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De-Risking Investment in the South Pacific via UNCITRAL Instruments

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INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CONFERENCE
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Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific



UNCITRAL's only regional centre; located in Incheon, Republic of Korea; opened 2012

RCAP Flagship Activity:
UNCITRAL ADR Special Session

40 jurisdictions adopted **MAL** (approx. 33% increase over the past 5 years)

Main contributors:
- Republic of Korea
- China (with HKSAR)

South Pacific:
UNCTRAL RCAP & Asian Development Bank

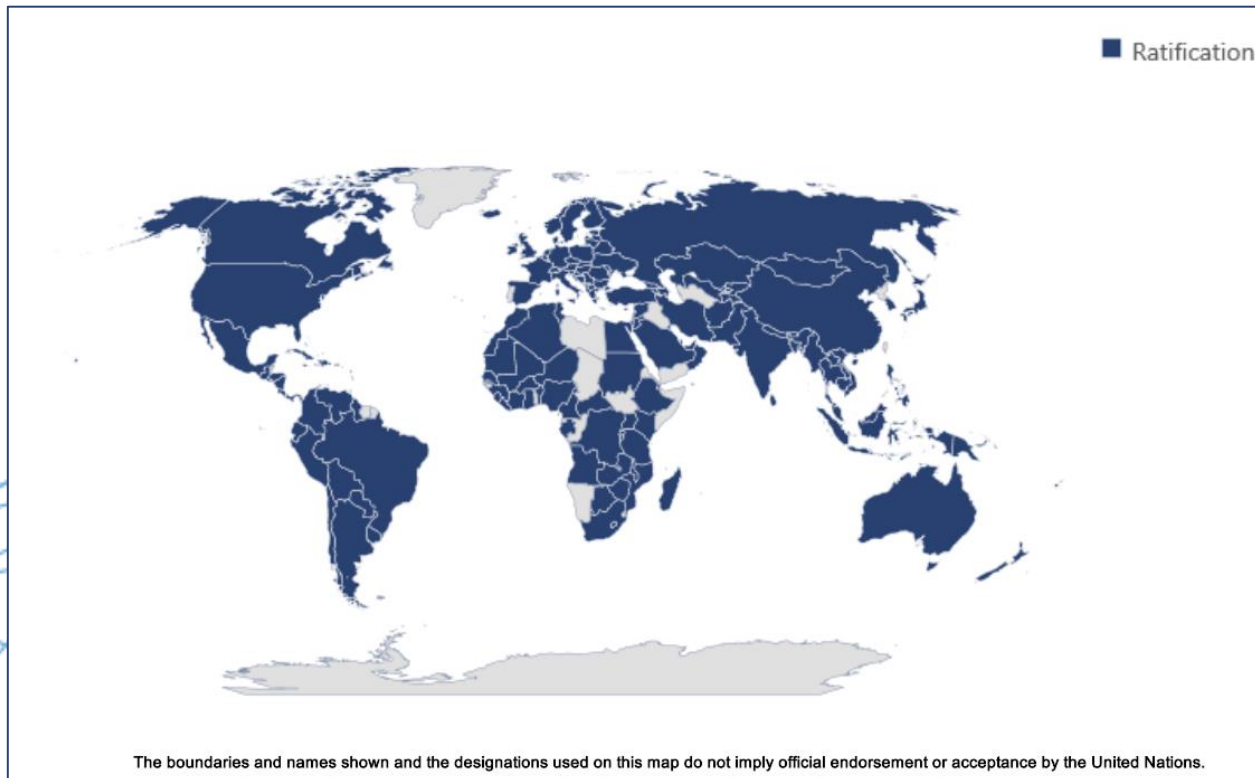
Half of **Singapore Convention** signatories;
4 of 6 State Parties

2019-2020, over 60 TAC activities in **16 Jurisdictions**

4 new ratifications of **New York Convention** since 2019

SDG 16: Access to Justice and Rule of Law

New York Convention: 167 parties (March 2021)



