

# **UNCITRAL ASIA PACIFIC DAYS REPORT 2024**

**Transparency@10**

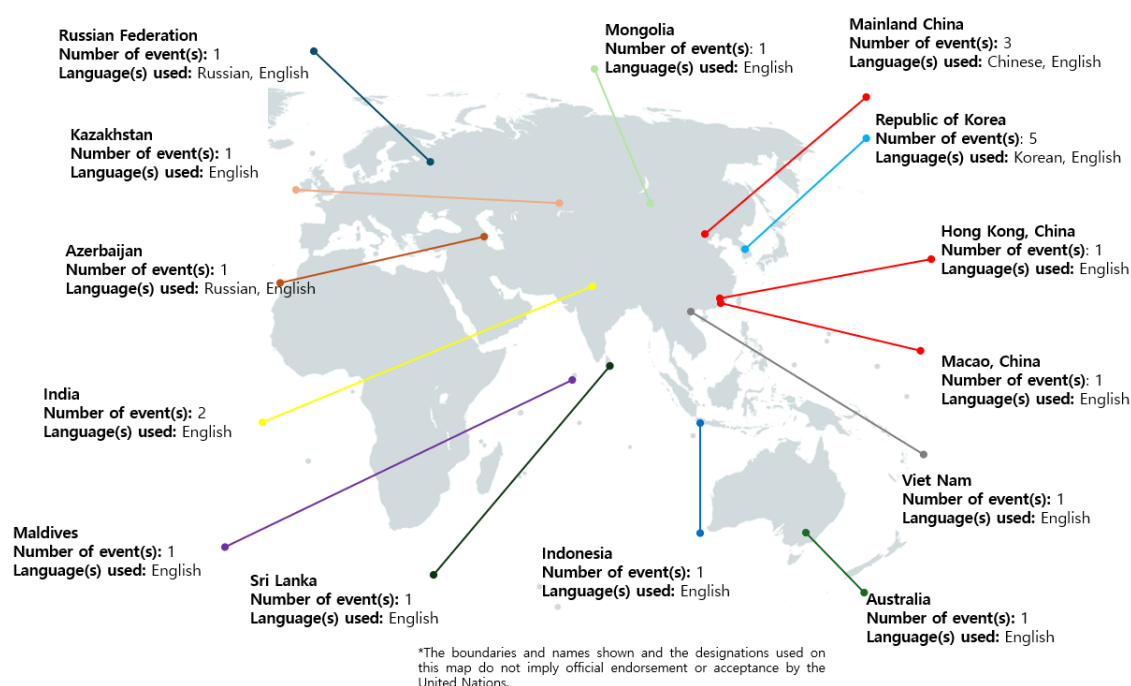


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### Introduction

1. This report on the UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Days (“AP Days”) highlights the objectives of this flagship activity series, the deliverables produced, and the outcomes achieved in 2024. An introduction of the UNCITRAL AP Days and an illustrated summary of the salient features of the 2024 series are provided first, followed by concluding remarks. Highlights from each activity appear in **Annex I** and testimonials from partnering institutions and participants appear in **Annex II**.

### *AP Days 2024: a snapshot*



**Total events: 21**

**Co-hosting jurisdictions: 14**

**Total synchronous participants: 2,541 from 44 jurisdictions**

### A brief overview

2. The AP Days are 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” or the “Commission”, and “UNCITRAL RCAP”) to commemorate 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.

3. Since the first edition of the AP Days in 2014, universities and institutions across the Asia-Pacific region have joined the annual celebration 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. These events are academic in nature and are free of admission charges. In some instances, the deliverables have served to provide capacity building to public and private stakeholders and assist participating jurisdictions in their consideration of adopting UNCITRAL texts.

4. The Commission welcomed the increased number and variety of cooperation frameworks put in place between the secretariat, including UNCITRAL RCAP, and international, regional, and national organizations and institutions, and the results achieved so far under those cooperation frameworks, such as the expansion of the UNCITRAL Days in Africa, the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean.<sup>1</sup>

5. Reports of previous AP Days are available on the UNCITRAL website.<sup>2</sup>

### **AP Days 2024**

6. The AP Days 2024 series is the eleventh edition of this UNCITRAL RCAP flagship with events taking place from March to December 2024. The series was successfully organized with the generous support and collaboration of institutional and academic partners throughout the region. Each AP Days activity had its own unique and diverse features in terms of deliverables, topics covered, audience reached, and mode of delivery. Highlights of each AP Days activity listed in chronological order can be found in **Annex I**.

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/79/17)*, para. 320, available at: <https://docs.un.org/en/A/79/17> (English version)

<sup>2</sup> Commencing with the 2020 series, AP Days reports have been published on the UNCITRAL website as informal Commission documents, enabling Member States, the public, and potential new partners to learn more about this flagship event. For more details please visit: <https://uncitral.un.org/en/commission>



# 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

#### 5 March 2024

Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, Fudan University, East China University of Political Science and Law, Most 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". The AP Days event will focus on the Regulatory Impact on Dispute Resolution in the Digital Economy ("DRIDE"). UNCITRAL, e-commerce tools 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

#### 3 September 2024

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

Colombo, Sri Lanka (On-site)

SLLC, APIIT and the Most Court Bench will co-organize a webinar under the theme of "Alternative Dispute Resolution and the CDSG: 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

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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 CDSG. 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 expert conference practical understanding of the treaty.

### 20 September 2024

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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 5th session of the Commission, the Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts (CLCULT) 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

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China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL)

Beijing, China (Hybrid)

CUPL is co-organizing the "International Conference on Negotiable Cargo Documents". The conference will cover topics such as legislative perspectives on transport documents, overseeing legal barriers to 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

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The Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at National Law University, Delhi, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), 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, INDIA, and Insolvency Law Academy is co-organizing the 7th Edition of Asia Justice International Most Competition in 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 and Inha University is co-organizing an AP Days event to provide a comprehensive introduction to the work of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP as well as commerce regulations in different jurisdictions.

### 29 October 2024

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Beijing Normal University Law School (BNU)

Beijing, China (Hybrid)

BNU is co-organizing 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 right 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 Asia and Pacific Law at the University of Sydney (CAPLUS), Sydney Centre for International Law (SCIL), and UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for Australia (NCCA)

Sydney, Australia (Hybrid)

CAPLUS, SCIL, and NCCA are co-organizing 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 (IDRMI)

Hong Kong, China (On-site)

HKU, HKMC, and IDRMI are co-organizing an AP Days event 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 SRI 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 Most Court Society

Male, Maldives (Virtual)

Maldives National University, Villa College, and Maldives Most Court Society are co-hosting a seminar on "Transparency in International Investment Agreements: Evolution and UNCITRAL's Role". The event will also introduce the development of transparency norms, key components of transparency in international investment agreements, and the challenges and outcomes 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 Center (Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA), Zuhui Court of International Arbitration (ZCOAI), and eIRAM

Macau SAR, China (Hybrid)

The Faculty of Law, University of Macau, World Trade Center Macau, Shanghai Arbitration Commission, CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center, SCIA, Zuhui Court of International Arbitration and eIRAM are co-hosting "Trade Law Harmonization in an Era of Generative AI: Resolving 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 CLCULT, the online learning modules and internship programme.

### December 2024

#### 6 December 2024

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

Rajpur, 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

Adnan Law School of the Caspian University and Maspat Narkazyev University

Almaty, Kazakhstan (Hybrid)

Caspian University and Maspat Narkazyev 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 Padjajaran University (UNPAD)

Bandung, Indonesia (Virtual)

Padjajaran 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 Perspective". 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 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.

RCAP warmly welcomes expressions of interest from institutions interested in co-organizing an activity under the AP Days 2024 and looks forward to exploring collaboration opportunities. Interested institutions please fill in the expression of interest form at:



The full programme is available on the UNCITRAL website at:

[https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/pages/RCAP/2024\\_uncitral\\_asia\\_pacific\\_day\\_programme.pdf](https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/pages/RCAP/2024_uncitral_asia_pacific_day_programme.pdf)

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### **Theme and main subject areas**

7. The theme for AP Days 2024 was “Transparency@10”, which provided an opportunity to raise awareness among students and other stakeholders of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards<sup>3</sup> and how they were able to enhance investor-State arbitration by: creating public knowledge of the initiation of an investor-State arbitration; allowing third-party submissions where they would be helpful and not unduly delay, interfere, or increase costs; allowing for open hearings while preserving the power of an arbitral tribunal to hold closed proceedings and restrict access to documents to protect confidential or privileged information. This creates a harmonized legal framework for a fair and efficient settlement of international investment disputes, increases transparency and accountability, and promotes good governance.

8. Other subject areas explored in the AP Days 2024 series included, in diminishing order of frequency, Dispute Settlement (including arbitration and mediation), International Sale of Goods (United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) and the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods (Limitation Convention)), Electronic Commerce, Investor-State Dispute Settlement, Insolvency for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) and International Transport of Goods. Most AP Days events began with an introduction to UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP including the online courses and the internship programme.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The UNCITRAL Transparency Standards provide a harmonized legal framework for a fair and efficient investor-State arbitration (ISDS), increase transparency and accountability and promote good governance:

(1) The UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration (Rules on Transparency) are a set of procedural rules that make ISDS open and accessible to the public. Open hearings and publication of information at the commencement of and during the arbitral proceedings lead to increased openness of arbitral proceedings. Allowing submission by a third person or a non-disputing Party to the treaty leads to increased participation in arbitral proceedings.

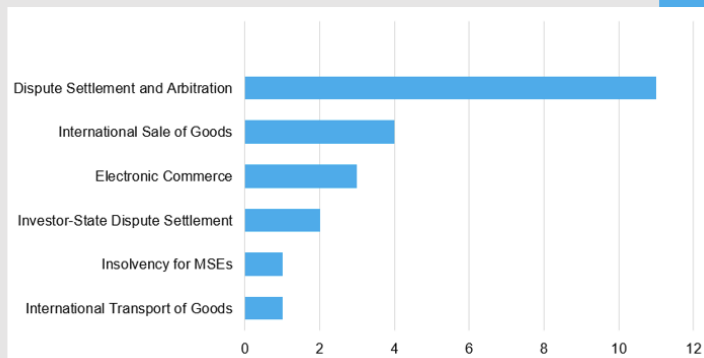
(2) The United Nations Convention on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration (Mauritius Convention on Transparency) is an instrument by which Parties to investment treaties concluded before 1 April 2014 express their consent to apply the Rules on Transparency.

