

UNCITRAL Colloquium on Navigating the New Era of Digital Finance

Conference room 3, United Nations Headquarters

Day 1 - 20 February 2025 (Thursday)

<p>Panel 1</p> <p>10.00-11.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions and other UNCITRAL texts</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, Secretarwaty of UNCITRAL</p> <p>Mr. Jae Sung Lee, Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat - <i>Overview of UNCITRAL texts on secured transactions</i></p> <p>Mr. Spyridon Bazinas, Consultant and Lecturer - <i>UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions: preparation and implementation</i></p> <p>Mr. Jean-François Riffard, 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>Mr. Orkun Akseli*, Professor of Commercial Law, Law School, University of Manchester - <i>Secured Transactions Law Reform and Digital Assets</i></p>
<p>Panel 2</p> <p>11.00-13.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Secured transactions reforms by States and international organizations</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Jae Sung Lee, Senior Legal Officer, Unstst CITRAL secretariat</p> <p>Ms. Claudia Solares, 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>Mr. Mehmet MÜcahit Arvas*, Part-time Lecturer, Founder at Marvas Legal - <i>Türkiye's journey of secured transactions reform</i></p> <p>Ms. Yvonne Atwiine, Senior Registration Officer, Uganda Registration Services Bureau, Uganda Business Facilitation Centre - <i>Implementation of secured transactions reforms in Uganda</i></p> <p>Ms. Clara Guerra, 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>Ms. Maria Del Pilar Bonilla, International Consultant on Secured Transactions – <i>Implementation of a secured transactions regime: new challenges</i></p> <p>Mr. William Brydie-Watson, 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>Ms. Gérardine Goh Escolcar, 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>Mr. Chris Southworth, 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</p> <p>15.00-18.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Digital assets and data as collateral</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Jae Sung Lee, Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL secretariat</p> <p>Mr. William A. Starshak, Principal of the Commercial Finance Group, Goldberg Kohn Ltd - <i>Legal Reform and Digital Assets, UNCITRAL MLETR and its Progeny</i></p> <p>Ms. Megumi Hara, 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>Mr. Woo-Jung Jon, 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>Mr. Neil B. Cohen, 1901 Distinguished Research Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School - <i>Some Thoughts About Legal Structures for Security Interests in Data</i></p> <p>Mr. Henry Gabriel, Professor of Law, Elon University - <i>The Emergence of Security Rights in Electronic Data</i></p> <p>Mr. Heng Wang, 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>Mr. Giuliano Castellano, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Deputy Director of the Asian Institute of International Financial Law, The University of Hong Kong - <i>Digital Assets in Digital Finance: Regulatory Standards and Law Reform Implications</i></p>
<p>18:30-20:30</p>	<p>Reception hosted by Secured Finance Network and Goldberg Kohn UN Millennium Plaza Hotel, Landmark Room</p>

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Day 2 - 21 February 2025 (Friday)

	Climate change finance
	Moderator: Mr. Ignacio Tirado , Secretary-General, UNIDROIT
Panel 4 10.00-12.00	<p>Ms. Belinda Ellington*, Senior Advisor, International Emissions Trade Association (IETA) - <i>VCC market infrastructure and oversight</i></p> <p>Mr. Jason Norman Lee, Joint Head, Legal & Regulatory, Temasek International Pte. Ltd. - <i>Financial regulation as a catalyst for the use of VCCs in financing transactions</i></p> <p>Mr. Andrea Tosato, Professor, Southern Methodist University - <i>Core Private Law Issues for Verified Carbon Credits</i></p> <p>Ms. Ipshita Chaturvedi, Legal Consultant, International Law Chambers - <i>Regulatory bottlenecks on VCCs as collateral in secured transactions</i></p> <p>Mr. Christopher Odinet - Professor, Texas A&M University - <i>U.S. Commercial Law Aspects of the Carbon Credit Market</i></p>
	Registry operation: methods, best practices and technologies
	Moderator: Mr. Marek Dubovec , Director of Law Reform Programs, International Law Institute
Panel 5 12.00-13.00	<p>Mr. Matthew Saal, Digital Finance Specialist, International Finance Corporation (IFC) - <i>Securing Digital Assets Transactions</i></p> <p>Ms. Diana Lucía Talero Castro, Secured Transactions Expert Consultant, Senior Associate UVP&A Abogados Colombia - <i>Enforcing e-invoices as digital assets</i></p> <p>Ms. Mary Gilmore-Maurer, 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>Ms. Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell, 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)	
13:30-14:30 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Joint Committee for Coordinating and Supporting Secured Transactions Reform (invitation only) Side room C	
	Trade and supply chain finance
	Moderator: Mr. Yaochen GONG , Associate Legal Officer, Treaty Section, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs
Panel 6 15.00-17.00	<p>Mr. Marek Dubovec, Director of Law Reform Programs, International Law Institute - <i>Rights to Payment in Supply Chain Finance</i></p> <p>Mr. Richard M. Kohn, Founder and a Principal of the Commercial Finance Group, Goldberg Kohn Ltd. - <i>Promoting Cross-Border Trade Finance</i></p> <p>Mr. Kyrylo Mukhomedzyanov, Project Lead, Financial Sector Specialist, IFC - <i>Agricultural finance: crop receipts as collateral</i></p> <p>Ms. Dora Neo, Associate Professor, National University of Singapore (Singapore) - <i>Security Interests in Warehouse Receipts</i></p>
17.00-18.00	Roundtable discussion

* Pre-recorded video