

# UNCITRAL Colloquium on Navigating the New Era of Digital Finance

Implementation of a secured transactions regime: new challenges Conference room 3, United Nations Headquarters  
Day 1 - 20 February 2025 (Thursday)

<p>Panel 1 10.00-11.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions and other UNCITRAL texts</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret</b>, Secretary of UNCITRAL</p> <p><b>Mr. Jae Sung Lee</b>, Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat - <i>Overview of UNCITRAL texts on secured transactions</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Spyridon Bazinas</b>, Consultant and Lecturer - <i>UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions: preparation and implementation</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Jean-François Riffard</b>, Professor, Université Clermont Auvergne - École de Droit - <i>One size fit (almost!) all! The transsystemic and comprehensive character of the Model Law on Secured Transactions</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Orkun Akseli*</b>, Professor of Commercial Law, Law School, University of Manchester - <i>Secured Transactions Law Reform and Digital Assets</i></p>
<p>Panel 2 11.00-13.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Secured transactions reforms by States and international organizations</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Jae Sung Lee</b>, Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL secretariat</p> <p><b>Ms. Claudia Solares</b>, Registrar of the Registry of Movable Guarantees, Guatemala - <i>Reformas a la ley de garantías mobiliarias y a la ley modelo de garantías mobiliarias de UNCITRAL</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Mehmet Mücahit Arvas*</b>, Part-time Lecturer, Founder at Marvas Legal - <i>Türkiye's journey of secured transactions reform</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Yvonne Atwiine</b>, Senior Registration Officer, Uganda Registration Services Bureau, Uganda Business Facilitation Centre - <i>Implementation of secured transactions reforms in Uganda</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Clara Guerra</b>, Director for the Office for Financial Market Innovation and Digitalisation of Lichtenstein - <i>Securing the Digital Economy: Tokenized IP, Digital Securities, and the Future of Secured Transactions</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Maria Del Pilar Bonilla</b>, International Consultant on Secured Transactions - <i>Implementation of a secured transactions regime: new challenges</i></p> <p><b>Mr. William Brydie-Watson</b>, Senior Legal Officer, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) - <i>Secured transactions and receivables finance - coordinating the UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions and the UNIDROIT Model Law on Factoring</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Gérardine Goh Escolar</b>, Deputy Secretary General, Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) - <i>Issues of private international law in secured transactions involving emerging assets: the work of the HCCH</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Chris Southworth</b>, Secretary General of ICC UK/Director, International Centre for Digital Trade and Innovation - <i>Legal infrastructure for trade in the 21st century</i></p>
<p>Lunch Break (13:00 - 15:00)</p>	
<p>Panel 3 15.00-18.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Digital assets and data as collateral</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Jae Sung Lee</b>, Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL secretariat</p> <p><b>Mr. William A. Starshak</b>, Principal of the Commercial Finance Group, Goldberg Kohn Ltd - <i>Legal Reform and Digital Assets, UNCITRAL MLETR and its Progeny</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Megumi Hara</b>, Professor of Law, Chuo University - <i>Creation and Third-Party Effectiveness of Security Interests in Digital Assets: Revisiting the Model Law with Insights from Japan's Reform</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Woo-Jung Jon</b>, Assistant Professor, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology - <i>Security Interests in Digital Assets under Korean Law: Possibility, Limitations and Legal Protection Gaps</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Neil B. Cohen</b>, Jeffrey D. Forchelli Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School - <i>Some Thoughts About Legal Structures for Security Interests in Data</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Henry Gabriel</b>, Professor of Law, Elon University - <i>The Emergence of Security Rights in Electronic Data</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Heng Wang</b>, Professor of Law, Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University - <i>Digital currencies and secured transaction law: A perspective from central bank digital currencies</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Giuliano Castellano</b>, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Deputy Director of the Asian Institute of International Financial Law, The University of Hong Kong - <i>Digital Asset and Access to Credit: Law Reforms and Regulatory Implications</i></p>
<p>18:30-20:30</p>	<p><b>Reception hosted by Secured Finance Network and Goldberg &amp; Kohn</b> UN Millennium Plaza Hotel, Landmark Room</p>

# UNCITRAL Colloquium on Navigating the New Era of Digital Finance

Day 2 - 21 February 2025 (Friday)

	<b>Climate change finance</b>
	Moderator: <b>Mr. Ignacio Tirado</b> , Secretary-General, UNIDROIT
Panel 4 10.00-12.00	<p><b>Ms. Belinda Ellington*</b>, Senior Advisor, International Emissions Trade Association (IETA) - <i>VCC market infrastructure and oversight</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Jason Norman Lee</b>, Joint Head, Legal &amp; Regulatory, Temasek International Pte. Ltd. - <i>Financial regulation as a catalyst for the use of VCCs in financing transactions</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Sophia Han</b>, Tax Partner, Kirkland &amp; Ellis LLP (New York) - <i>Project Financing Legal Structuring Landscape for Green Investments</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Shaun Leong*</b>, Cross border dispute resolution specialist - <i>[title tbd]</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Andrea Tosato</b>, Professor, Southern Methodist University - <i>Core Private Law Issues for Verified Carbon Credits [title tbc]</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Ipshita Chaturvedi</b>, Legal Consultant, International Law Chambers - <i>Regulatory bottlenecks on VCCs as collateral in secured transactions</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Christopher Odinet</b> - Professor, Texas A&amp;M University - <i>U.S. Commercial Law Aspects of the Carbon Credit Market</i></p>
	<b>Registry operation: methods, best practices and technologies</b>
	Moderator: <b>Mr. Marek Dubovec</b> , Director of Law Reform Programs, International Law Institute
Panel 5 12.00-13.00	<p><b>Mr. Matthew Saal</b>, Digital Finance Specialist, International Finance Corporation (IFC) - <i>Securing Digital Assets Transactions [title tbc]</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Diana Lucía Talero Castro</b>, Secured Transactions Expert Consultant, Senior Associate UVP&amp;A Abogados Colombia - <i>Enforcing e-invoices as digital assets</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Mary Gilmore-Maurer</b>, Senior Legal Counsel, Legal, Policy and Markets Department Counsel, VERRA - <i>The Verra Registry: opportunities and challenges for verified carbon credits as collateral for project financing</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell</b>, Full Professor of Commercial Law, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid - <i>Registries for the Digital Era: Automated, data-driven, and interoperable data ecosystems</i></p>
Lunch Break (13:00 - 15:00)	
Meeting of the Executive Committee of the <a href="#">Joint Committee for Coordinating and Supporting Secured Transactions Reform</a> (invitation only) Side room C, UNHQ	
	<b>Trade and supply chain finance</b>
	Moderator: <b>Mr. Yaochen GONG</b> , Associate Legal Officer, Treaty Section, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs
Panel 6 15.00-17.00	<p><b>Mr. Marek Dubovec</b>, Director of Law Reform Programs, International Law Institute - <i>Rights to Payment in Supply Chain Finance</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Richard M. Kohn</b>, Founder and a Principal of the Commercial Finance Group, Goldberg Kohn Ltd. - <i>Promoting Cross-Border Trade Finance</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Kyrlyo Mukhomedzyanov</b>, Project Lead, Financial Sector Specialist, IFC - <i>Agricultural finance: crop receipts as collateral</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Dora Neo</b>, Associate Professor, National University of Singapore (Singapore) - <i>Security Interests in Warehouse Receipts</i></p>
17.00-18.00	<b>Roundtable discussion</b>

\* Prerecorded video