South Pacific States joined the New York Convention since 2017

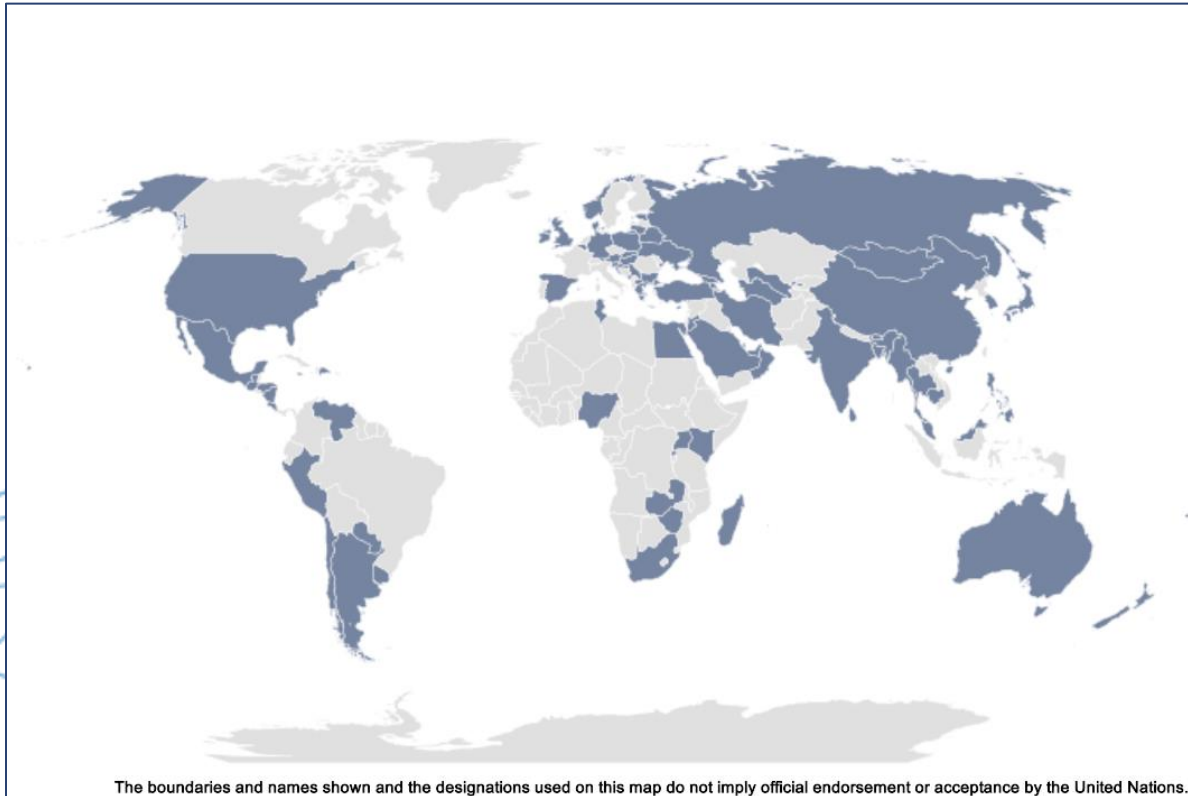
Papua New Guinea	2019
Palau	2020
Tonga	2020

South Pacific States yet to join the New York Convention

Kiribati	F. S. Micronesia
Nauru	Niue
Samoa	Solomon Islands
Tuvalu	Vanuatu

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MAL: 85 States in a total of 118 jurisdictions (March 2021)



South Pacific States that adopted the Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration since 2017

Australia – Australian Capital Territory	2017
Fiji	2017

UNCITRAL UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration

1985

With amendments as adopted in 2006



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UNCITRAL RCAP 2021 Events

UNCITRAL RCAP – BIAC
ADR webinar

- Dhaka, Apr.

UNCITRAL LAWASIA virtual seminar

- Sydney, Apr.

Digital Trade Workshop

- Bangkok, June

Incheon Law and Business Forum

- Incheon, Sept.

HK Judicial Summit

- HK SAR, Oct.

UNCITRAL Special Session/
10th Asia Pacific ADR Conference

- Seoul, Nov.

UNCITRAL
Asia Pacific Day

- Universities in AP region
(Sept. – Dec.)

2020 UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day

The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) was established by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 and has since come to be the core legal body of the United Nations system in the field of international trade law. The UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP) established UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day in 2014 to celebrate this historical resolution.

This year, an initial 25 universities and institutions universities across the region have joined the annual celebration to commemorate the establishment of UNCITRAL and promote awareness of international trade standards and norms, particularly those endorsed by UNCITRAL. In light of its 40th anniversary, the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG), a multilateral treaty that establishes a uniform legal regime for contracts for the cross-border sale of goods, will receive special focus.

September 2020

Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University
- Seoul, Republic of Korea (Virtual webinar)

September 2020

China University of Political Science and Law and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Beijing, People's Republic of China

October 2020

Jungsook Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade, Inha University
- Incheon, Republic of Korea

October 2020

Department of Public Service, Kangnam University
- Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea

October 2020

Shanghai University of Political Science and Law and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Shanghai, People's Republic of China

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Shanghai University of International Business and Economics and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Shanghai, People's Republic of China

October 2020

Department of Security Convergence, Graduate School, Chung Ang University
- Seoul, Republic of Korea

November 2020

Gujarat National Law University, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) and the UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for India (UNCCI)
- Gujarat, India

November 2020

Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University
- Bangkok, Thailand

November 2020

International Law Faculty, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law (HCMUL)
- Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam

November 2020

South West China University of Political Science and Law
- Chongqing, People's Republic of China

