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The MAC Protocol: Legal and economic benefits for States, international trade and development

Thursday 12 September 13:00 – 17:00

Clyde and Co LLP
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, Spitalfields 7NJ
London, the United Kingdom



The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), in partnership with the South African Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) is pleased to convene an international conference to discuss the future fourth Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Mining, Agricultural and Construction Equipment (the “[MAC Protocol](#)”).

This event will bring together diplomatic representatives, legal experts and industry stakeholders to discuss the beneficial impact of the MAC Protocol, with a particular focus on developing countries and emerging markets. The conference will provide an opportunity for States to learn more about the future treaty in advance of its adoption at a Diplomatic Conference in Pretoria, South Africa between 11 - 22 November 2019.

The event will begin at 13:00 on Thursday 12 September with a light lunch provided courtesy of Clyde and Co LLP. Please register your participation (free of charge) by sending an email to h.hameed@unidroit.org.

Draft Agenda	
13:00 – 14:00	Registration and Light Lunch provided by Clyde and Co
14:00 – 14:15	Welcome addresses <i>Ignacio Tirado (Secretary-General, UNIDROIT)</i> <i>Marc Jürgens (Acting High Commissioner, South African High Commission, London)</i>
Session 1: The Cape Town Convention – a successful international framework for the financing of high value assets	
	<i>Moderator: Sir Roy Goode (Author of the Cape Town Convention Official Commentary)</i>
14:15 – 14:30	An introduction to the Cape Town Convention <i>Anna Veneziano (Deputy Secretary-General, UNIDROIT)</i>
14:30 – 14:45	The Aircraft Protocol – lessons learnt in the negotiation of a successful treaty <i>Jeffrey Wool (Secretary-General, Aviation Working Group)</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Questions and discussion
<i>15:00 – 15:15</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
Session 2: The MAC Protocol – Legal operation and economic benefits	
	<i>Moderator: Mark Bisset (Clyde and Co)</i>
15:15 – 15:30	An overview of the draft MAC Protocol <i>Louise Gullifer (Professor of Commercial Law, University of Oxford)</i>
15:30 – 15:45	Economic benefits of the MAC Protocol <i>Ignacio Tirado (Secretary-General, UNIDROIT)</i>
15:45 – 16:00	The role of the MAC Protocol in Global Secured Transactions Reforms <i>John Wilson (Senior Financial Sector Specialist, International Finance Corporation)</i>
16:00 – 16:15	Discussion
Session 3: The MAC Protocol – Private sector views and next steps	
	<i>Moderator: Emanuel Adam (British American Business)</i>
16:15 – 16:30	Benefits of the MAC Protocol for the private sector <i>Phil Durham (Secretary-General, MAC Working Group)</i>
16:30 – 16:45	Advice for States in preparing for the Diplomatic Conference <i>William Brydie-Watson (Senior Legal Officer, UNIDROIT)</i> <i>André Smit (State Law Adviser – International Law, DIRCO South Africa)</i>
16:45 – 17:00	Discussion
17:00	Closing of the event
17:00 – 18:00	Cocktail reception hosted by the MAC Working Group