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## ***Agenda***

### **Webinar Model Law on Warehouse Receipts Project**

**Thursday 26 March 2020**

The webinar, co-organised by the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), will discuss global experiences with modernizing frameworks and emerging trends identifying the main legal issues leading to the development of a Model Law on Warehouse Receipts. The need for a Model Law stems from problems identified on the ground by international institutions working on access to finance, particularly in the agricultural sector. A comprehensive, modern, and state of the art legal text will help countries modernise their systems, lowering the cost of credit, enhancing its availability, and facilitating transactions with agricultural commodities. Moreover, this new instrument should aid harmonisation at the international level, facilitating cross-border transactions and the establishment of electronic exchanges for warehouse receipts.

The webinar will seek input from academia, stakeholders, institutional actors and organisations active in the field. It will run from **14:00 to 19:00 (CET) on Thursday 26 March**.

<b>Agenda</b>	
<b>14:00 – 14:20</b>	<b>The Model Law on Warehouse Receipts Joint Project: UNCITRAL and UNIDROIT</b> <i>Prof. Ignacio Tirado (Secretary-General, UNIDROIT)</i> <i>José Angelo Estrella Faria (Principal Legal Officer, Head Legislative Branch, UNCITRAL)</i>
<b>14:20 – 14:45</b>	<b>The core elements of a proposal for the Model Law as presented to the UNCITRAL Commission</b> <i>Marek Dubovec (Executive Director, Kozolchyk National Law Center)</i>
<b>Session 1: Global experiences with warehouse receipts reforms</b>	
<b>14:45 – 15:40</b>	<i>David Ivanovic (Senior Private Sector Specialist, World Bank Group)</i> <i>Adam Gross (Director, Darhei Noam Limited)</i> <i>Prof. Jean-François Riffard (University Clermont Auvergne)</i> <i>Philine Wehling (Legal Officer, UNIDROIT)</i>  <b>Questions and discussion</b>
<b>15:40 – 16:00</b>	<i>Coffee Break</i>

<b>Session 2: Legal and practical issues in reforming warehouse receipts frameworks, including alignment with other regimes, such as those governing secured transactions</b>	
<b>16:00 – 17:15</b>	<p><i>Nicholas Budd (International Expert, former partner at White and Case and Dentons)</i>  <i>Jean Saint-Geours (Senior Economist, World Bank Group)</i>  <i>Prof. Andrea Tosato (University of Nottingham)</i></p> <p><b>Questions and discussion</b></p>
<i>17:15 – 17:30</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>Session 3: Model/common transactions and emerging issues, including supply chain financing, electronic exchanges, blockchain, etc. relating to warehouse receipts</b>	
<b>17:30 – 18:15</b>	<p><i>Jeannette Tramhel (Senior Legal Officer, OAS)</i>  <i>Bukola Awosanya (Head of Agriculture, Sterling Bank Plc, Nigeria)</i>  <i>Luis Macias (CEO &amp; Founder, GrainChain Inc., Mexico)</i></p> <p><b>Questions and discussion</b></p>
<b>Open Discussion: Aspects to be covered in the Model Law</b>	
<b>18:15 – 19:00</b>	<p><i>Prof. Ignacio Tirado (Secretary-General, UNIDROIT)</i>  <i>José Angelo Estrella Faria (Principal Legal Officer, Head Legislative Branch, UNCITRAL)</i></p>
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>