(3) The Transparency Registry is where the information to be made freely available to the public under the Rules on Transparency is published, a function undertaken by the Secretary-General of the United Nations through the UNCITRAL Secretariat.

<sup>4</sup> For more information of the online courses and the internship programme, see pp.15 and 16 below respectively.



## Main Subject Areas of the 2024 AP Days



### -Highlights of Top 3 Subject Areas-

#### 01. Dispute Settlement and Arbitration

Overview of UNCITRAL arbitration and mediation frameworks, including the transparency standards.

#### 02. International Sale of Goods

Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) and the Limitation Convention.

#### 03. Electronic Commerce

Overview of UNCITRAL e-commerce texts, Taxonomy of legal issues related to the Digital Economy.

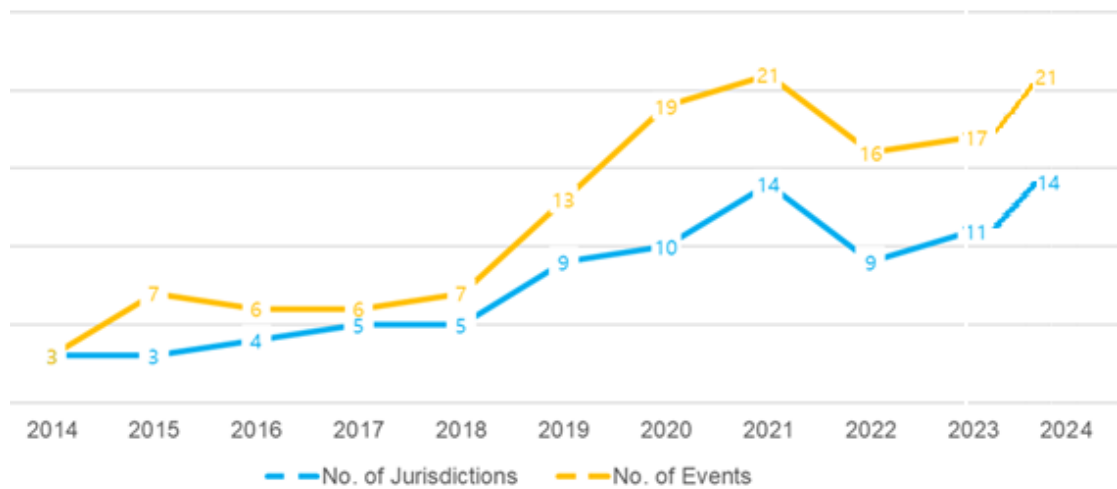
*\*More than one subject area is usually covered in any given event.*

### Level of participation

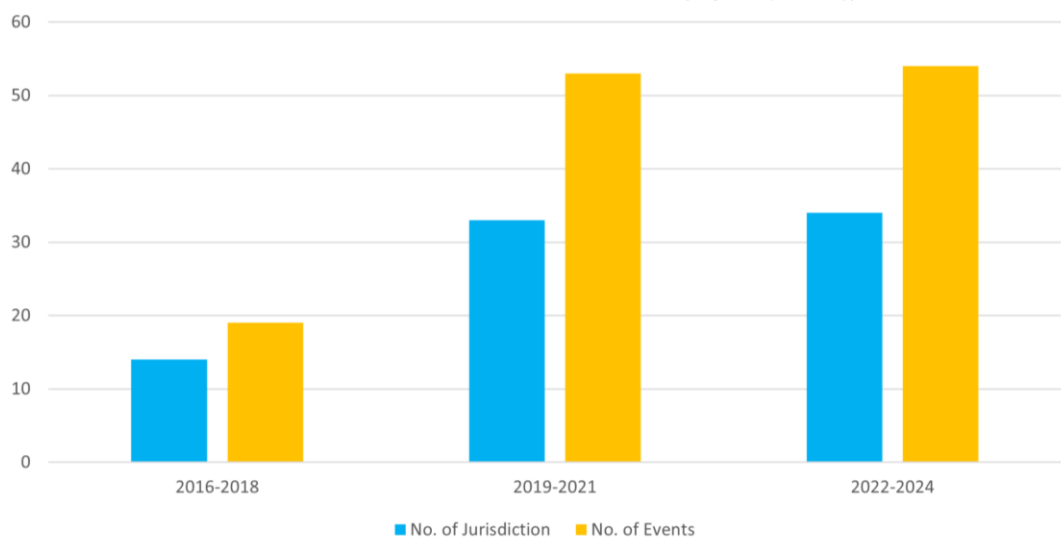
9. The AP Days 2024 series spanned a total of 21 events across 14 jurisdictions in the Asia-Pacific region, which observed an increase in both the numbers of events and co-hosting jurisdictions from the 2023 series.

10. As shown in the graphs below, since the launch of the AP Days in 2014, there has been an upward trend in both the numbers of events and co-hosting jurisdictions. With the resumption of in-person participation, the numbers of events and co-hosting jurisdictions still remained strong in the three-year period since 2022.

Number of Events and Jurisdictions

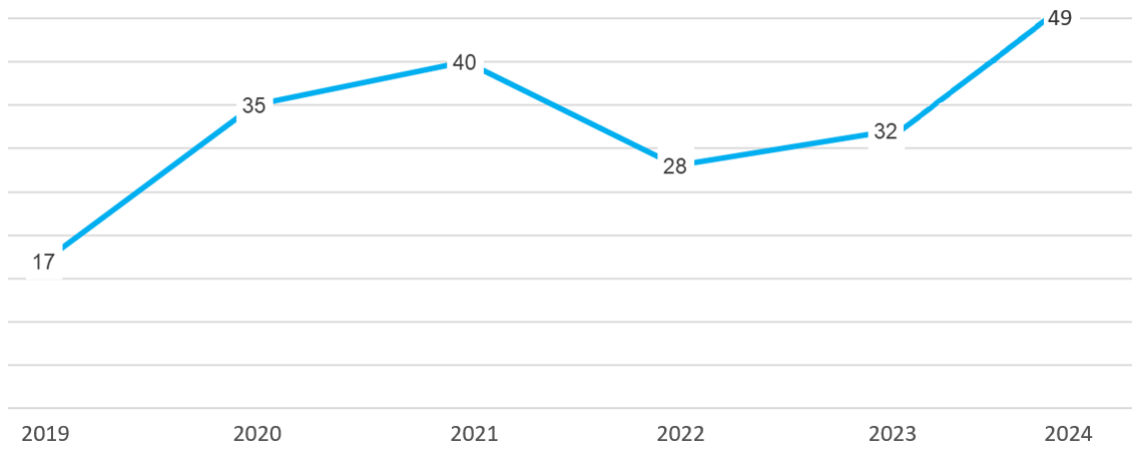


Number of Events and Jurisdictions (3-year period))

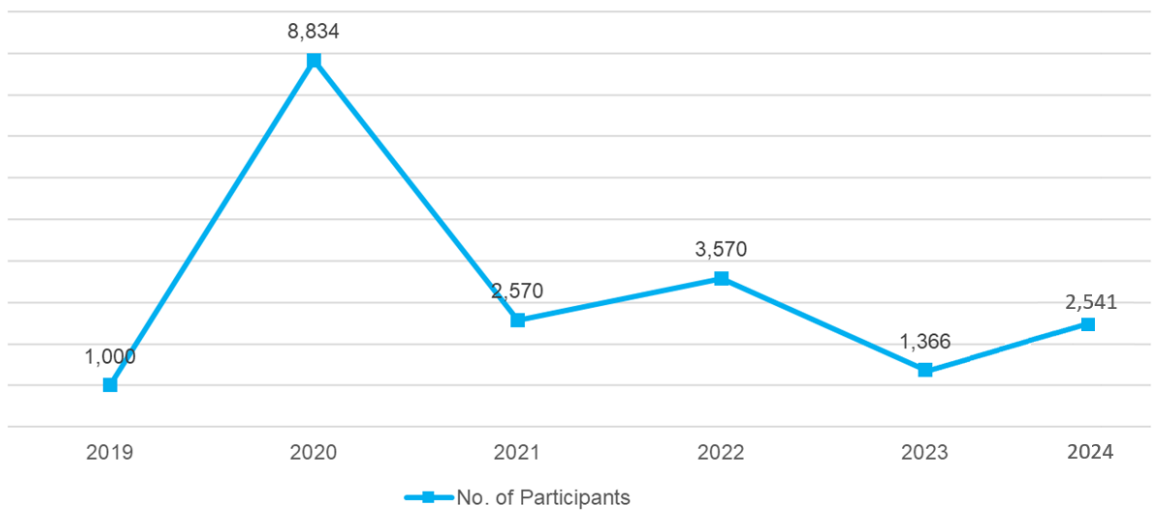


11. Turning to a year-on-year comparison, the number of partnering institutions increased from 32 in the 2023 series to 49 in the 2024 series. There was also a marked increase in the cumulative size of the audience, from 1,366 to 2,541. Overall outreach continues to be greater than the pre-pandemic period, with online participants joining from the Asia-Pacific region and beyond as detailed in paragraph 13 below.

Number of Partnering Institutions



Number of AP Days Participants (approx.)





## Co-hosting jurisdictions

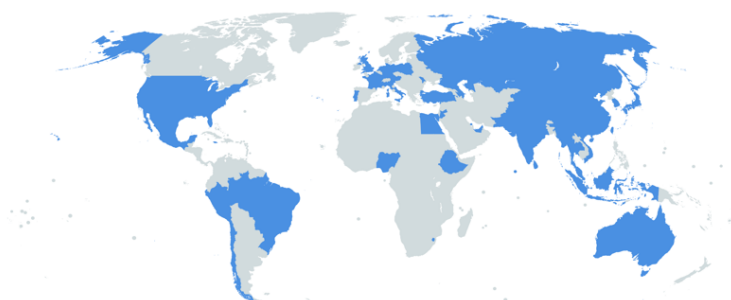
12. The 14 jurisdictions which co-hosted the AP Days 2024 series were: Australia, Azerbaijan, China (including Hong Kong and Macao), India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Maldives, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam; among these Azerbaijan, Mongolia and Kazakhstan were new jurisdictions hosting its inaugural AP Days event, all the more impactful as all three are landlocked developing countries (LLDCs).

