



2016 UNCITRAL Emergence Conference

Regional Perspectives on Contemporary and Future Harmonization Agenda in International Trade Law

13-14 December 2016, Macau SAR, China

Organizers



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CALL FOR PAPERS

Following the two successful conferences organized jointly by the secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), through its Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RCAP), and the University of Macau (UM) in 2014 and 2015, the UNCITRAL Emergence Conference 2016 will be held on 13-14 December 2016 in the Macau SAR, China. The main theme of the 2016 Emergence conference will be regional perspectives on the current and future agenda in the harmonization of international trade law.

UNCITRAL is a subsidiary body of the General Assembly of the United Nations. It should not be confused with the World Trade Organization (WTO). The WTO deals with trade policy issues, such as trade liberalization, abolition of trade barriers, unfair trade practices or other similar issues usually related to public law. In contrast, UNCITRAL generally deals with the laws applicable to private parties in international transactions, and does not involve itself with "State-to-State" issues such as anti-dumping, countervailing duties, or import quotas.

The 2016 UNCITRAL EMERGENCE CONFERENCE is designed to take stock of emerging regional developments relating to the harmonization and unification of international trade and commercial law. The conference is intended to provide a platform for experts and scholars to examine the impact of these developments on regional and national business environments, and to consider various areas of potential interest for UNCITRAL from a regional perspective.

The conference invites researchers, scholars, and practitioners to share their insightful opinions and research on these topics, and to engage in an international dialogue on the potential contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Conference is now inviting paper proposals/abstracts for review.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The papers for presentation at the conference will be selected on a competitive process and will take into consideration

- (1) the quality of the proposed topic and abstract, relevance to the broad theme and to the work areas already covered by UNCITRAL
- (2) the regional diversity of presenters (including diversity of legal traditions)
- (3) balance between senior and junior presenters
- (4) gender balance

The authors of the accepted proposals may be asked to present the paper in person at the Conference.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE

The registration for the conference is free of charge. However, accepted speakers and participants in the conference are required to complete a registration form in advance and obtain confirmation in order to secure a place in the conference.

PUBLICATION

After the conclusion of the conference, all the accepted authors are invited to submit the full updated paper for possible publication by the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific, to stimulate interest, research, and study on UNCITRAL and its texts. Papers must follow the OSCOLA (Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities) style of referencing. Papers may also be considered for possible external publication in a reviewed academic journal or an edited book.

PAPER TOPICS

Paper proposals are invited on (but not limited to) the following tracks

Track 1

Development of the digital economy: new ways of doing business domestically and cross-border

Track 2

Enhancing global supply chains by reducing legal obstacles

Track 3

Contemporary and emerging issues related to finance and investment

Track 4

Emerging legal issues in the commercial exploitation of Deep Seabed, Space and Artificial Intelligence

Track 5

Rule of law and access to justice in the context of Climate Change, Finance and Investment

IMPORTANT DATES

30 September 2016:

Closing date for submission of the paper abstracts via law.umuncitral@umac.mo. Authors of the accepted paper abstracts will be contacted after the proposals are reviewed.

15 November 2016:

Closing date for submission of the draft paper.

25 November 2016:

Closing date for (free) registration for participation in the Conference.

31 March 2017:

Closing date for submission of the full paper for publication.

SUBMISSIONS

In addition to the abstract proposal (no more than 250 words), the submission must indicate

- (1) the title of the paper,
- (2) the proposed track and related topic,
- (3) key words, identifying the theme of the proposed paper, so as to assist in the categorization process; and
- (4) the speaker's bio in not more than 250 words and contact information.

UNCITRAL CONGRESS

"MODERNIZING INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW TO SUPPORT INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT", 4-6 JULY 2017, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

In July 2017, UNCITRAL will host a Congress to celebrate UNCITRAL's 50th anniversary and explore new directions in cross-border commerce. Leaders in the field of international trade law, including practitioners, judges, academics, international officials and other experts will consider ways in which UNCITRAL can contribute to sustainable development in the coming years.

For further information, see

<http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/commission/colloquia/50th-anniversary.html>.

Please note that a number of authors of papers submitted to the 2016 UNCITRAL Emergence Conference may also be invited to participate in the Congress.

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