



General Assembly

Distr.: General  
27 February 2024

Original: English

United Nations Commission on  
International Trade Law  
Fifty-seventh session  
New York, 24 June–12 July 2024

Non-legislative activities  
Planned activities for the period 1 January 2024 onwards  
Note by the Secretariat  
Addendum

Contents

	<i>Page</i>
I. Introduction. . . . .	2
II. Planned activities . . . . .	3



## I. Introduction

1. This note gives a brief overview of the UNCITRAL secretariat's plans for non-legislative activities during the next reporting period. The activities actually held during that period will be reported to the Commission at its fifty-eighth session, in 2025. The activities reported in the note by the secretariat on coordination activities ([A/CN.9/1176](#)) are not included in this note.

2. The year 2024 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods<sup>1</sup> and the tenth anniversary of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards (comprising the United Nations Convention on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration<sup>2</sup> and the UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration,<sup>3</sup> including the transparency repository under article 8 of the Rules (see [A/CN.9/1174/Add.4](#))). The secretariat is planning activities to celebrate these anniversaries throughout 2024.<sup>4</sup>

3. In addition, as it has become the practice, UNCITRAL Days will be held throughout the year in Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean.<sup>5</sup> While themes of UNCITRAL Days' events may differ depending on a demand and interest of a particular region or a co-host, efforts are being made by the UNCITRAL secretariat to prominently feature during those events at least one UNCITRAL text whose anniversary is celebrated in 2024 (see the preceding paragraph).

4. Most of the activities will be held online or in a hybrid format, allowing participation of the secretariat in more events, and expanding the reach of the events. Many will be undertaken through the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RCAP).

5. Annual meetings related to the operation of the Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts (CLOUT) system (see [A/CN.9/1174/Add.3](#)) will encompass, as has become the practice, meetings of the CLOUT Steering Committee and of CLOUT national correspondents and voluntary contributors. Information about them will be communicated to the relevant stakeholders in due course.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1511, No. 26119, p. 3.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3208, No. 54749.

<sup>3</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/68/17)*, annex I.

<sup>4</sup> E.g. at the Alexandria University – Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) Arbitration Conference V: Efficiency in International Arbitration (Cairo, 29 February 2024); and during the Vienna Arbitration Days 2024, jointly with the Vienna International Arbitration Centre (Vienna, 6 June 2024). A publication on the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards is also planned. On the Limitation Convention, see e.g. [A/CN.9/1174/Add.3](#) for a planned publication to compile the Convention-related CLOUT case law.

<sup>5</sup> E.g. UNCITRAL LAC DAYS 2024 – Ecuador: Exploring the digital frontiers of cross-border trade (Quito, 22 January 2024); and UNCITRAL Asia-Pacific Days 2024 on “The AI advantage: Challenges and Opportunities for International Arbitration” with Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, Fudan University, East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai Arbitration Commission and Moot Alumni Association (Shanghai, China, 5 March 2024).

## II. Planned activities

6. During the next reporting period, the UNCITRAL secretariat is planning to organize or participate at the following events:

### *General*

(a) Subregional workshop on international law, organized by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs for the French-speaking countries of East Africa and the Indian Ocean (Djibouti, 13–15 February 2024);

(b) Events on digitalization, micro-, small- and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and other UNCITRAL-related topics to be held in conjunction with Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Peru 2024;

(c) Lectures at the Master in International Trade Law of the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO) (Turin, Italy, April–May 2024); and

(d) International conference on “International Commercial Legislation: Trends and Perspectives”, organized by the University of Qatar (Doha, 24 April 2024).

### *Dispute settlement*

(a) Joint event with the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) “Unpacking the Code of Conduct for Arbitrators in International Investment Dispute Resolution” (Washington, D.C., 18 January 2024);

(b) Conference on “Arbitration in times of war and other crises”, organized by the German Arbitration Institute (DIS) (Petersberg, Germany, 23–24 February 2024);

(c) Hongqiao International Legal Forum, co-organized by the Shanghai Arbitration Commission and Minhang Bureau of Justice (Shanghai, China, 1 March 2024);

(d) Conference “Dispute Resolution in a Changing World: New Trends, New Opportunities”, organized by the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA) (Riyadh, 6 March 2024);

(e) International Dispute Resolution and Risk Management Conference 2024 on “Utilizing Mediation Professional Services for SMEs”, organized by the International Dispute Resolution and Risk Management Institute (IDRRMI) (Hong Kong, China, 8 March 2024);

(f) Investment Treaty Conference of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (Paris, 11 March 2024);