Number of Events per Jurisdiction					
China	Republic of Korea	India	Azerbaijan	Indonesia	Kazakhstan
			1	1	1
Mainland 3		2	Maldives	Russian Federation	Sri Lanka
		Australia	1		
			Mongolia	1	1
Hong Kong 1	Macao 1	1	1	Viet Nam	
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## Participation, audience diversity and gender parity

13. Audience composition continued to be diverse. The AP Days 2024 events reached a global audience from 44 jurisdictions as shown in the map below, among which 11 were least developed countries (LDCs), LLDCs and small island developing states (SIDSs) (LDCs: Ethiopia, Myanmar and Nepal; LLDCs: Azerbaijan, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Nepal and Republic of Moldova; SIDSs: Jamaica, Maldives and Singapore).

## Jurisdictions of participants



- Azerbaijan
- Austria
- Australia
- Bahrain
- Brazil
- Chile
- China
- Egypt
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- France
- Germany
- Hong Kong, China
- India
- Indonesia
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Malaysia
- Macao, China
- Maldives
- Mexico
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Poland
- Portugal
- Republic of Korea
- Republic of Moldova
- Russian Federation
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Türkiye
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- United States of America
- Viet Nam

\*The boundaries and names shown on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations

14. The composition of speakers was similarly diverse. In addition to experts from co-hosting jurisdictions, the AP Days 2024 series engaged speakers based in Austria, France, Italy, Singapore, Thailand and Türkiye, adding international perspectives to the discussions.

## Speaker Representation



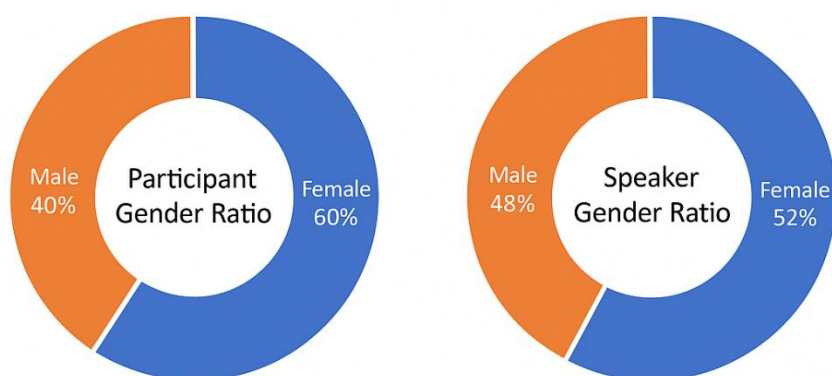
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- Italy
- Kazakhstan
- Macao, China
- Maldives
- Mongolia
- Republic of Korea
- Russian Federation
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Türkiye
- Viet Nam

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\* Based on the jurisdiction of the speakers' institutions.

15. Based on available information from the co-organizers, gender parity is demonstrated in participants and speakers, with close to 60% of the participants and around 52% of speakers being women.

Gender Parity of 2024 AP Days Events

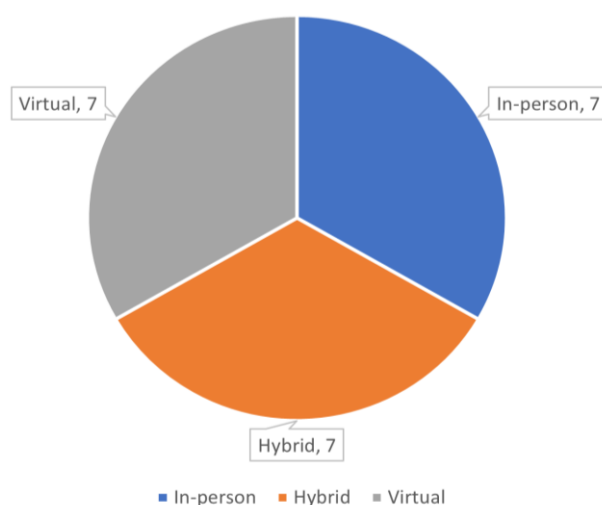


*\*Based on information provided by co-organizers where gender breakdown was available.*

### **Regional accessibility, multilingualism, deliverables and formats**

16. As with previous editions, the format of the AP Days 2024 events ranged from closed in-class lectures to full-day public international conferences. In addition to the in-person format, the events also adopted a hybrid format, with UNCITRAL staff joining remotely while students and other stakeholders joined in-person. Some of the events were virtual format only.

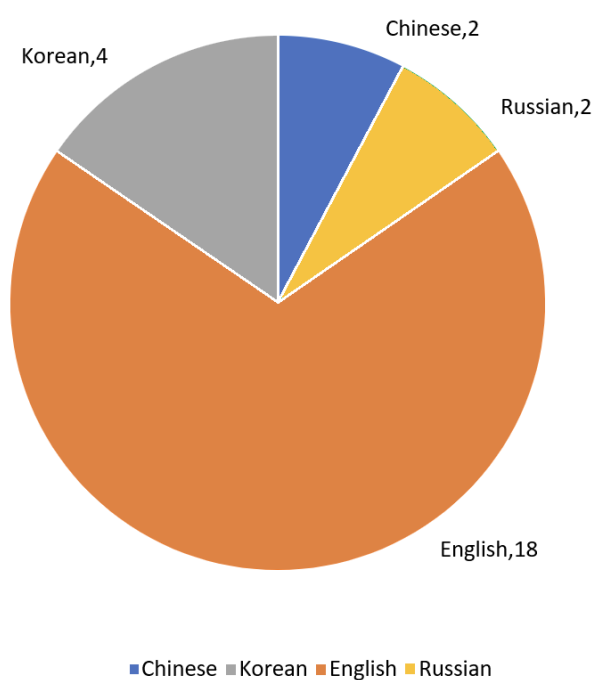
Mode of Event



17. UNCITRAL RCAP supported all the AP Days events. Colleagues from the UNCITRAL Secretariat (Vienna), including the Secretary of UNCITRAL, joined some events. Technical presentations on topics such as the CISG, investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS) and Insolvency continued to take the form of live remote presentations or, where live presentations were not possible, UNCITRAL RCAP provided tailor-made video remarks.

18. To enhance regional accessibility and multilingualism, UNCITRAL RCAP officers and participating experts delivered presentations in multiple United Nations official languages, particularly Chinese, English and Russian, as well as regional languages including Korean. More than one language was used in five events.

Multilinguism of the AP Day Events



*\*Based on information available from the co-organizers.*

*\*\* More than one language was used in five events.*

## Partnering institutions

19. UNCITRAL RCAP is grateful for the support it has received from all AP Days 2024 partnering institutions, which in addition to universities and higher education institutions included arbitral and mediation institutions, professional bodies and government departments. In particular, UNCITRAL RCAP welcomes the following new institutional collaborators:

- Adilet Law School of the Caspian University
- Baku State University
- Centre for Asian and Pacific Law (CAPLUS) at the University of Sydney Law School
- Centre for WTO & WIPO Studies, School of Law & Technology, Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU)
- Fudan University
- Maqsut Narikbayev University (MNU)
- Moot Alumni Association (MAA)
- National University of Mongolia School of Law
- Sydney Centre for International Law (SCIL)
- The Institute of Legal Studies, Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)
- UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for Australia (UNCCA)

20. The full list of partnering institutions in the AP Days 2024 series is as follows (listed in chronological order by the date of event, along with the title of event):

Jurisdiction	Partnering Institution(s)	Date of Event
<b>1. <i>The AI Advantage: Challenges and Opportunities for International Arbitrations</i></b>		
China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East China University of Political Science and Law</li> <li>• Fudan University</li> <li>• Shanghai University of Political Science and Law</li> <li>• Moot Alumni Association</li> <li>• Shanghai Arbitration Commission</li> </ul>	05 March 2024
<b>2. <i>ADR and the CISG: Sri Lanka's Gateway to Global Trade</i></b>		
Sri Lanka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology</li> <li>• Horizon Campus</li> <li>• Sri Lanka Law College</li> <li>• University of Colombo, Faculty of Law</li> <li>• The Moot Court Bench, Sri Lanka</li> </ul>	03 September 2024
<b>3. <i>Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Limitation Convention – Practical Benefits</i></b>		

<b>from a Korean Perspective –</b>		
Republic of Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Institute of Legal Studies, Sungkyunkwan University</li> </ul>	11 September 2024
<b>4. Introduction to the work of UNCITRAL and RCAP, Application of UNCITRAL Texts from Practical Perspective</b>		
Republic of Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hanyang University School of Law</li> </ul>	20 September 2024
<b>5. International Conference on Negotiable Cargo Documents</b>		
China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>China University of Political Science and Law</li> </ul>	23-24 September 2024
<b>6. Corporate Insolvency including Cross-Border Insolvency</b>		
India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at National Law University, Delhi</li> <li>Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India</li> <li>INSOL India</li> <li>Insolvency Law Academy</li> </ul>	27-29 September 2024
<b>7. Introduction to UNCITRAL and RCAP, and E-Commerce Regulations in the US and the EU</b>		
Republic of Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade, Inha University</li> </ul>	08 October 2024
<b>8. Intellectual Property Rights in CISG and Intellectual Property Issues in Artificial Intelligence</b>		
China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law School, Beijing Normal University</li> </ul>	29 October 2024
<b>9. Navigating Transparency and Confidentiality in International Arbitration</b>		
Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centre for Asian and Pacific Law at the University of Sydney, Sydney Law School</li> <li>Sydney Centre for International Law</li> <li>UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for Australia</li> </ul>	31 October 2024
<b>10. Transparency in International Arbitration</b>		
Hong Kong SAR, China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong</li> <li>Hong Kong Mediation Centre</li> <li>International Dispute Resolution &amp; Risk Management Institute</li> </ul>	06 November 2024
<b>11. Introduction to the work of UNCITRAL and RCAP, Transparency Standards, and the Singapore Convention on Mediation</b>		
Republic of Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University School of Law</li> </ul>	07 November 2024
<b>12. The Harmonization of International Trade Norms and SW Copyright, IP and Cybersecurity Policies</b>		
Republic of Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chung-Ang University</li> <li>Sungshin Women's University</li> </ul>	18 November 2024
<b>13. Transparency in International Investment Agreements: Evolution and UNCITRAL's Role</b>		
Maldives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maldives National University</li> <li>Maldives Moot Court Society</li> <li>Villa College</li> </ul>	23 November 2024

