thailand's largest asset management company.) Before SCB, Sutapa founded TMB Analytics and Risk Analytics & Research Group at TMB Bank (now TTB) during her secondment from ING Group. Prior to joining the banking industry, Sutapa was Economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, DC. Sutapa holds an AB from Harvard University and a PhD from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) She was a recipient of Thailand's most prestigious King's Scholarship, and a representative of Thailand in the 23rd International Chemistry Olympiad. Sutapa was honored Asia21 Young Leader Fellow in 2007, by the AsiaSociety where she is later appointed as Global Council member.</p>
		<p>Ratana Phurik Callebaut, Private Sector Development Specialist, MSME Development for Women in Tech, Cambodia</p> <p>Ratana is a Senior consultant with recognized expertise in SME ecosystem, investment and private sector development. She works both with development partners (GIZ, UNDP, UNOPS, ADB) on issues related to SME and private sector development and with international consulting firms on market entry support. Recent work in Cambodia includes in-depth studies on Women Entrepreneur Ecosystem, Inclusive Business, SME services providers and SME internationalization.</p>



		<p>Deeply involved in the local startup ecosystem, with a focus on innovation and IT, she is also advisor and board member of incubators like Impact Hub. CFA Charterholder, she is the founder and the Chairperson of the Cambodia Community of Investment Professional, an outstanding network of investment professionals, affiliated with the CFA institute. She is also an independent director on the board of several companies including ACLEDA, the largest bank of Cambodia. She is well-known in the business community for her integrity and her dedication to the development of Cambodia.</p> <p>She has more than 15 years of experience in the field of Investment in Cambodia with different positions including Executive Director of the European Chamber of Commerce in Cambodia, recognized as a reference in terms of public-policy dialogue in Cambodia. Her early career was in Geneva where she worked as portfolio manager in a private bank and as economist at UNCTAD. She holds a post-graduate diploma in industrial economics from La Sorbonne and two masters in international trade and finance.</p>
		<p>Erik Vermeulen, Professor, Tilburg University, the Netherlands</p> <p>Erik's work can be broken down into four categories.</p> <p>First, Erik is a Professor of Business and Financial Law and the Director of the International Business Law program at Tilburg University in The Netherlands. He teaches business organizations and governance, law and technology, and business innovation and finance at Tilburg Law School, TIAS School for Business and Society, and at other universities around the world. His research, including</p>


		<p>chapters of his academic books, can be downloaded from the Social Science Research Network.</p> <p>Second, Erik works at the intersection of the academic and corporate worlds. He is a Senior Legal Counsel at Signify (formerly known as Philips Lighting). He works on corporate matters, mergers & acquisitions, and legal design, tech, and communication.</p> <p>Third, Erik can be described as a content creator. He has a blog at erikpmvermeulen.medium.com, where he shares insights in how emerging technologies are creating new opportunities across all areas of the economy and society. In our fast-changing world, Erik revisits long-held assumptions and theories, and seeks to develop new models more appropriate to the next normal. He is a top writer in innovation, education, and gaming on online publication platform Medium.</p> <p>Erik's thought-provoking and innovative views on business, technology, education, and the law have attracted international attention. He regularly serves as an expert advisor to international organizations and national and local governments around the world.</p> <p>Finally, he is a co-owner of a virtual restaurant in The Netherlands.</p>
<p>Panel 4.</p> <p>MSE Insolvency:</p> <p>A Simplified Regime</p>	<p><u>Moderator</u></p> 	<p>Yanying Li, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL</p> <p>Yanying Li is a legal officer at the International Trade Law Division (ITLD), Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, which serves the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. After joining the ITLD in 2019, Yanying has serviced UNCITRAL Working Group V (Insolvency Law) developing a legal text on MSE insolvency. Currently she services UNCITRAL Working Group I (MSMEs) and supports the organization of the annual</p>


