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SINGAPORE CONVENTION WEEK 2021 | 6 - 10 SEPTEMBER 2021

A World in Transition

The Singapore Convention Week, organised by the Singapore Ministry of Law, brings together top practitioners and headline makers in the international dispute resolution scene. Across the week-long series of activities, legal practitioners, business executives and government officials from around the world will hear from thought leaders in the field of dispute resolution, and glean practical insights on the latest innovations and trends in alternative dispute resolution to serve the fast-evolving needs of businesses.

The Singapore Convention Week 2021 will run from 6 to 10 September 2021, and comprises several events which include:

- The inaugural UNCITRAL Academy on 7 to 8 September 2021, co-organised by the Singapore Ministry of Law and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).
- Singapore Convention Week events organised by supporting partner organisations.

For more information on the Singapore Convention Week and its line-up of events, please visit www.singaporeconventionweek.sg.

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UNCITRAL ACADEMY: SINGAPORE CONVENTION CONFERENCE (DAY 1)

7 September 2021, Tuesday

1400h - 1430h

OPENING DIALOGUE

Moderator:

Lucy REED, Independent Arbitrator, Arbitration Chambers (New York); President, International Council for Commercial Arbitration; Vice-President, Singapore International Arbitration Centre Court of Arbitration

Speakers:

Edwin TONG SC, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law, Singapore

Anna JOUBIN-BRET, Secretary of UNCITRAL

1430h - 1530h

(Exact timing to be confirmed)

PANEL DISCUSSION

A World in Transition: Business Challenges in the New Normal

Moderator:

CHNG Kai Fong, Managing Director, Singapore Economic Development Board

Speakers:

Patrick CAO, President, GoTo Group

KOH Swee Yen, Partner, Commercial & Corporate Disputes and International Arbitration Practices, WongPartnership LLP

Sunny J. PARK, Assistant General Counsel and APAC Regional Director, Corporate, External and Legal Affairs, Microsoft

Sunny VERGHESE, Co-Founder and Group Chief Executive Officer, Olam International Limited

1600h - 1700h

(Exact timing to be confirmed)

PANEL DISCUSSION

The Role of International Dispute Resolution Amidst COVID-19

Moderator:

Professor Joel LEE, Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore; Chairman, Singapore International Mediation Institute

Speakers:

Daphne HONG, Director-General, International Affairs Division, Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore

Abdelhamid MAMDOUH, Senior Counsel, King & Spalding LLP;

Former Director, Trade in Services and Investment Division, World Trade Organisation

Sternford MOYO, President, International Bar Association

Geoff SHARP, Commercial Mediator, Maxwell Mediators

Ariel YE, King & Wood Mallesons, Shenzhen; Vice-Chair, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum; Advisory Board Member, International Council for Commercial Arbitration; Board of Directors, Singapore International Arbitration Centre

2000h - 2030h

(Exact timing to be confirmed)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

K SHANMUGAM SC, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, Singapore

2030h - 2130h

(Exact timing to be confirmed)

PANEL DISCUSSION

Future Trends in International Dispute Resolution

Moderator:

Professor Nadja ALEXANDER, Professor of Law, Singapore Management University Yong Pung How School of Law; Director, Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy

Speakers:

Daryl CHEW, Partner and Head of Singapore Office, Shearman & Sterling; Chairman, Maxwell Chambers Pte Ltd

Chittu NAGARAJAN, President, International Council for Online Dispute Resolution; Fellow, National Center for Technology and Dispute Resolution; Founder, CREK ODR

Dr Evgeny RASCHEVSKY, Partner and Co-Head of International Arbitration and Litigation Practice, Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners Law Offices

Professor Thomas J. STIPANOWICH, William H. Webster Chair in Dispute Resolution and Professor of Law, Pepperdine University

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UNCITRAL ACADEMY: SINGAPORE CONVENTION CONFERENCE (DAY 2)

8 September 2021, Wednesday

0900h - 1015h

PANEL DISCUSSION

Singapore Convention on Mediation: An Opportunity for Governments, Courts and Mediation Communities to Collaborate

Moderator:

George LIM SC

Chairman, Singapore International Mediation Centre

Speakers:

Akira KAWAMURA, Of Counsel, Anderson Mori & Tomotsune; Immediate Past President, Japan Association of Arbitrators

Dr LIU Xiaochun, President, Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration

Khory McCORMICK, Former Deputy Chair, Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy; Vice President, Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration; Australian Delegation, UNCITRAL Working Group on Singapore Convention

Professor Hi-Taek SHIN, Chairman, KCAB INTERNATIONAL; Arbitrator, Twenty Essex Chambers

Eric TUCHMANN, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for International ADR, American Arbitration Association-International Centre for Dispute Resolution

1045h - 1115h

(Exact timing to be confirmed)

FIRESIDE CHAT

Moderator:

Dorcas QUEK ANDERSON, Associate Dean (Student, Staff & Alumni Affairs) and Assistant Professor of Law, Singapore Management University Yong Pung How School of Law

Speaker:

Colin RULE, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mediate.com and Arbitrate.com

1130h - 1230h

(Exact timing to be confirmed)

PANEL DISCUSSION

Potential Uses of Mediation in Debt Restructuring and Insolvency

Moderator:

Justice Kannan RAMESH, Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court

Speakers:

Judge Robert DRAIN, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York

Scott ATKINS, Chair and Head of Risk Advisory, Norton Rose Fulbright Australia; President, INSOL International

Debra GRASSGREEN, Senior Partner, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones; President, International Insolvency Institute

Kyriaki KARADELIS, Editor, Global Restructuring Review

Sushil NAIR, Deputy Chief Executive, Drew & Napier;

Chairperson, Insolvency Practice Committee, The Law Society of Singapore

1330h - 1400h

FIRESIDE CHAT

Moderator:

LIM Hui Min, Director, Legal Aid Bureau, Singapore Ministry of Law

Speaker:

Professor Richard SUSSKIND OBE, Technology Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales

1400h - 1500h

(Exact timing to be confirmed)

PANEL DISCUSSION

Intellectual Property Dispute Resolution

Moderator:

Joyce TAN, Managing Director, Joyce A. Tan & Partners LLC

Speakers:

Marco M. ALEMÁN, Assistant Director General, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization

Aggie LIU, Partner, FenXun Partners

João NEGRÃO, President, Boards of Appeal, European Union Intellectual Property Office

1500h - 1530h

FIRESIDE CHAT

Moderator:

Edwin GLASGOW CBE QC, Arbitrator and Mediator, 39 Essex Chambers

Speaker:

Piyush GUPTA, Chief Executive Officer and Director, DBS Group

1530h - 1630h

PANEL DISCUSSION

Dispute Resolution in Emerging Markets

Moderator:

Professor Jair GEVAERD, International Director of Academic Affairs, Brazilian Centre for Mediation and Arbitration

Speakers:

Hannah CAO, General Counsel, Silk Road Fund

Melissa ORDONEZ, Counsel, Hogan Lovells' International Arbitration Group

Christina PAK, Principal Counsel, Asian Development Bank

Sriram PANCHU, Senior Advocate and Mediator

Professor Islambek RUSTAMBEKOVICH, Acting Rector, Tashkent State University of Law; International Arbitrator

1630h - 1700h

FIRESIDE CHAT

Moderator:

FOO Chi Hsia, Assistant Chief Executive, International, Infocomm Media Development Authority Singapore

Speaker:

Mark BEER OBE, Chairman of the Metis Institute

1700h - 1730h

CLOSING REMARKS

Anna JOUBIN-BRET, Secretary of UNCITRAL



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UNCITRAL ACADEMY: CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOPS

7 September 2021, Tuesday

0900h - 1200h INDUSTRY CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP

1300h - 1400h EXCHANGE SESSION BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

8 September 2021, Wednesday

1000h - 1300h GOVERNMENT CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP

1900h - 2130h INVESTOR-STATE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP

**The above sessions are by invitation only.*



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SINGAPORE CONVENTION WEEK EVENTS

6 September 2021, Monday

0900h – 1240h	Joint APIEx - SI Arb "Spotlight on Experts" Virtual Conference By Asia Pacific Institute of Experts (APIEx) and Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb)
1530h – 1700h	Singapore Mediation Lecture 2021 By Harry Elias Partnership, Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC), Singapore Management University Centre for Commercial Law in Asia (CCLA)
1730h – 1900h	"Arbitration in Litigation": First Hand Experiences at the SICC By Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC)

7 September 2021, Tuesday

0900h - 1200h	UNCITRAL Academy: Industry Capacity-Building Workshop <i>*This event is by invitation only.</i>
1300h - 1400h	UNCITRAL Academy: Exchange Session Between Industry and Government Representatives <i>*This event is by invitation only.</i>
1400h - 2130h	UNCITRAL Academy: Singapore Convention Conference (Day 1)

8 September 2021, Wednesday

0930h - 1730h	UNCITRAL Academy: Singapore Convention Conference (Day 2)
1000h - 1300h	UNCITRAL Academy: Government Capacity-Building Workshop <i>*This event is by invitation only.</i>
1900h - 2100h	Roundtable with Mr Edwin Tong SC, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law By Singapore Ministry of Law <i>*This event is by invitation only.</i>
1900h - 2130h	UNCITRAL Academy: Investor-State Dispute Settlement Capacity-Building Workshop <i>*This event is by invitation only.</i>

9 September 2021, Thursday

1000h – 1145h	Practical and Cultural Differences of Litigating in Asia By International Bar Association (IBA)
1300h – 1430h	Hybrid Dispute Resolution Mechanisms as the Wave of the Future: Perspectives from Singapore as a Maritime Hub By Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) and Oon & Bazul
1430h – 1630h	The Future of Successful ADR Depends on ODR By The Law Society of Singapore
1630h – 1800h	2021 SIDRA International Dispute Resolution Survey: Preliminary Findings By Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA)
1900h – 2030h	The Singapore Convention Effect: Innovation in ICDR Mediation Procedures and Role in Asia By American Arbitration Association International Centre for Dispute Resolution (AAA-ICDR) Asia Case Management Centre (Asia CMC)

10 September 2021, Friday

0900h – 1830h	SIAC Congress 2021 By Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)
1830h – 2000h	The UNCITRAL Cross Border Model Law and Mediation: Panaceas for International Restructurings? By INSOL International

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