<b>14. Trade Law Harmonization in an Era of Generative AI: Revisiting UNCITRAL Legal Standards on Uniform Sales Law, e-Commerce, Dispute Settlements, and Insolvency</b>		
Macao SAR, China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Macau</li> <li>China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission Hong Kong Arbitration Center</li> <li>eBRAM</li> <li>Shanghai Arbitration Commission</li> <li>Shenzhen Court International Arbitration</li> <li>World Trade Center Macau</li> <li>Zhuhai Court of International Arbitration</li> </ul>	27 November 2024
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Russian Federation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University</li> </ul>	29 November 2024
<b>16. International Symposium on Global Trade Dynamics: Digital Economy &amp; the Rule of Law</b>		
India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centre for WTO &amp; WIPO Studies, School of Law &amp; Technology, Hidayatullah National Law University</li> </ul>	06 December 2024
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Kazakhstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caspian University</li> <li>Maqsut Narikbayev University</li> </ul>	12 December 2024
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Mongolia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School of Law, National University of Mongolia</li> </ul>	18 December 2024
<b>20. UNCITRAL's Model Law &amp; Instruments</b>		
Viet Nam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ho Chi Minh City University of Law</li> <li>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam</li> <li>Vietnam International Arbitration Centre</li> </ul>	20 December 2024
<b>21. Transparency in International Arbitration: UN Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration and Arbitration Rules</b>		
Azerbaijan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baku State University</li> </ul>	21 December 2024



## Supporting progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals



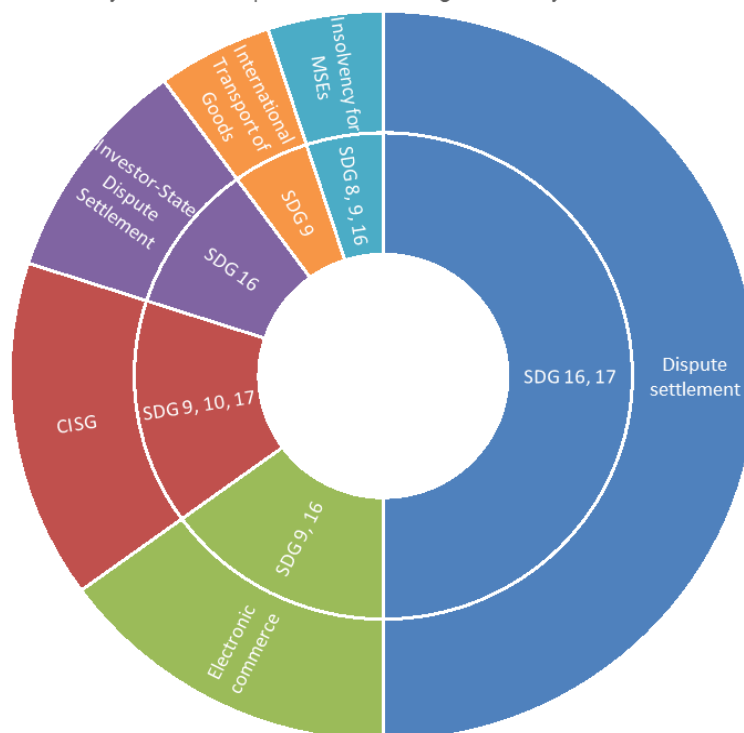
21. The AP Days 2024 events highlighted UNCITRAL's role in harmonizing international trade law and facilitating international trade and investment, attracting diverse participation from experts and audiences. In doing so, these events advanced UNCITRAL's support for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across multiple areas:<sup>5</sup>

- Goal 8 : *Promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all;*
- Goal 9 : *Building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and fostering innovation;*
- Goal 10 : *Reducing inequality within and among countries;*
- Goal 16 : *Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and*
- Goal 17 : *Strengthening the means of implementation and revitalizing the global partnership for sustainable development.*

22. In particular, different subject areas of UNCITRAL's texts explored in the AP Days 2024 series are relevant to the following SDGs:

<sup>5</sup> For more information on UNCITRAL's contributions to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (generally and with reference to specific subject-areas), please visit the UNCITRAL website at <https://uncitral.un.org/en>.


Comprehensive breakdown of key UNCITRAL topics discussed during the AP Day 2024 series and their contribution to SDGs



## UNCITRAL online courses

23. The AP Days 2024 events introduced participants to UNCITRAL's online courses.<sup>6</sup> These free interactive and self-paced courses provide an overview of UNCITRAL and its texts to all interested. An electronic certificate is downloadable from the platform for users upon completion of the courses.

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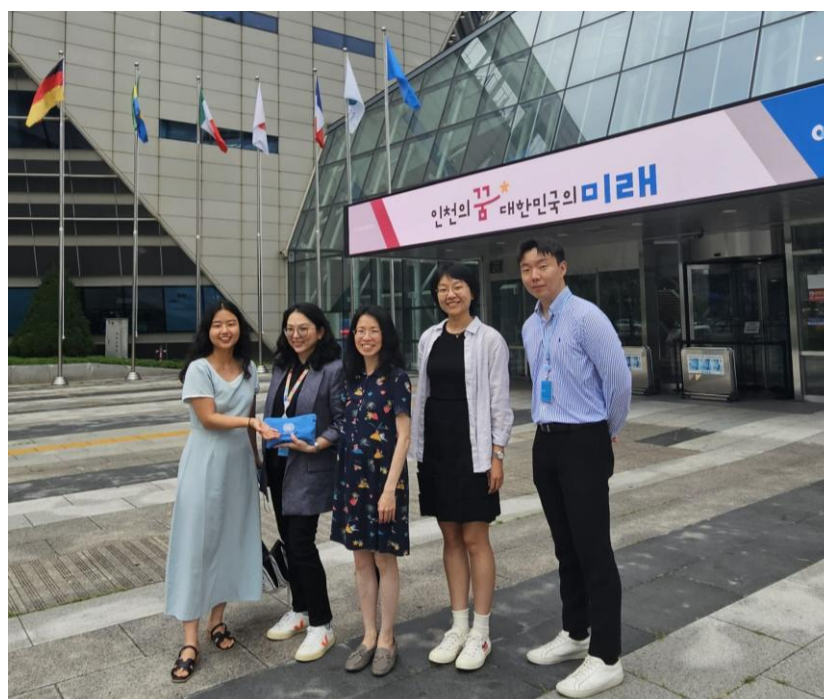
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<sup>6</sup> At the time of publication of this report, they comprise “*Introduction to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law*,” “*UNCITRAL Texts on Public Procurement and Public-Private Partnerships*,” “*Introduction to UNCITRAL Insolvency Texts*,” “*UNCITRAL Mediation Framework*” and “*UNCITRAL International Commercial Arbitration*” (available in Chinese, English and some also in Russian), accessible via UNCITRAL's official webpage at: <https://uncitral.un.org/en/onlinecourses>. More courses are forthcoming as resources allow.

## UNCITRAL RCAP Internship

24. Another theme highlighted throughout the AP Days 2024 series was the UNCITRAL RCAP Internship Programme. Anchored from the UNCITRAL RCAP office in Incheon, Republic of Korea, interns improve their knowledge of international trade law principles by gaining first-hand experience about the work of UNCITRAL, the principal areas in which UNCITRAL operates, and the activities of the UNCITRAL secretariat, including technical assistance to trade law reform. UNCITRAL RCAP interns work under the direct supervision of UNCITRAL RCAP professional staff. The positions are for a duration of two to six months. The internship may be undertaken remotely, in-person or in hybrid mode at the UNCITRAL RCAP office.<sup>7</sup>



<sup>7</sup> For general information on the United Nations Internship Programme, please visit: <https://careers.un.org/lbw/home.aspx?viewtype=ip>.

## **Concluding remarks**

25. It is hoped that, through the AP Days 2024, more students, academics, legal practitioners, policy makers and other stakeholders acquired deeper understanding of how legal harmonization facilitates international trade and investment, and the key role of UNCITRAL instruments and their uniform interpretation in that respect. In addition, as expressed by a partnering institution, the AP Days were useful for participants to observe the role that UNCITRAL RCAP plays in promoting the work and visibility of UNCITRAL in the Asia-Pacific region, engaging in coordination activities with international and regional organizations implementing trade law reform projects in the region, and providing training, research and internship opportunities.

26. UNCITRAL RCAP is grateful for the continuing enthusiasm for, and generous support of, the UNCITRAL AP Days from partnering universities and institutions across the Asia-Pacific region. It is hoped that the 2025 series will be equally well received and that co-organizing institutions continue to utilize technology to enhance the accessibility and outreach of the AP Days, engaging participants and speakers from diverse backgrounds and geographical locations. For institutions interested in co-organizing an AP Days activity, please fill in the expression of interest form or contact UNCITRAL RCAP to explore collaboration opportunities at:

### **Expression of interest form:**

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*About UNCITRAL RCAP:* Established in 2012, the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific is UNCITRAL's only regional centre and is located in Incheon, Republic of Korea. UNCITRAL RCAP provides technical assistance and capacity-building programming in UNCITRAL's key areas of work to approximately 60 jurisdictions in Asia and the Pacific.



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**East China University of Political Science and Law;  
Fudan University;  
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Moot Alumni Association; and  
Shanghai Arbitration Commission  
(Shanghai, China, 5 March 2024)**

On 5 March 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, Fudan University, East China University of Political Science and Law, Moot Alumni Association and Shanghai Arbitration Commission with the topic “The AI Advantage: Challenges and Opportunities for International Arbitrations”. The event was held in-person. There were 72 participants (with 51 female and 21 male).

