



## ***Ongoing Developments in the Area of Carbon Markets***

An in-person side event co-organized by Viet Nam and the UNCITRAL secretariat  
during the 58<sup>th</sup> Commission Session  
Tuesday, 15 July (12:45-13:50)  
Boardroom D

Carbon credit markets are being developed and are in operation in many countries, with growing economic and social potential and seeking to align with climate goals. Countries are also currently developing compliance carbon credit markets to implement Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and negotiating and concluding implementation agreements under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement for the transfer of Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs). In addition to the development of markets, States are developing domestic frameworks and standards to facilitate and regulate carbon markets, and a number of international private law and international trade law issues are being addressed.

As early as 2021, the UNCITRAL Commission considered that uncertainty regarding the legal status of carbon credits could be a focus for future legislative work, which led to the preparation of the UNCITRAL/UNIDROIT study on the legal nature of verified carbon credits issued by independent carbon standard setters (the Study) that is before the Commission for consideration at this session ([A/CN.9/1191/Rev.1](#)). In the meantime, numerous ongoing developments are taking place at the national and international level, with respect to carbon markets and cross-border trading. Viet Nam recently embarked on a pilot carbon markets program for particular sectors, and Brazil and Paraguay also recently adopted a law and a decree respectively establishing key components of their carbon markets frameworks. Countries are further embarking on bilateral negotiations to trade carbon credits at the international level.

This side event, which will be conducted in English and without interpretation, will bring together experts to discuss such developments and raise awareness about initiatives and projects that are already underway, with a view to facilitating consideration of Viet Nam's proposal for the UNCITRAL secretariat to conduct further exploratory work on the topic of carbon markets ([A/CN.9/1231](#)). Such work could, among other things, build on existing initiatives and projects and seek to identify whether there are any international private law

and international trade law aspects of carbon markets and the trading of carbon credits that could be harmonized to support countries, especially developing countries, develop their domestic frameworks as they embark on the negotiation of bilateral agreements on carbon trading and integrate into the broader market for voluntary and compliance carbon credits, to unlock the full potential of cross-border trading of carbon credits and to meet their commitments under the Paris Agreement.

**Opening remarks:**

12:45-1:00

H.E. Ambassador Vu Le Thai Hoang  
Ambassador of Viet Nam to the Republic of Austria  
and Permanent Representative to the United Nations (Vienna)

H.E. Ambassador Julia Emma Villatoro Tario  
Ambassador of El Salvador to the Republic of Austria  
and Permanent Representative to the United Nations (Vienna)

**Moderator:**

1:00-1:05

Neale Bergman, Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL

**Panel discussion:**

1:05-1:45

H.E. Ambassador Juan Francisco Facetti  
Ambassador of Paraguay to the Republic of Austria  
and Permanent Representative to the United Nations (Vienna)

Mr. Martin Stadelmann (*participating virtually*)  
Senior Policy Adviser  
International Climate Policy  
Federal Office for the Environment  
Switzerland

Professor Ignacio Tirado  
Secretary-General  
UNIDROIT

Dr. Gérardine Goh Escolar (*participating virtually*)  
Deputy Secretary General  
Permanent Bureau  
Hague Conference on Private International Law

**Closing remarks:**

1:45-1:50

Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret  
Secretary of UNCITRAL