(g) The thirty-first Vis Moot (Vienna, 22–28 March 2024) (see [A/CN.9/1174/Add.7](#));

(h) Webinar on “Ethical standards for international arbitrators”, organized by the International Law Association of Italy (Milan, Italy, 12 April 2024);

(i) Azerbaijan Arbitration Days, organized by the Azerbaijan Arbitration Association (Baku, 25–26 April 2024);

(j) Conference on “International Organisations and the Reform of International Investment Law”, organized by the University of Edinburgh (Edinburgh, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 16 May 2024);

(k) Vienna Arbitration Days (Vienna, 7–8 June 2024);

(l) Mediation Moot Conference (Vienna, 5–7 July 2024);

(m) UNCITRAL Academy and Singapore Convention Week (Singapore, 26–30 August 2024);

(n) The Thirteenth Asia-Pacific Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Conference (Seoul, 30 October 2024); and

(o) UNCITRAL ADR Special Session (Seoul, 1 November 2024).

*Electronic commerce*

(a) Public sector segment of the consultation dialogue on cross-border e-commerce with Kazakhstan, coordinated by the International Trade Centre (Astana, 16 January 2024);

(b) Third meeting of the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) and the Business Advisory Council of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN-BAC) Digital Trade Connect Network (Bangkok, 25 January 2024);

(c) Conference on “Frontiers of Law and Technology”, organized by the Nagoya University Graduate School of Law (Nagoya, Japan, 14 February 2024);

(d) Side events on electronic commerce of the Thirteenth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO MC 13) (Abu Dhabi, 26–29 February 2024);

(e) Workshop on Smart Contracts and the Digital Economy, organized by the Government of Viet Nam (Hanoi, 28 February 2024);

(f) Conference on “Digital Platforms: Legal and Policy Challenges”, organized by the Guangdong University of Foreign Studies and co-hosted by the Ministry of Commerce of China (Guangzhou, China, 1 March 2024);

(g) Online workshop on “Digitalising commercial trade documents; legal frameworks”, organized by the International Chamber of Commerce United Kingdom as part of the ASEAN-UK Trade Digitalization Project (4 March 2024);

(h) Conference on “Digital Assets: Private Law, Regulation and Practice”, organized by the University of Leeds (Leeds, the United Kingdom, 13–14 May 2024);

(i) Paperless Trade Week of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and side events (Bangkok, 3–7 June); and

(j) Joint workshop on the UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records (MLETR),<sup>6</sup> organized by the Government of Cambodia and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) (Phnom Penh, date to be confirmed).

*Insolvency law*

(a) Capacity-building event for judges and insolvency representatives of Saudi Arabia, organized by the Bankruptcy Commission of Saudi Arabia (Riyadh, 4–5 March 2024);

(b) The Fourteenth Joint INSOL/UNCITRAL/World Bank Group Multinational Judicial Colloquium on Insolvency (San Diego, United States of America, 21–22 May 2024);

(c) Forum on Asian Insolvency Reform (FAIR), organized by INSOL International and the World Bank Group, with the official support of UNCITRAL and the International Monetary Fund, hosted by the Ministry of Law of Singapore (Singapore, 26–27 September 2024); and

(d) Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Law Moot 2024 (see [A/CN.9/1174/Add.7](#)).

<sup>6</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.17.V.5.

*MSMEs*

(a) Online OECD-Egypt workshop on creating a data infrastructure for productivity and business dynamics analysis (4 March 2024); and

(b) Conference organized by the Bank of Italy on access to credit by MSMEs (Rome, 8 March 2024).

*Public procurement and public-private partnerships (PPPs)*

(a) Workshop on the PPP legal framework of Tunisia, organized by the Commercial Law Development Program of the Office of the General Counsel of the United States Department of Commerce (Tunis, 9 January 2024); and

(b) Lectures at the Master in Public Procurement Management for Sustainable Development of ITC-ILO (Turin, Italy, April 2024).

*International sale of goods*

(a) Conference to mark the accession of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Vienna, 1980)<sup>7</sup> (CISG), co-organized with the Prince Saud University, the National Competitiveness Centre of Saudi Arabia, and SCCA (Riyadh, 5 March 2024); and

(b) Annual meeting and conference of the CISG Advisory Council (Pavia, Italy, October 2024).

*Transport law*

(a) The Eleventh Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum, organized by ADB and UNESCAP (Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 1–5 April 2024); and

(b) High-level celebratory event on the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sale of Ships (New York, 2022),<sup>8</sup> organized by the Government of Malta (Valletta, 19 June 2024).

---

<sup>7</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1489, No. 25567, p. 3.

<sup>8</sup> General Assembly resolution 77/100, annex.