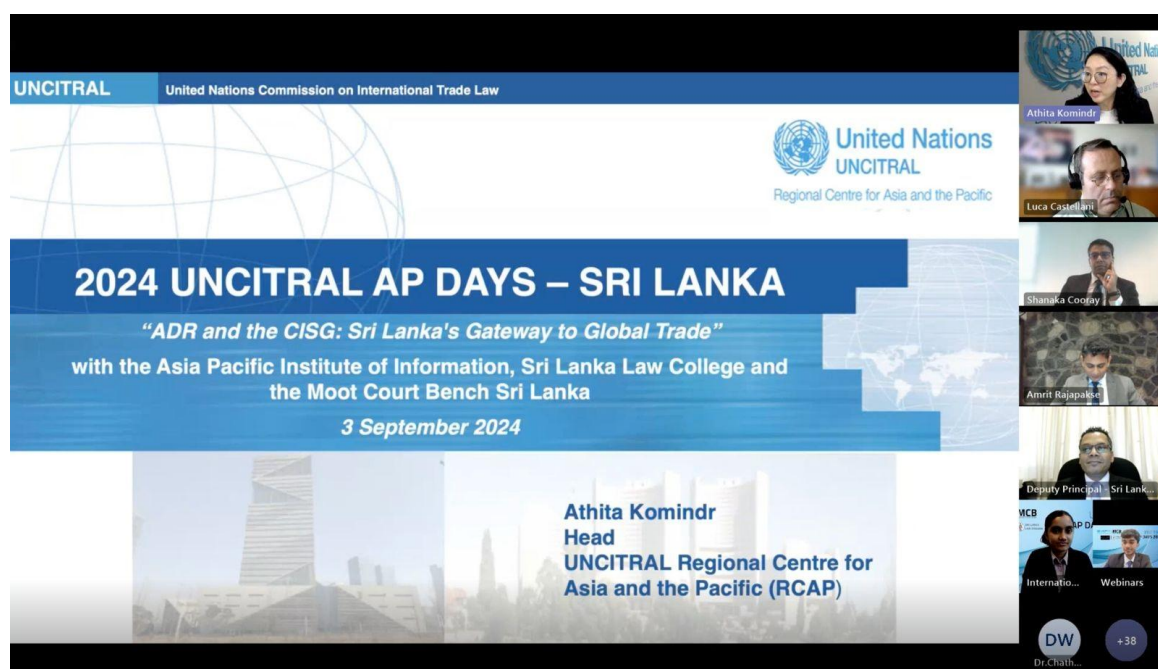
UNCITRAL RCAP provided a presentation introducing an overview of UNCITRAL and RCAP, the stocktaking project on dispute resolution in the digital economy (DRDE), UNCITRAL texts on electronic commerce, Taxonomy of Legal Issues related to the Digital Economy and UNCITRAL e-modules and internship programme. A legal officer from UNCITRAL secretariat also provided a presentation on UNCITRAL transparency standards.



**Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology;  
Horizon Campus;  
Sri Lanka Law College;  
Faculty of Law, University of Colombo; and  
The Moot Court Bench, Sri Lanka  
(Colombo, 3 September 2024)**

On 3 September 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with the Moot Court Bench, Sri Lanka Law College, and Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology in the form of the Webinar on “Alternative Dispute Resolution and the CISG: Sri Lanka’s Gateway to Global Trade”. The event was held online.

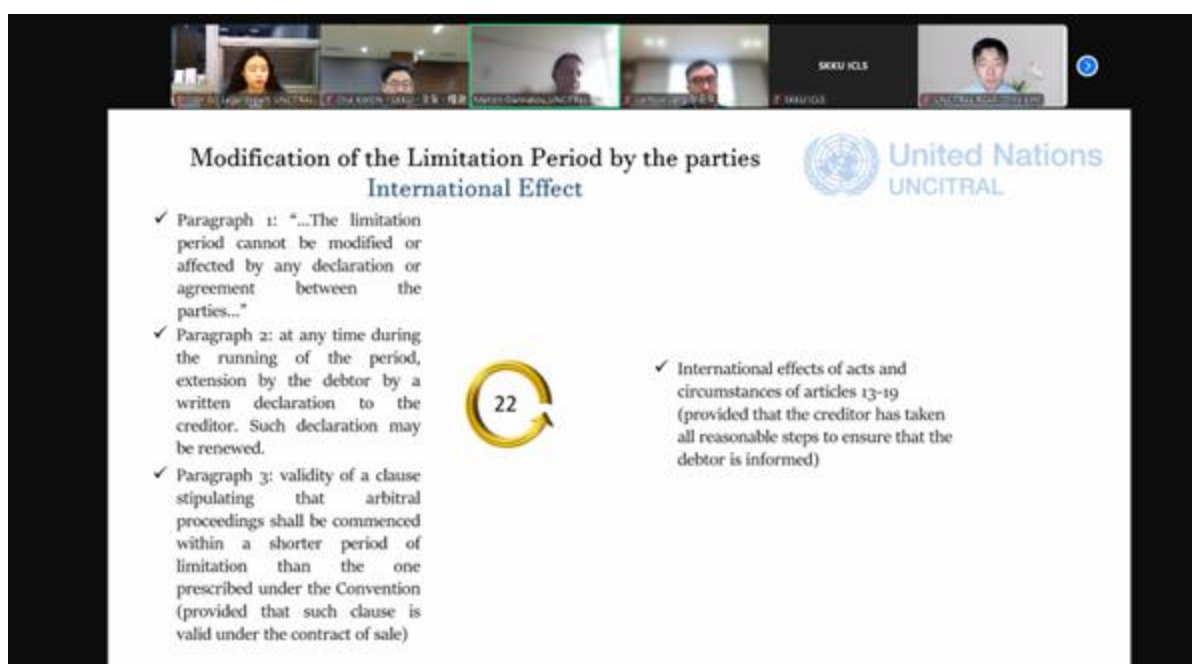
UNCITRAL RCAP provided a presentation introducing an overview of UNCITRAL and RCAP, the contribution of CISG to the harmonization and modernization of international trade law, and UNCITRAL e-modules and internship programme. A legal officer from the UNCITRAL secretariat presented on the Limitation Convention, the role of CISG in addressing divergences in national codes and laws towards unification of international trade law, its significance as an enabling treaty to serve flexibility and predictability, and its applicable requirements.



## The Institute of Legal Studies, Sungkyunkwan University (Seoul, 11 September 2024)

On 11 September 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU) in the form of a seminar on the Limitation Convention from the perspective of the Republic of Korea. The event was held online.

UNCITRAL RCAP provided an overview of UNCITRAL and RCAP, highlighting key legal texts and activities in the Asia-Pacific region, including its internship program. The presentation gave a detailed overview of the Limitation Convention, explaining its purpose, key provisions, and the 1980 amendments to align it with other international conventions, in particular the CISG. The session discussed the current status of the Limitation Convention and UNCITRAL's work on a digest of case law related to the Convention. The seminar also discussed the practical benefits of the Republic of Korea joining the Limitation Convention, comparing it to the Republic of Korea law and the CISG.



**Modification of the Limitation Period by the parties**  
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- ✓ Paragraph 1: "...The limitation period cannot be modified or affected by any declaration or agreement between the parties..."
- ✓ Paragraph 2: at any time during the running of the period, extension by the debtor by a written declaration to the creditor. Such declaration may be renewed.
- ✓ Paragraph 3: validity of a clause stipulating that arbitral proceedings shall be commenced within a shorter period of limitation than the one prescribed under the Convention (provided that such clause is valid under the contract of sale)

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✓ International effects of acts and circumstances of articles 13-19 (provided that the creditor has taken all reasonable steps to ensure that the debtor is informed)



## Hanyang University School of Law (Seoul, 20 September 2024)

On 20 September 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with the Hanyang University School of Law in the form of an in-person seminar, themed “Introduction to the work of UNCITRAL and RCAP, including application of UNCITRAL texts from practical perspective.”

UNCITRAL RCAP provided an overview of the work of UNCITRAL and RCAP, including the works of the Commission, its Working Groups and secretariat, summaries of the 2024 Commission report, e-modules, CLOUT system, abstracts of CLOUT cases, triannual CLOUT newsletter and internship opportunities at RCAP. Prosecutor from the International Legal Policy Division of the Korean Ministry of Justice presented on the current work done by the Division to implement the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (Singapore Convention on Mediation), including challenges in the previous years.



## China University of Political Science and Law (Beijing, 23-24 September 2024)

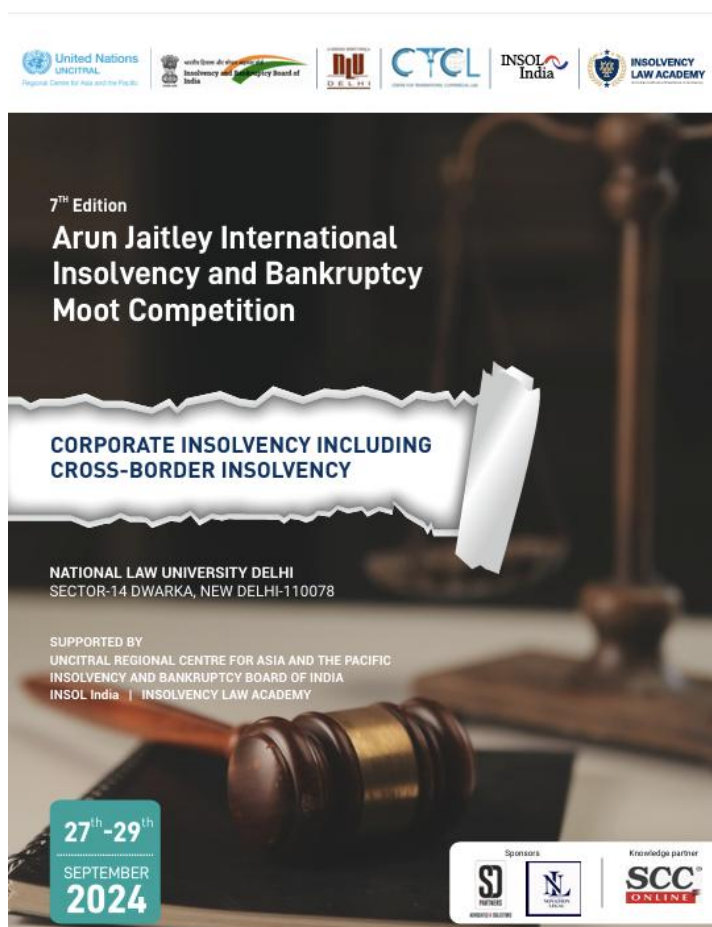
On 23 and 24 September 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with the China University of Political Science and Law in the form of an international conference on the subject of negotiable cargo documents (NCDs). The event was held in a hybrid format. Of the 13 speakers, 7 were female and 6 were male. There were 92 participants, of which 86 attended in person while 6 participated remotely.

UNCITRAL RCAP provided the opening remarks highlighting the role of UNCITRAL in promoting harmonization and modernization of international trade law and the ongoing work of UNCITRAL on NCDs. NCDs were discussed in the context of transport law, legal obstacles and mechanisms of the multimodal transport system, practices with the use of electronic documents and UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records (MLETR).



**Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at National Law University, Delhi;  
Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India;  
INSOL India; and  
Insolvency Law Academy  
(New Delhi, 27-29 September 2024)**

On 27 to 29 September 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP, the Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at The National Law University, Delhi, supported by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), in collaboration with INSOL India and the Insolvency Law Academy, held the 7th Edition of Arun Jaitley International Moot Competition on Insolvency and Bankruptcy, as part of the AP Days 2024 series. UNCITRAL RCAP supported the event with the objective to promote public, private and civil society initiatives to enhance international trade and development through capacity building in the Asia-Pacific. The theme of the competition was “Corporate Insolvency including Cross-Border Insolvency” and highlights the uniform application and interpretation of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross- Border Insolvency.





**Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade,  
Inha University  
(Incheon, Republic of Korea, 8 October 2024)**

On 8 October 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with Inha University online. UNCITRAL RCAP provided an overview of the work of UNCITRAL and RCAP, including the works of the Commission, its Working Groups and secretariat, summaries of the 2024 Commission report, e-modules, CLOUT system, abstracts of CLOUT cases, triannual CLOUT newsletter and internship opportunities at RCAP.

A researcher at the Institute for International Trade at Inha University, delivered a presentation on electronic commerce regulations in the U.S. and the European Union (EU). The event focused on the current state of regulations affecting online commerce and highlighted the differences between the regulatory approaches of the U.S. and the EU. The researcher provided an overview of the Digital Services Act (DSA) in the EU, discussing its implications for online platforms and emphasizing the stricter requirements imposed on large tech companies. In contrast, he examined the U.S. regulatory framework, noting its less stringent nature compared to the EU's approach. Additionally, the researcher addressed the challenges businesses encounter in navigating these varying regulations and discussed the opportunities that compliance can create. The researcher concluded by offering insights into future trends in electronic commerce regulation, stressing the importance for business to remain informed and adaptable to the evolving legal landscape.



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### Law School, Beijing Normal University (Beijing, 29 October 2024)

On 29 October 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with the Beijing Normal University under the themes “Intellectual Property Rights in CISG” and “Intellectual property issues in Artificial Intelligence”. The discussions evolved around the WTO multilateral trading system and TRIPS Agreement. The event also discussed the impact of the European Artificial Intelligence Act and the challenges posed by AI-generated content to intellectual property rights.



**Centre for Asian and Pacific Law at the University of Sydney, the University of Sydney Law School;  
Sydney Centre for International Law; and  
UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for Australia  
(Sydney, Australia, 31 October 2024)**

On 31 October 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with the University of Sydney, Sydney Law School with the theme “Navigating Transparency and Confidentiality in International Arbitration.” The event was held in a hybrid format. There were 63 participants, of which 37 attended in person while 26 participated remotely. Of the 26 remote participants, 16 were female and 10 were male.

UNCITRAL RCAP opened the event, providing an overview of the UNCITRAL arbitration framework and highlighting the growing trend towards transparency in ISDS following the adoption of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. Other speakers discussed the interplay between transparency and confidentiality in commercial arbitration, and transparency considerations in arbitration involving States. The University of Adelaide discussed transparency considerations specific to international contractual arbitration with State entities. Lastly, the University of Sydney concluded by commenting on the four speakers' presentations and making suggestions on the personal privacy protection in international arbitration.





**Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong;  
Hong Kong Mediation Centre; and  
International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute  
(Hong Kong, China, 6 November 2024)**

On 6 November 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP, Hong Kong Mediation Centre, the Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong; and International Dispute Resolution and Risk Management Institute have co-hosted the AP Days event under the theme “Transparency in International Arbitration”. The event focused on the overview of 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.

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The UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Days (“AP 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.

This year is the 11th edition of this flagship series and marks the 10th anniversary of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. UNCITRAL RCAP, Hong Kong Mediation Centre, the Faculty of Law, the University of Hong Kong and International Dispute Resolution and Risk Management Institute reunites and co-organises the AP Days 2024 with the theme “Transparency in International Arbitration”. The presentation will provide an overview of 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.

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in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution,  
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### Seoul National University (Asia-Pacific Law Institute) (Seoul, 7 November 2024)

On 7 November 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with the Asia-Pacific Law Institute in Seoul National University. The in-person seminar introduced students to the work of UNCITRAL and RCAP. The event included an overview of UNCITRAL's initiatives, the Commission's work, Working Groups, and secretariat activities, as well as highlights from the 2024 Commission, e-modules, the CLOUT case law database, summaries of CLOUT cases, the triannual CLOUT newsletter, and internship opportunities at RCAP. The head of UNCITRAL RCAP presented the Transparency Standards, and an official from the Korean Ministry of Justice discussed the current efforts to implement the Singapore Convention on Mediation.

There were 12 participants from 5 different jurisdictions and comprised of 6 male and 6 female attendees. The event concluded with a Q&A session on UNCITRAL's influence on international legal practices and exploring future opportunities for involvement.



### Chung-Ang University; and Sungshin Women's University (Seoul, 18 November 2024)

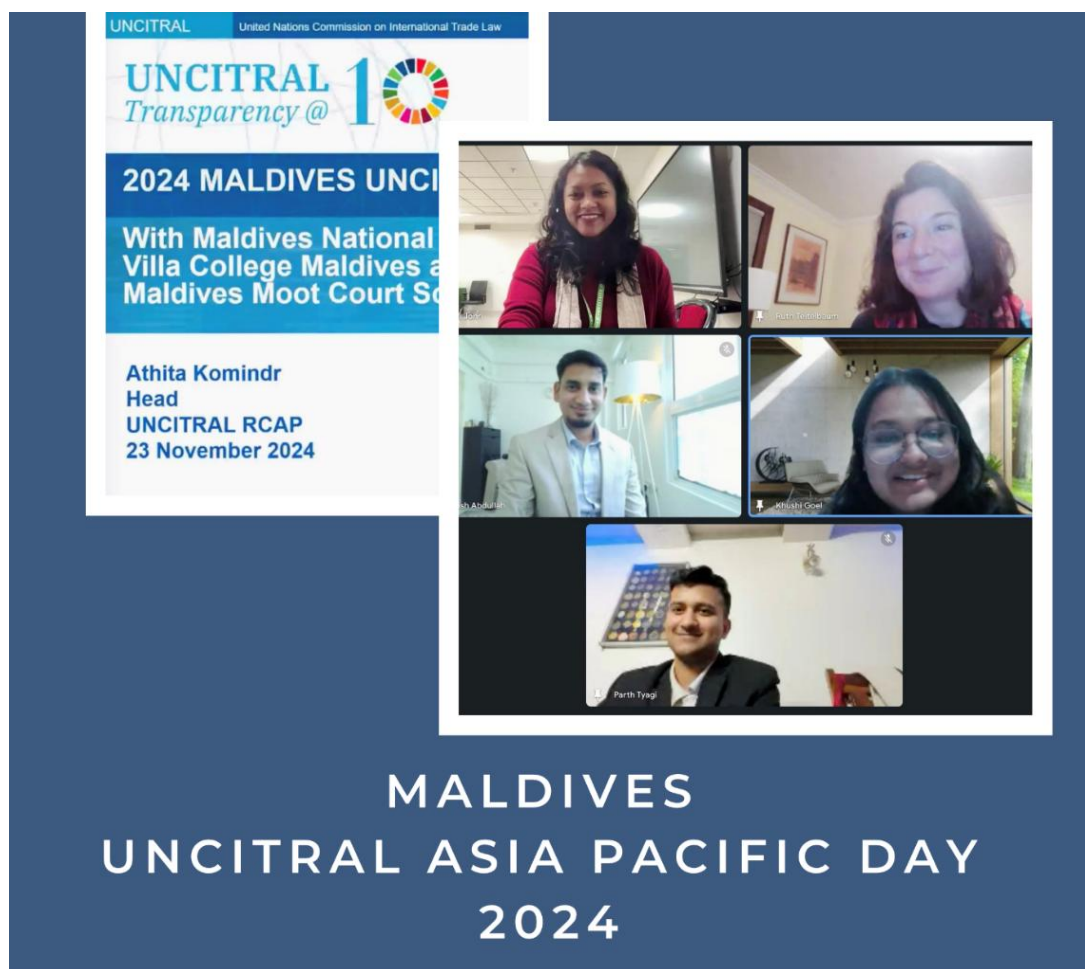
On 18 November 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with Sungshin Women's University and Chung-Ang University in Seoul. The seminar introduced attendees to UNCITRAL's work and RCAP activities, including an overview of UNCITRAL initiatives, internship opportunities, and updates on intellectual property and industrial security strategies. The event also featured presentations on topics such as the Republic of Korea's Copyright policy in the digital trade environment, legislative case studies on the EU AI Act, trends in copyright protection technology, and national strategies for talent development to counter cybersecurity threats. The event concluded with a Q&A session, fostering discussions on copyright, cybersecurity, and future collaboration opportunities. A total of 32 participants attended, comprising 23 females and 9 males.





**Maldives National University;  
Maldives Moot Court Society; and  
Villa College  
(Malé, 23 November 2024)**

On 23 November 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP, Maldives National University, Maldives Moot Court Society, and Villa College has co-hosted the AP Days event under the theme “Transparency in International Investment Agreements: Evolution and UNCITRAL’s Role”. The event delved into the development of transparency norms, key components of transparency in international investment agreements, and the challenges and criticisms faced. It also highlighted UNCITRAL’s significant contributions, particularly through the UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration.





**University of Macau;  
China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission Hong Kong  
Arbitration Center;  
eBRAM;  
Shanghai Arbitration Commission;  
Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration;  
World Trade Center Macau; and  
Zhuhai Court of International Arbitration  
(Macao, China, 27 November 2024)**