		<p>session of the Commission. She also assists the UNCITRAL secretariat in its exploratory work on legal issues related to the digital economy.</p> <p>Before joining the ITLD, she worked in the field of banking and international arbitration at the Asian Development Bank (Manila), Clifford Chance LLP (London) and the Permanent Court of Arbitration (the Hague).</p> <p>She completes her PhD research on inter-creditor relations in sovereign debt restructuring, and holds two master degrees on international business law.</p>
		<p>Harold Foo, Assistant Director, Policy Advisory Division, Ministry of Law, Singapore</p> <p>Harold Foo is an Assistant Director in the Policy Advisory Division at the Ministry of Law of the Republic of Singapore. He has been closely involved in debt restructuring and insolvency policy development and legislative reform, including the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act – Singapore’s omnibus insolvency legislation.</p> <p>At the international level, Mr Foo has been a member of the Singapore delegation to UNCITRAL Working Group V (Insolvency Law) since 2017. He was actively involved in the negotiations and completion of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Recognition and Enforcement of Insolvency-related Judgments (2018) and the UNCITRAL Model Law on Enterprise Group Insolvency (2019).</p> <p>Mr Foo was elected Chair of the Working Group at its 56th session in December 2019, leading the deliberations and finalization of the Legislative Recommendations on Insolvency of Micro and Small Enterprises. He was also</p>

		<p>elected Vice-Chair of the UNCITRAL Commission at its 54th session in July 2021, overseeing the adoption of the Legislative Recommendations by UNCITRAL.</p> <p>Prior to joining the Singapore Legal Service, Mr Foo was a member of the debt restructuring and insolvency team at one of Singapore's largest law firms.</p>
		<p>Pooja Sinha, Asia Networks Director, International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, Singapore</p> <p>Pooja Sinha is a transactional lawyer based in Singapore with experience of finance and debt restructurings across Asia. She currently serves a cross-border clientele as an Associate Director (Registered Foreign Lawyer) in Forte Law LLC, a boutique Singapore law firm.</p> <p>Her finance experience includes both traditional finance transactions and the more innovative forms of financings that have recently developed in the technology industry. Following an undergraduate law degree from India's top law school, Pooja completed her Master's degree from Oxford and went on to have a long career in "Big Law" (Clifford Chance, Linklaters and O'Melveny) with stints in London, India, Singapore and Hong Kong.</p> <p>Pooja is closely involved with the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) and is a member of its UNCITRAL team. As part of the team, she has participated, in an observer capacity, in the informal deliberations of UNCITRAL's Working Group V (Insolvency).</p> <p>As IWIRC's Asia Networks Director, she helps oversee IWIRC's 7 networks in Asia and has received the IWIRC Fetner Award</p>

		<p>for Outstanding International Contribution. She is keenly interested in policy initiatives and has co-ordinated a response to an Asian's regulators call for feedback on a proposed new R&I law based on a benchmarking against R&I laws and best practices in 5 other jurisdictions.</p> <p>Pooja has also been appointed on INSOL's Technical Committee for the period 2019-2021.</p>
		<p>Min Han, Professor, Ewha Womans University Law School, Republic of Korea</p> <p>Min Han is a professor at Ewha Womans University Law School in Seoul, Korea. His areas of expertise are insolvency and finance laws.</p> <p>Professor Han holds law degrees from Seoul National University College of Law (LL.B., 1981) and from Cornell Law School (LL.M., 1992).</p> <p>From 2010 to present, he has been acting as a member (adviser) of the Republic of Korea delegation in the deliberations of UNCITRAL Working Group V (Insolvency Law). He is currently the chair of the special committee organized by the Ministry of Justice of Korea for amendment of Korean insolvency law. He has been a member of the International Insolvency Institute since 2010. He served as an outside legal adviser for Financial Services Commission of Korea (2011 - 2013).</p> <p>Previously he practiced the law at Kim & Chang (1986 - 1997, 2001 - 2010) and Yulchon LLC (1997 - 2001) in Seoul, Korea.</p>

<p>Panel 5.</p> <p>Resolving Disputes Involving MSMEs</p>	<p><u>Moderator</u></p> 	<p>Jae Sung Lee, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL</p> <p>Jae Sung Lee is a legal officer at the International Trade Law Division (ITLD) of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, which functions as the substantive secretariat for UNCITRAL. He functions as the Secretary of Working Group II on Dispute Settlement and further services the Working Group III on Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform.</p> <p>Before joining the United Nations in 2007, Jae Sung served in the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A Korean national, Jae Sung is a graduate of Seoul National University College of Law, holds LL.M. degrees from Seoul National University Graduate School of International Studies and NYU School of Law as well as a Ph.D in Law from Seoul National University.</p>
		<p>Maggie Pei, Senior Vice President, Iconiq motors, China</p> <p>Maggie Pei read law at Fudan University in China. After graduation, she continued to study law at Manchester University in the UK for an LLM degree. She worked for some circle law firms in China, where she had the opportunity to represent Sichuan Pepsi before the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce for an international arbitration case.</p> <p>After 5 years training as a practitioner, she moved to in-house for a more balanced lifestyle. She served big companies like Motorola North Asia legal department (where she supported network business in Korea), Volvo Group (the Swedish Company) and Tesla. Then she joined in an electric car start-up to lead its legal and public affairs department. In those roles, she encountered many interesting disputes, including Motorola's anti-trust findings before Korea FTC, Tesla's trademark</p>