November 2020

Wuhan University International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Wuhan, People's Republic of China

December 2020

Centre for Transnational Commercial Law, National Law University Delhi, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) and INSOL India
- New Delhi, India

December 2020

Faculty of Law, Foreign Trade University
- Hanoi, Viet Nam

December 2020

Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong (HKU), Hong Kong Mediation Centre (HKMC) and the International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute (IDRMI)
- Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China

December 2020

Centre for Research, University of Macau
- Macau SAR, People's Republic of China

December 2020

School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU)
- Vladivostok, Russia

December 2020

Center for Asian Legal Exchange, Nagoya University
- Nagoya, Japan

14 September 2020

Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University
- Seoul, Republic of Korea

Seoul National University is hosting the first UNCITRAL AP Day event of 2020. The event consists of an introduction and overview of UNCITRAL's activities in the Asia Pacific, developments relating to the Singapore Convention on Mediation, and a presentation on the UNCITRAL RCAP Internship programme. An SNU professor who has participated in UNCITRAL Working Groups will also share his experiences. The event is the first of four AP Day events hosted in the Republic of Korea.

23 September 2020

China University of Political Science and Law and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Beijing, People's Republic of China

China University of Political Science and Law is co-hosting with the International Chamber of Commerce a hybrid format seminar themed "CISG@40: Judicial and Arbitration practices of CISG in China" to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the CISG and its application in China.

26 September 2020 (The 4th Shenzhen International Law Virtual Forum) & 9-11 October 2020 (West Shanghai 2020)

Shanghai University of Political Science and Law and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Shanghai, People's Republic of China

Shanghai University of Political Science and Law is co-organizing with the International Chamber of Commerce a series of Asia Pacific Day events consisting of a virtual forum and a virtual mediation moot. The virtual forum titled "The 4th Shenzhen International Law Virtual Forum: The Application of CISG in China" invites law professors from five Chinese universities to discuss the application of the CISG in China from private international law, domestic contract law, litigation, and arbitration perspectives, while West Shanghai 2020 (Special Edition) concerns an international trade dispute in the form of a virtual mediation moot.

10 October 2020

Shanghai University of International Business and Economics and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Shanghai, People's Republic of China

This livestreamed roundtable discussion involving experts from the public sector, arbitration sector, and academia focuses on challenges and innovations related to international dispute resolution in the context of the CISG and investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS).

13 October 2020

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Melbourne, Australia

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology is co-hosting with the International Chamber of Commerce an online lecture on the importance of the CISG and risk-averse contracting as an overview presentation on the CISG and its benefits to cross-border trade and commerce.

27 October 2020

Jungsook Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade, Inha University
- Incheon, Republic of Korea

Jungsook Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade, Inha University is co-organizing a seminar introducing the work of UNCITRAL and RCAP. The seminar covers developments in international trade due to the pandemic including the regional use of e-commerce. The event is the second UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day event hosted in the Republic of Korea.

28 October 2020

Department of Public Service, Kangnam University
- Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea

The third UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day event hosted in the Republic of Korea, this in-house seminar discusses UNCITRAL's work in modernizing and harmonizing international trade law. In particular, developments on the Singapore Convention on Mediation and outcomes from UNCITRAL's Virtual Panel Series, UNCITRAL texts and COVID-19 Response and Recovery.

11 November 2020

International Law Faculty, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law (HCMUL) and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam

The International Law Faculty, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law will host its first Asia Pacific Day event in collaboration with the International Chamber of Commerce themed "CISG@40 - The Application of CISG in E-commerce Contracts: SWFs and Specific Objectives". The benefits of the CISG and its application in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic, including online contracts and the UNCITRAL CLOUT database, will be examined by experts from the legal and arbitration fields.

19 November 2020

Department of Security Convergence, Graduate School, Chung Ang University
- Seoul, Republic of Korea

Chung Ang University will host the fourth and final 2020 UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day event in the Republic of Korea by delivering a workshop on the Singapore Convention on Mediation. The workshop will be conducted by a legal expert from UNCITRAL RCAP and a professor of Chung Ang University. UNCITRAL RCAP's internship programme of 2020 will also be introduced.

26 November 2020

Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University
- Bangkok, Thailand

The Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University will hold an online lecture themed "Introduction to the Work of UNCITRAL". UNCITRAL RCAP staff will introduce several UNCITRAL instruments on arbitration, mediation, the CISG, and the Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts (CLOUT) database. Current UNCITRAL RCAP interns will also share their internship experiences.

28 November 2020

Wuhan University International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Wuhan, People's Republic of China

Themed "The Application of Uniformed Substantive Rules, with a Particular Focus on Arbitration in Mainland China and HKIAC", this hybrid mode event brings together experts from the public sector, academia and arbitration to discuss the CISG's application in China and its potential application to the Hong Kong SAR, and the role of other uniform commercial law instruments. The conference will also be presided on by a Legal Officer of UNCITRAL in Vienna who will be presenting on an uniform contract law and risk management in different legal systems.

