



WORKSHOP

The MAC Protocol on the financing of high value mining,
agricultural and construction equipment:
Legal and economic benefits for
European States, international trade and development

Monday 14 October 14:30 – 17:00

Justus Lipsius Building (JL 50, Presidency room)
Council of the European Union,
Rue de la Loi 175, Brussels



The Finnish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, in partnership with the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), is pleased to convene a Workshop 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](#)").

The event aims at discussing with relevant experts and representatives of EU Member States the beneficial impact of the MAC Protocol. 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 workshop will begin at 14:30 on Monday 14 October 2019 with a welcome coffee.

Please **register** your participation **by 9 October** 2019 via the following link:
https://www.lyyti.in/MAC_Protocol_Workshop

Concept Note

Developed by the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) over more than one decade, with participation of academic and other experts, governmental representatives, the European Union, specialised intergovernmental organisations as well as the relevant private sector, the **MAC Protocol** is currently under negotiations. It is an extension of the 2001 Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (the Cape Town Convention), already adopted by 79 States and approved by the European Union for the matters within its competence. It will provide an international legal framework for the financing of high value **mining, agricultural and construction equipment**, increasing global investment and productivity in these key economic sectors.

Independent economic benefit studies show that European States will greatly benefit from the operation of the MAC Protocol, in the broader context of global development. The Protocol will foster exportations of MAC equipment as well as lower the cost of importations. It will allow financiers to extend credit in countries where they are currently unable to do so, or to finance at more favourable conditions.

The MAC Protocol will be negotiated at a Diplomatic Conference in Pretoria, South Africa, 11-22 November 2019.

Draft Agenda

14:30 – 15:00	Welcome Coffee
15:00 – 15:15	Opening addresses <i>Antti Leinonen (Finnish Presidency - Director General, Ministry of Justice)</i> <i>Ignacio Tirado (Secretary-General, UNIDROIT)</i>

Session I - The draft MAC Protocol: Legal and economic benefits

15:15 – 15:35	The MAC Protocol in the framework of the Cape Town Convention <i>Anna Veneziano (Deputy Secretary-General, UNIDROIT)</i>
15:35 – 15:55	Special features of the draft MAC Protocol <i>William Brydie-Watson (Senior Legal Officer, UNIDROIT)</i>
15:55 – 16:15	Why the MAC Protocol? Economic benefits of the MAC Protocol for private sector and States and its impact on development <i>Ignacio Tirado (Secretary-General, UNIDROIT)</i> Q&A

Session II - The EU's role in the Cape Town Convention treaty system and preparation for the Diplomatic Conference

16:30 – 16:45	The EU's Role in the Cape Town Treaty System <i>Patrizia De Luca (Team Leader, DG for Justice, Freedom and Security, European Commission)</i>
16:45 – 16:55	Towards the Diplomatic Conference: advice for States <i>William Brydie-Watson (Senior Legal Officer, UNIDROIT)</i> Q&A