		<p>privacy issue in China and India, Tesla's first autopilot product liability lawsuit in China, as well as a series of trade secret and competition lawsuits in China and US with a total disputed amount of USD 400 million.</p> <p>Maggie is an active member of Beijing International Arbitration Center. She used to act as an ICC YAF for the North Asia Chapter and is now a member of the Raising Arbitrator Initiative. Maggie is admitted into practice in China and California, USA.</p>
		<p>Sue Hyun Lim, Secretary General, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board INTERNATIONAL, Republic of Korea</p> <p>Sue Hyun Lim is the secretary-general of the international division of the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB), KCAB INTERNATIONAL. Among her various responsibilities, Ms Lim oversees KCAB INTERNATIONAL's international arbitration case management process, ensuring the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the procedures under the KCAB International Arbitration Rules, as well as leading the public relations efforts to further enhance the standing of KCAB INTERNATIONAL – and Seoul as a seat of arbitration – among international users. A Korean licensed attorney, and admitted to the New York State Bar, Ms Lim was a partner at Bae, Kim & Lee LLC, where she advised and represented clients in numerous international arbitration cases, as well as in international litigation matters. In 2010–2011, Ms Lim studied at the New York University School of Law (LLM), after which she worked as a visiting lawyer in Debevoise Plimpton LLP. Featured in Who's Who Legal: Arbitration Future Leaders 2018, she has actively and continuously spearheaded efforts to</p>

		<p>promote international arbitration of Korea. Ms Lim has written and co-written a number of published pieces and is a contributing author to Arbitration Law in Korea: Practice and Procedure (Juris Publishing, 2012), the 2016 edition of Arbitration, Practice and Law (Parkyoungsa, 2016), and most recently the Global Practice Guide for Litigation in South Korea (Chambers and Partners, 2017).</p>
		<p>Sarah Grimmer, Secretary-General, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Hong Kong China</p> <p>Sarah Grimmer is Secretary-General of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre responsible for its international dispute resolution services and operations from Hong Kong, Seoul, and Shanghai.</p> <p>She was formerly Senior Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague where she administered inter-state, investor-state, and commercial arbitrations involving states or state-entities.</p> <p>Prior to joining the PCA, Sarah was a member of the Secretariat at the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris where she administered commercial arbitrations under the ICC Rules. She was also a member of the international arbitration group at Shearman & Sterling LLP in Paris, prior to which she worked in private practice in Auckland.</p> <p>In 2021, 2020 and 2019, Sarah was recognized by Who's Who Legal as a Global Leader and Global Elite Thought Leader in arbitration.</p> <p>She is currently a member of the ICCA-ASIL Task Force on Damages (2016) and the ICCA Diversity Task Force (2019).</p>

		<p>She previously served on the Special Tribunal for Lebanon Disciplinary Board (2015-2017) and was a member of the IBA Investment Arbitration Subcommittee (2014-2016).</p> <p>Sarah has an LLM from Cambridge University and an LLB/BA (Criminology) from Victoria University of Wellington. She is admitted to practice law in New Zealand.</p>
		<p>Takashi Takashima, Senior Attorney, Ministry of Justice, Japan</p> <p>Takashi Takashima is Senior Attorney of the Litigation Bureau and the Minister's Secretariat International Affairs Division of the Ministry of Justice of Japan. He engages in the formulation of the Japanese Government's strategies on international disputes, and represents meetings and coordinates policy on legal issues in multilateral forums with a special focus on UNCITRAL and ICSID. He has served as Rapporteur throughout UNCITRAL's WGII project on expedited arbitration. Alongside his extensive experience in dispute settlement, having served as Judge of various domestic courts in Japan, he has diplomatic experience as secretary of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.</p>