



UNIDROIT 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Series

# Private Law, International Cooperation and Development

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SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE UNIFICATION OF PRIVATE LAW (UNIDROIT)  
CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDATION

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Palazzo Altieri  
Piazza del Gesù, 49, Rome



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## Special Session of the UNIDROIT General Assembly

### 9.00 h. **Opening Ceremony**

H.E. Ambassador Amr Mostafa Kamal Helmy, Chairman of the UNIDROIT General Assembly

Mr Antonio Bernardini, Deputy Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State, Holy See

Mr Alberto Mazzoni, President of UNIDROIT Governing Council

Mr José Angelo Estrella Faria, Secretary General of UNIDROIT

### 9.30 h. **Statements by UNIDROIT member States**

## International Symposium

### Session I **Private Law and Public International Law**

Chair: A. MAZZONI (*President, UNIDROIT Governing Council*)

10.30 h.

- **Private Law Rules as Implementation Tools for International Policies**

Ms Anna Segall, Legal Adviser and Director of the Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director of the Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate, Council of Europe

11.00 h. Coffee Break

### Session II **Property Law and Sustainable Development**

Chair: J.A. ESTRELLA FARIA (*Secretary General, UNIDROIT*)

11.30 h.

- **Property Law, Economic Stability and Investment Promotion**

Mr Gerard Sanders, General Counsel, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Mr Jonathan Mills Lindsay, Deputy General Counsel, World Bank

Mr Antonio Tavares, Legal Affairs Director, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

12.15 h.

- **Secured Transactions, Equipment Financing and Transportation Safety**

Mr François Davenne, Secretary-General, Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)

Mr John Augustin, Legal Affairs Director, International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)

Mr David Harris, Deputy General Counsel, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

13.00 h. Lunch

Session III	<b>Commercial Law and the Rule of Law</b> Chair: R. SORIEUL ( <i>The Secretary, UNCITRAL</i> )
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14.30 h.

- **Rule of law in commercial relations for the promotion of the rule of law in a broader sense: the example of the Business for the Rule of Law Framework**

Ms Ursula Wynhoven, Chief Legal Officer, Chief, Governance and Social Sustainability, UN Global Compact

- **A level playing field to counter corruption: the importance of fair and transparent public procurement**

Professor Don Wallace, Chairman, International Law Institute

Session IV	<b>Civil Procedure and International Cooperation</b> Chair: C. BERNASCONI ( <i>Secretary General, HCCH</i> )
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16.00 h.

- **Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Commercial Matters**

Professor Dr. Jan von Hein, Director, Institute for Comparative and Private International Law (Department III), University of Freiburg

16.45 h.

- **Effective and Speedy Civil Procedure as a Human Right**

Ms Diana Wallis, President, European Law Institute (ELI)

Ms Karen Vandekerckhove, Acting Head of Unit, DG Justice and Consumers, Civil Justice Policy, European Commission

17.30 h. Closing

<b>18.00 h. Cocktail reception at the seat of UNIDROIT (via Panisperna 28, 00184 Rome)</b>
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