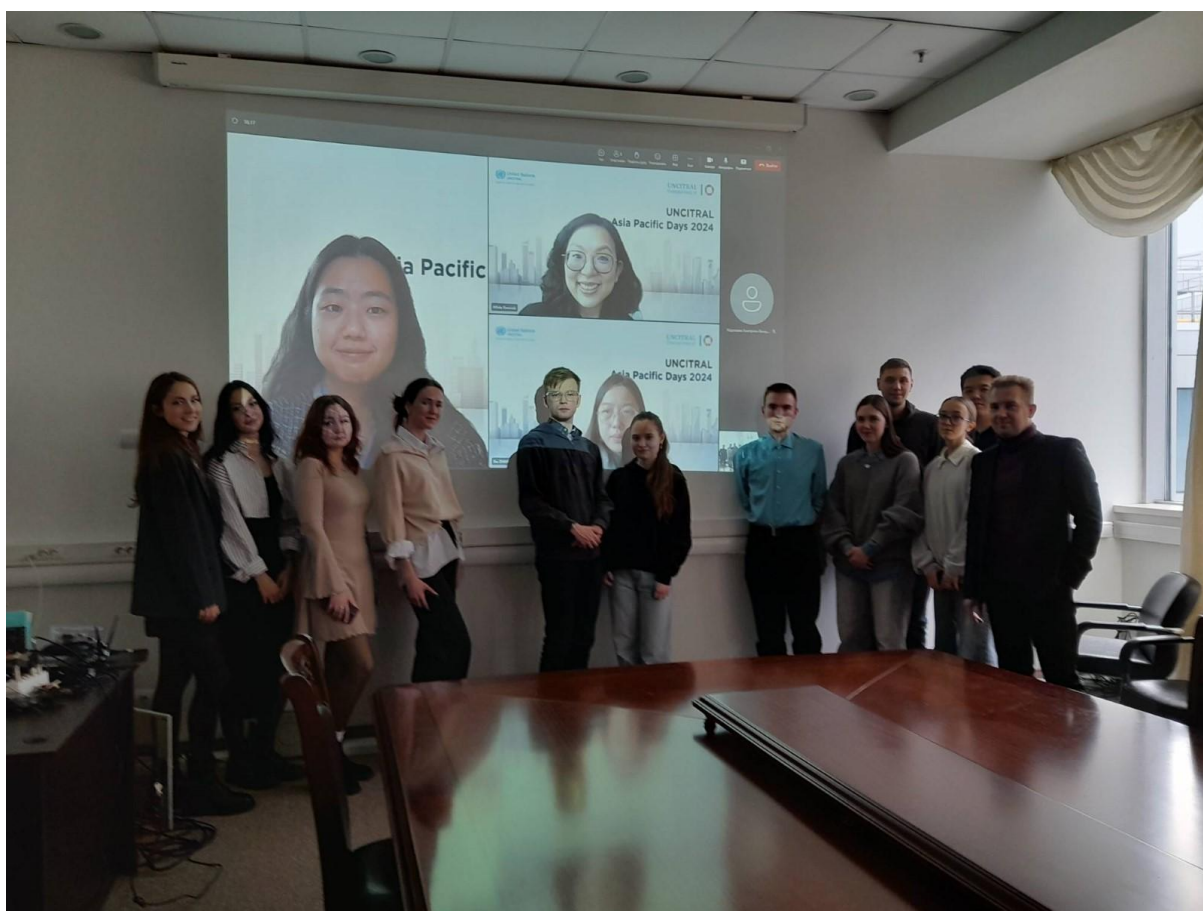
On 27 November 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP and University of Macau co-hosted a joint conference titled “Trade Law Harmonization in an Era of Generative AI: Revisiting UNCITRAL Legal Standards on Uniform Sales Law, e-Commerce, Dispute Settlement, and Insolvency”. The event was conducted in hybrid mode, with various sessions covering a broad range of topics including artificial intelligence (AI), CISG, climate change and governance, digital trade, dispute settlement, electronic commerce, LawTech, insolvency, international arbitration, ISDS, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), Transparency Standards and UN SDGs.



**School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University  
(Vladivostok, Russian Federation, 29 November 2024)**

On 29 November 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU). The hybrid seminar introduced students to UNCITRAL's work and RCAP activities, including an overview of UNCITRAL initiatives, internship opportunities, and updates on international arbitration and mediation.

The head of UNCITRAL RCAP presented on the Transparency Standards and Russia's contributions to UNCITRAL. The legal expert of UNCITRAL RCAP also provided an overview of the CLOUT case law database, e-learning modules and internship opportunities at RCAP. Additionally, the FEFU discussed the international commercial arbitration in the Russian process. There were 15 participants from Russia, comprised of 6 male and 9 female attendees.



**Centre for WTO & WIPO Studies, School of Law & Technology, Hidayatullah  
National Law University  
(Raipur, India, 6 December 2024)**

On 6 December 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the inaugural AP Days event with Hidayatullah National Law University in Raipur. The symposium aimed to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and explore strategies to strengthen legal infrastructure for digital transformation in the Asia-Pacific region.

The head of UNCITRAL RCAP highlighted UNCITRAL's efforts in developing harmonized legal frameworks for the digital economy, emphasizing key principles and ongoing projects to support global legal consistency. The legal officer of the UNCITRAL secretariat discussed UNCITRAL's work in digital trade law development, emphasizing its role in harmonizing and modernizing international trade law. A total of 425 participants attended, comprising 225 females and 200 males.



**Caspian University; and Maqsut Narikbayev University  
(Almaty, Kazakhstan, 12 December 2024)**

On 12 December 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the inaugural the AP Days webinar, “UNCITRAL: Legislation and Experience of Kazakhstan” with the Caspian University in a hybrid format. The webinar aimed to foster dialogue between UNCITRAL and scholars and students in Kazakhstan about the use of the UNCITRAL framework in Kazakhstan.

The head of UNCITRAL RCAP introduced the mandate of UNCITRAL in the modernization and harmonization of international trade law. A legal officer from the UNCITRAL secretariat introduced CISG, its historical background, practical importance, and key provisions.

The screenshot displays a webinar interface. The main content area shows a presentation slide titled "UNCITRAL Transparency Standards". The slide includes the following elements:

- Logos for UNCITRAL, United Nations Convention on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration, and various donor organizations (European Union, OPEC FUND, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Office for Women's Empowerment and Development).
- A list of standards: Rules on Transparency, Mauritius Convention, and Transparency Registry.
- A URL: <https://www.uncitral.org/transparency-registry/registry/index.jspx>
- Links for Russian and English versions of the standards.
- A note: "Operation of the Registry made possible thanks to the support of our DONORS".

On the right side of the screen, there is a video call interface showing four participants: a woman, a man, a woman, and a man. The top right corner of the interface shows the text "ПАРТНЕР" and "UNCITRAL AP Days 2024".



**Transnational Business Law Department, Faculty of Law of Padjadjaran University**  
**(Bandung, Indonesia, 17 December 2024)**

On 17 December 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP and Padjadjaran University co-hosted Indonesia's 2024 AP Days webinar, "Transparency in International Investment Agreements and Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)".

The Secretary of UNCITRAL delivered co-opening remarks. The head of UNCITRAL RCAP introduced UNCITRAL's work, and the Transparency Standards, as well as the UNCITRAL case law database, online learning modules, and RCAP internship program. The Director of Legal and Economic Treaty of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia presented on transparency in ISDS.

The screenshot shows a Zoom mobile app interface. At the top, the status bar indicates 'Safari 16:25 Tue 17 Dec' and 'Zoom' is the active app. The top navigation bar includes icons for Unmute, Start video, Share content, Participants (54), More (2), and a red 'Leave' button. Below the navigation bar, a 'REC' indicator is visible. The main content area displays a slide titled 'The Transparency Rules'. The slide features a blue box on the left with the text 'UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency in Treaty-based investor-State Arbitration'. To the right of this box, three light blue horizontal bars contain the following information: 'Came into effect: 1 April 2014' (with a calendar icon), 'UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules: New Art. 1(4)' (with a circular arrow icon), and 'A set of stand-alone procedural rules' (with a document icon). Below these bars, a URL is provided: 'English: <https://uncitral.un.org/en/texts/arbitration/contractualtexts/transparency>'. At the bottom of the slide, the UNCITRAL logo and 'United Nations Commission on International Trade Law' are displayed. In the bottom right corner, a small video feed shows a woman speaking, with the caption 'UNCITRAL RCAP\_Athita Komindr'. The bottom status bar of the Zoom app shows 'UNCITRAL RCAP\_Athita Komindr's screen'.

**School of Law, National University of Mongolia  
(Ulaanbaatar, 18 December 2024)**

On 18 December 2024, Mongolia's inaugural UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Days event in the form of a webinar was co-organized by the National University of Mongolia School of Law and UNCITRAL RCAP.

Themed "UNCITRAL Arbitration and Transparency: Asian Perspectives", the webinar featured discussions of the UNCITRAL arbitration framework and transparency standards, Mongolia's prospects as a seat for international arbitration, and transparency in arbitration from an Asian perspective.





## Ho Chi Minh City University of Law; Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam; and Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, 20 December 2024)

On 20 December 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized an AP Days event with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, Vietnam International Arbitration Centre and Ho Chi Minh City University of Law. Themed “UNCITRAL’s Model Law & Instruments”, the webinar brought 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.

UNCITRAL RCAP delivered a keynote address on the UNCITRAL arbitration framework, focusing on the Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration (session 1), and UNCITRAL Senior Legal Officer Jae Sung Lee joined the panel discussions on Vietnam’s consideration of the Model Law (session 2) and provided an overview of UNCITRAL work on ISDS reform (session 3).

**2024 UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day in Viet Nam**  
UNCITRAL'S MODEL LAW AND INSTRUMENTS

**1:30 PM - 4:00 PM**  
20 Dec 2024 (Friday)

**Virtual event**  
on Zoom Platform

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This webinar is open to all & free to attend with registration

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**Baku State University  
(Baku, 21 December 2024)**

On 21 December 2024, UNCITRAL RCAP co-organized the AP Days event with Baku State University. Themed “Transparency in International Arbitration: UN Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration and Arbitration Rules”, the presentations in the event focused on Transparency in International Arbitration.

The head of UNCITRAL RCAP delivered a presentation under the title of “Transparency in International Arbitration at Large: The UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration (1985), with Amendments (2006), and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules”. During the event, pertinent issues such as the role of transparency in arbitration in ensuring fairness and credibility, principles and significance of the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration (MAL), provisions related to procedural transparency and practical challenges in implementing transparency were explored.



## Annex II

### Acknowledgements from Partnering Institutions and Participants

Below are some extracted testimonials from the UNCITRAL AP Days 2024 series partnering institutions and participants (organized in alphabetical order by partnering institutions) discussing the benefits to students and stakeholders:

*"The AP Days 2024 Webinar, 'Alternative Dispute Resolution and the CISG: Sri Lanka's Gateway to Global Trade', held by UNCITRAL RCAP with Moot Court Bench, Sri Lanka Law College, and Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology provided an invaluable opportunity for law students to explore the application and contribution of CISG, with a particular focus on the experience of Sri Lanka. It offered insights into the role of UNCITRAL, the UNCITRAL RCAP, and the practical implications of UNCITRAL norms for students seeking to gain a deeper understanding of the UNCITRAL framework and for UNCITRAL to strengthen the close partnership with the Asia-Pacific region."*

**Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology; Horizon Campus; Sri Lanka Law College; Faculty of Law, University of Colombo; and The Moot Court Bench (Sri Lanka)**

*"We were delighted to collaborate with UNCITRAL RCAP for a training session on 'Transparency in International Arbitration: UN Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration and Arbitration Rules'. This training offered a unique opportunity to delve into the principles of transparency and explore how alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms, particularly UNCITRAL arbitration frameworks, contribute to the harmonization of international commercial law. We are grateful for the chance to engage with experts, expand our knowledge, and foster meaningful discussions among students and professionals. We look forward to future collaborations with UNCITRAL RCAP to further support initiatives that promote the development and harmonization of international legal standards."*

**Baku State University (Azerbaijan)**

*"Kazakhstan actively participates in UNCITRAL initiatives aimed at improving the legal infrastructure to facilitate international trade, as well as harmonizing national legislation with international standards. One of the key areas is the implementation and adaptation of international standards in the field of arbitration and dispute resolution, which helps to strengthen legal stability and trust in the business environment."*

*As a developing country, we need to discuss the issues of harmonization of international commercial law to facilitate business and trade. With this goal in mind, we were pleased to organize an event in cooperation with UNCITRAL RCAP. As a result, an overview of Kazakhstan's arbitration legislation and practice, as well as the mechanism for legal harmonization and alternative dispute resolution (ADR),*

including UNCITRAL texts on arbitration and mediation, were presented.

