



**Strathmore University**  
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## International Conference

**The Cape Town Convention, MAC Protocol, and Rail Protocol:  
Legal and economic benefits for African States, international  
trade and development**

**Tuesday 22 October 8:30 – 17:00**

**Strathmore University, Law School**

**Madaraka Estate, Ole Sangale Road, Keri Campus  
Sir Thomas More Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Policy Innovation Centre  
Nairobi, Kenya**



The [International Institute for the Unification of Private Law \(UNIDROIT\)](http://www.unidroit.org) in partnership with the [Strathmore University Law School](http://www.strathmore.ac.ke) 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](#)”) as well as discuss the benefits of the Rail Protocol for Africa, as an adopted treaty within the framework of the Cape Town Convention.

This event will bring together diplomatic representatives, legal experts and industry stakeholders to discuss the beneficial impact of both the MAC Protocol and the Rail 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 the Diplomatic Conference in Pretoria, South Africa between 11 – 22 November 2019.

The event will begin at 8:30 on Tuesday 22 October, and a light lunch will be provided. Please register your participation (free of charge) by sending an email to [info@unidroit.org](mailto:info@unidroit.org).

<b>Final Agenda</b>	
<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:30</b>	<b>Welcome addresses</b> <i>Francisco B. Lopez-Jurado (Acting Dean of Strathmore University, Law School)</i> <i>Ignacio Tirado (Secretary-General, UNIDROIT)</i>
<b>Session 1: The Cape Town Convention – a successful international framework for the financing of high value assets – and its Rail Protocol for the development of the railway sector</b>	
	Moderator: Allan Mukuki (Strathmore)
<b>9:30 – 9:55</b>	<b>An introduction to the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols</b> <i>Anna Veneziano (Deputy Secretary-General, UNIDROIT)</i>
<b>9:55 – 10:20</b>	<b>The Rail Protocol – Legal operation and expected benefits</b> <i>Howard Rosen (Chair of the Rail Working Group)</i>
<b>10:20 – 10:45</b>	<b>The Rail Protocol – Benefits for Kenya and Africa</b> <i>Galetlolwe Semanya (Senior Manager, PRASA (Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa))</i>
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Questions and discussion</b>
<i>11:00 – 11:30</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>Session 2: The MAC Protocol – Legal operation and economic benefits</b>	
	Moderator: Allan Mukuki (Strathmore)
<b>11:30 – 11:50</b>	<b>An overview of the draft MAC Protocol – Legal rules and operation</b> <i>Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell (Professor of Commercial Law, University Carlos III)</i>
<b>11:50 – 12:15</b>	<b>Economic Benefits of the MAC Protocol</b> <i>Ignacio Tirado (Secretary-General, UNIDROIT)</i>
<b>12:15 – 12:30</b>	<b>Questions and discussion</b>
<i>12:30 – 14:00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>Session 3: Views on the MAC Protocol</b>	
	Moderator: Allan Mukuki (Strathmore)
<b>14:00 – 14:20</b>	<b>Benefits of the MAC Protocol for the private sector</b> <i>Phil Durham (Secretary General of the MAC Working Group)</i>
<b>14:20 – 14:40</b>	<b>Kenya's views on the MAC Protocol</b> <i>Beatrice Osicho (Office of the Attorney General &amp; Department of Justice, Kenya)</i>
<b>14:40 – 15:00</b>	<b>Advice for States in preparing for the Diplomatic Conference</b> <i>André Smit (State Law Adviser, DIRCO South Africa)</i>
<i>15:00 – 15:30</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>

#### Session 4: The Cape Town Convention and Africa

<b>15:30 – 16:30</b>	Moderator: Beatrice Osicho (Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice, Kenya) <b>Panel: The role of the Cape Town Convention in supporting regional secured transaction reform, investment and economic development in Africa</b> <i>Ignacio Tirado (Secretary-General, UNIDROIT)</i> <i>Leah Mumbi Kiwara (World Bank Group Representative)</i> <i>Soteri Gatera (UNECA Representative)</i>
<b>16:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>Questions and discussion</b>
<b>17:00</b>	<b>Closing of the event</b>
<b>17:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Cocktail reception hosted by the MAC Working Group</b>



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