4 December 2020

Centre for Research, University of Macau, and World Trade Centre Macau Arbitration Center
- Macau SAR, People's Republic of China

The Faculty of Law, University of Macau will hold a conference themed "Embracing Legal Harmonization as a Paradox for the Challenges Facing International Trade in Times of Global Pandemic". The conference invites speakers from public and commercial law practice and will cover a wide range of topics including the harmonization of international trade law and the future of alternative dispute resolution, the CISG, UNCITRAL's work on digital trade, and challenges facing international commerce arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and the facilitating role of UNCITRAL legal instruments in addressing these challenges.

10 December 2020

Faculty of Law, Foreign Trade University, the Vietnam Business Lawyers Club, Vietnam International Arbitration Centre, and Vietnam Society of International Law
- Hanoi, Viet Nam

The Faculty of Law, Foreign Trade University will be co-hosting a CISG@40 webinar themed "CISG and International Arbitration 2020". The webinar will discuss the application and interpretation of the CISG in Vietnamese courts and arbitration centres, and the interaction between the CISG and the 1988 New York Convention. It will also provide practical tips for drafting international sale of goods contracts.

10 December 2020

Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong (HKU), Hong Kong Mediation Centre (HKMC) and the International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute (IDRMI)
- Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the CISG, this webinar themed "The Future Practice of Commercial Dispute Resolution after Extending the Application of CISG to Hong Kong SAR" introduces the tools assisting the uniform interpretation of the CISG such as the CLOUT database and the RIGER of Case Law on the CISG. Speakers from HKU and the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology also examine the practice of commercial dispute resolution, the various benefits to Hong Kong SAR and ways practitioners can prepare themselves if the application of the CISG is extended to Hong Kong SAR.

16 December 2020

School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU)
- Vladivostok, Russia

The Far Eastern Federal University is organizing a video conference with live news reports from UNCITRAL RCAP focusing on UNCITRAL texts and the harmonization of international trade law. Topics include an overview to UNCITRAL, the CISG in Russia, the Singapore Convention on Mediation, and the UNCITRAL RCAP internship programme.

18 December 2020

South West China University of Political Science and Law and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Chongqing, People's Republic of China

South West China University of Political Science and Law will host with the International Chamber of Commerce an Asia Pacific Day event titled "CISG@40: The Application in the Contracting States of CISG" in a hybrid format which will be delivered in Puzhonghua (Mandarin Chinese) and English. Topics will include the development of international commercial law and uniform substantive law, the application and interpretation of specific articles in the CISG and the current and future application of the CISG and other international trade instruments in China.

18 December 2020

Gujarat National Law University, Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law (GCIL), Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, and UNCITRAL National Co-ordination Committee India
- Gujarat, India

The Gujarat National Law University Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law is co-organizing an Asia Pacific Day event, titled "International Conference on Insolvency Law and CISG@40" covering a wide range of topics pertaining to insolvency and the CISG with speakers from India and abroad.

22 December 2020

Center for Asian Legal Exchange, Nagoya University
- Nagoya, Japan

Nagoya University Graduate School of Law will be hosting an Asia Pacific Day event themed "When Disputes Go Online: Current Issues and Challenges in Arbitration and ODR". The webinar will discuss various topics on arbitration and online dispute resolution including arbitration as a model for all future dispute resolution and designing a system for online dispute resolution.

6-7 January 2021 (Symposium)

2020 Mod Corporation (Incorporated in Singapore) and Centre for Transnational Commercial Law, National Law University Delhi, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), INSOL India, UNCITRAL National Co-ordination Committee (UNCCI) India, Nottingham Law School of Nottingham Trent University, Norman Adair Wiggins School of Law of Campbell University, Center on Transnational Business and the Law of Georgetown Law, International Law Institute, and Society of Insolvency Practitioners of India (SIPI)
- New Delhi, India

The Centre for Transnational Commercial Law, National Law University Delhi, will co-host the first UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day event of the 2021 series themed "Transnational Commercial Law, Insolvency, Resolving Entrepreneurship: Promoting Trade and Development post the Pandemic" in the form of a virtual symposium, followed by the 2020 Mod Corporation on Insolvency and Bankruptcy. The weekly virtual symposium will discuss topics on "CISG@40: Role of UNCITRAL Instruments in Progressive Development to Cross-Border Legal Harmonization and Insolvency Resolutions: Promoting Entrepreneurship post the Pandemic". Head of UNCITRAL RCAP and Legal Officers from UNCITRAL Vienna will be delivering remarks on the CISG and UNCITRAL Insolvency instruments.



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