*It was a great pleasure for us to organize this event, which was attended by various interested participants in a mixed format. We look forward to continuing cooperation with our colleagues from UNCITRAL RCAP!"*

**Caspian University; and Maqсут Narikbayev University (Kazakhstan)**

*"Hidayatullah National Law University Raipur and its Centre for WTO & WIPO Studies, School of Law & Technology co-hosted the Asia Pacific Days 2024 with UNCITRAL RCAP. This international symposium, titled "Global Trade Dynamics: Digital Economy and the Rule of Law," brought together 425 registered participants from 19 countries and 6 jurisdictions.*

*The event delved into the complex interplay between digital trade, data protection, and international trade dynamics. It explored legal frameworks to bridge gaps in these areas and highlighted the crucial role of UNCITRAL in shaping policies that foster a fair, secure, and sustainable digital economy. We are proud to have contributed to this important initiative and look forward to continuing our collaboration with UNCITRAL RCAP for Asia Pacific Days 2025."*

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

*"Hosting the AP Days with UNCITRAL RCAP was an enriching experience for our institution. It fostered valuable dialogue among stakeholders and students, enhancing their understanding of the work of UNCITRAL, especially Working Group VI on Negotiable Cargo Documents. Participants gained practical insights and networking opportunities that are essential in the related fields."*

**China University of Political Science and Law (China)**

*"Through the 2024 UNCITRAL AP Day event, we were able to recognize the importance of the work carried out by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) in resolving international trade disputes and harmonizing international trade norms within the digital trade environment.*

*In particular, we learned that UNCITRAL, as the core legal body within the United Nations system in the field of international trade law, has actively responded to changes in the digital trade environment. It plays a crucial role in creating a secure international trade environment amidst diverse national legal systems through various initiatives. UNCITRAL's model laws and legislative guidelines are essential tools for legislative activities aimed at the harmonization and modernization of international trade law. These activities reflect a balanced consideration of different regional and economic interests across countries while supporting diverse policy developments.*

*Additionally, this event provided a valuable opportunity for experts from the domestic intellectual property sector, including industry and public institutions, to*

gather and share knowledge on trends in copyright, intellectual property rights, and cybersecurity policies within the digital trade environment.

For university students specializing in fields such as convergence security, intellectual property rights, and information security, this event served as an opportunity to gain an in-depth understanding of UNCITRAL's diverse activities aimed at harmonizing international trade norms. It also offered them a chance to envision future opportunities to contribute to the harmonization of international trade norms and to expand their presence in the international community through research and broad social engagement.

Lastly, as we reflect on the contributions of UNCITRAL RCAP over the past 12 years since its establishment, we are confident that it will continue to evolve as a driving force for the development of international trade norms in the Asia-Pacific region. We hope for the continued strengthening of cooperative relationships in the future."

**Chung-Ang University; and Sungshin Women's University  
(Republic of Korea)**

"The 2024 Asia Pacific Day, held by Hanyang University School of Law with the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific, provided an invaluable opportunity for law students. It offered insights into the role of UNCITRAL, the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific, and the practical implications of UNCITRAL norms for students seeking to gain a deeper understanding of the UNCITRAL framework."

**Hanyang University School of Law (Republic of Korea)**

"We are pleased to have collaborated with UNCITRAL RCAP and Inha University's Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade (JRI) to organize the Asia Pacific Day 2024 event. The event provided information on UNCITRAL's various research activities and achievements, as well as internship programs, and I believe it was very helpful to the students who attended. I was particularly interested in how to use CLOUT (Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts), and I expect it to contribute to the promotion of related research. I look forward to continuing these collaborative efforts with UNCITRAL RCAP and my colleagues at Inha University's JRI."

**Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade,  
Inha University (Republic of Korea)**

"The Institute for Internet Policy & Law of Beijing Normal University (BNU) have been celebrating the AP Days with UNCITRAL RCAP from 2015. Every year, we organized international seminar, workshop or expert lecture surrounding the theme of the AP Day. All the events aroused the strong interest of BNU students in learning the latest developments of UNCITRAL texts and works. Many postgraduate students have applied for the RCAP internship."

**Law School, Beijing Normal University (China)**



*“Maldives Moot Court Society (MMCS) is honored to co-organize the Maldives UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day 2024 event for a fourth consecutive year, with UNCITRAL RCAP, the Maldives National University, Villa College, and Villa College Law Society. This year’s event, themed “Transparency@10”, celebrates a decade of UNCITRAL’s Transparency Standards, which have transformed International Investment Agreements by embedding principles of openness and accountability. These standards play a crucial role for the Maldives, as a nation striving to attract sustainable foreign investments. We remain dedicated to promoting transparency as a fundamental pillar.”*

**Maldives Moot Court Society (Maldives)**

*In 2024 Far Eastern Federal University School of Law has been honored to conduct the sixth joint AP Day with the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific. It is very useful for our students to observe the positive role and high effectiveness of the UNCITRAL RCAP in promoting the work and visibility of UNCITRAL in the Asia-Pacific region, engaging in coordination activities with international and regional organizations implementing trade law reform projects in the region and providing extensive training, research and internship opportunities.*

*FEFU School of Law is always open to expanding further working relationship with UNCITRAL RCAP to promote better legal education in the Asia-Pacific region.”*

**School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University (Russian Federation)**

*“Arbitration in Mongolia is being promoted well in last few years due to the country’s adopting the UNCITRAL Model Law on International commercial arbitration. Nevertheless, still as a developing country that is new to international commercial arbitration, sometimes we struggled to understand key concepts. The webinar co-organized by the UNCITRAL RCAP gave us a chance to figure out the transparency concepts and rules in International Arbitration, well.”*

**School of Law, National University of Mongolia (Mongolia)**

*“Hosting the AP Days with UNCITRAL RCAP was an enriching experience for SHAC. The collaboration allowed us to gain insights into the latest developments in international arbitration, particularly the role of AI in this field. The event provided a valuable platform for our students and stakeholders to engage with leading experts and gain practical knowledge. The feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many citing the event as a highlight of their professional development. We look forward to future collaborations and opportunities to continue promoting arbitration and its evolving landscape.”*

**Shanghai Arbitration Commission (China)**

*“It is much more necessary for us to enhance international trade and development in the Asia-Pacific region by promoting certainty in international commercial transactions through the dissemination of international trade norms and standards. With this goal in mind, we were pleased to collaborate with UNCITRAL RCAP and*



the Asia-Pacific Law Institute to organize the 2024 UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day event. The event provided an overview of how legal harmonization and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms, including UNCITRAL arbitration and mediation texts, benefit and establish harmonization, especially of international commercial law. It was our absolute pleasure to organize and attend the event with various legal specialists and professors. We look forward to continuing this collaborative effort with us, Seoul National University Asia-Pacific Law Institute.”

**Seoul National University (Asia-Pacific Law Institute)  
(Republic of Korea)**

“The UNCITRAL is an international organization that aims for reinvigorating the globally shared law of international commerce. First and foremost, its success in commercial law is exemplified by the clarity, practical value, and growing membership of the Limitation Convention and the CISG. By the way, Korea, having joined the CISG in 2004, is still pondering on the Limitation Convention. But a case study illustrates the evident benefits of joining the Limitation Convention, especially in a country struggling with the issues of repair and limitation periods for the supply of goods to be manufactured. Considering the importance of the issues, we are tremendously pleased to work with the UNCITRAL RCAP to co-host an event of the 2024 Asia Pacific Days, celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Limitation Convention.”

**The Institute of Legal Studies, Sungkyunkwan University  
(Republic of Korea)**

“At Universitas Padjadjaran, fostering a deeper understanding of international legal frameworks is a priority. Collaborating with UNCITRAL RCAP for the Asia Pacific Day 2024 event allowed us to explore the vital topic of transparency in international investment agreements and ISDS. The event equipped our students and stakeholders with critical insights into legal harmonization and accountability, underscoring the significance of UNCITRAL instruments. It was an enriching experience, and we look forward to furthering this partnership to advance knowledge and practice in international law.”

**Transnational Business Law Department,  
Faculty of Law of Padjadjaran University (Indonesia)**

“Hosting the AP Days with UNCITRAL RCAP has been an invaluable experience for our institution, offering new opportunities to periodically take stock of contemporary UNCITRAL harmonization initiatives and its implications for our region, through intense deliberations among UNCITRAL colleagues, legal experts and scholars from around the world. We strive to enhance the organization of the conference every year, through innovative approaches and expanding cooperation with various regional arbitration institutions. We continuously seek new ways to improve the organization of the conference, including the use of AI for promotional materials and interactive elements, ensuring a dynamic and engaging experience for participants. The event has provided a platform for legal professionals, our students and other stakeholders to deepen their understanding of UNCITRAL legal

*instruments and regional implementation, gain practical insights, and expand their professional networks.”*

**University of Macau;  
China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission  
Hong Kong Arbitration Center; eBRAM;  
Shanghai Arbitration Commission;  
Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration;  
World Trade Center Macau; and Zhuhai Court of International  
Arbitration (Macau, China)**

*“Hosting the 2024 AP Day in Viet Nam offers a timely and strategic opportunity to contribute meaningfully to Viet Nam’s ongoing legal reforms. In particular, Viet Nam’s Law on Commercial Arbitration is currently under review for potential revision, with policymakers considering the adoption of UNCITRAL standards to further align Viet Nam’s arbitration framework with international best practices. In this context, the AP Day has served as a platform for insightful discussions on the application and benefits of the UNCITRAL Model Law, specifically addressing how it can support the modernization of Viet Nam’s arbitration law.”*

**Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (Viet Nam)**