

International conference on:

**THE 2010 UNIDROIT PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS IN LIGHT OF
 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND NATIONAL LAWS: LAUNCH OF THE ARABIC VERSION OF THE
 2010 PRINCIPLES**

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Sultan Qaboos University
 Muscat, Oman ~ March 23-24, 2014

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014

08:00-09:00	Breakfast & Registration
09:00-09:30	<p>Welcoming Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Dr. Mohamed Mattar, Senior Research Professor of International Law, Executive Director, The Protection Project at The Johns Hopkins University-SAIS, USA <i>Human Rights in the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts</i> — Dr. Amel K. Abdallah, Assistant Dean for Post Graduate Studies & Research, College of Law, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman <i>The Omani Civil Code and the 2010 UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts</i> — Ms. Anna Veneziano, Deputy Secretary General, UNIDROIT, Rome, Italy <i>The 2012 Model Clauses for the Practical Application of the UNIDROIT Principles</i>
09:30-11:00	<p>Panel I: The 2010 UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts: Introductory Observations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Dr. Fatma Bouraoui, Associate Professor of Private Law, Faculty of Legal, Political, and Social Sciences of Tunis, University of Carthage, Tunisia <i>The UNIDROIT Principles as the Source of Lex Mercatoria in International Trade Law</i> — Dr. Elwan Omaia, Professor Emeritus, Institut für ausländisches und internationales Privat- und Wirtschaftsrecht, University of Heidelberg, Germany <i>Insights into the Arabic Version of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts</i> — Dr. Behrooz Akhalghi, Senior Partner, International Law Office, Dr. Behrooz Akhlaghi & Associates, Iran <i>The UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts: Persian Interpretation (co- authored by Mr. Farhad Emam)</i>

11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	<p>Panel II: The UNIDROIT Principles as the Applicable Law in International Commercial Contracts</p> <p>— Dr. Ashraf Wafa, Dean, College of Law, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman <i>Applicable Law to International Commercial Contracts</i></p> <p>— Dr. Henry Deeb Gabriel, Professor of Law, Elon University; Member of the Working Group and Chairman of the Editorial Committee of the 2010 UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts; Member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council <i>Mandatory Rules as Limitations on the Freedom of Contract in the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts</i></p> <p>— Dr. Yousef Shandi, Assistant Professor of Civil Law, College of law and Public Administration, Birzeit University, Palestine <i>Adjustment and Adoption of International Contracts through Re-Negotiation: the Hardship Doctrine</i></p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<p>Panel III: The UNIDROIT, UNCITRAL and the Hague Conference: Tools and Mechanisms of Harmonization and Unification of the Law</p> <p>— Dr. Marcel Fontaine, Professor Emeritus, Catholic University of Louvain Law School, Belgium <i>The Role of the UNIDROIT Principles in Harmonizing Rules of Contract Law: the Draft OHADA Uniform Act on Contracts Inspired by the UNIDROIT Principles</i></p> <p>— Mr. Luca G. Castellani, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat, Austria <i>Promoting Uniform Law Reform in Arab Countries: Current Status and Perspectives</i></p> <p>— Ms. Brooke Adele Marshall, Legal Assistant, Hague Conference on Private International Law, The Netherlands <i>The UNIDROIT Principles as the Chosen Law and the New Hague Principles on Choice of Law in International Contracts</i></p> <p>— Mr. Ali Shahabi, Associate, International Law Office, Dr. Behrooz Akhlaghi & Associates, Tehran, Iran <i>Partial Performance of Obligations under Iranian Legal System, Common Law and the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts</i></p>
15:30-16:00	Coffee break
16:00-17:30	<p>Panel IV: Common Law and Civil Law in the UNIDROIT: Is There a Place for Islamic Law?</p> <p>— Dr. Mahmoud Dodeen, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Birzeit University, Palestine <i>Contract Formation and Contract Termination: a Comparative Analysis between the 2010 Principles and the Majelle</i></p> <p>— Mr. Abdelkhalig Shaib, Associate Fellow at the Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia</p>

	<p><i>Sharia as a Choice of Law and UNIDPOIT Principles in Islamic Finance Transaction: Challenges and Opportunities</i></p> <p>— Dr. Mohammad Habibi Mojandeh, Faculty Member of Law Department, Mofid University, Qom, Iran <i>Freedom of Contract in the UNIDROIT Principles and Iranian Law</i></p> <p>— Dr. Naser Elahi, Faculty Member of Economics Department, Mofid University, Qom, Iran <i>An Economic Appraisal of the UNIDROIT Principles from an Islamic Perspective</i></p>
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MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014

08:00-09:00	Breakfast & Registration
09:00-10:30	<p>Panel V: The UNIDROIT Principles and the Civil Code of Oman: A Comparative Analysis</p> <p>— Dr. Issam M. Saliba, Senior Legal Specialist, The Law Library of The Library of the U.S. Congress, USA <i>Illegality of Contracts under the UNIDROIT Principles and the Municipal Law of Oman</i></p> <p>— Dr. Silvia Zorzetto, Associate at Pedersoli and Associate Law Firm, Assistant Professor at Milan University (Italy) <i>Common Customs, Principles, Rules and Standard Forms in Omani Contract Law: Risks and Damages in General Contractor Contracts</i></p> <p>— Dr. Yehya Ikram Ibrhaim Badr, Assistant Professor, Dept Private International Law, Faculty of Law, Alexandria University, Egypt <i>Can It Be Done?: Adopting the UNIDROIT Principles Through Party Autonomy Under Omani Choice of Law Rules</i></p> <p>— Dr. Mostafa Mirmohammadi Azizi, Faculty Member of Law Department and Director of Human Rights Studies and Comparative Law Studies Centers, Mofid University, Qom, Iran <i>A Review of the Arabic Translation of the 2010 UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial</i></p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	<p>Panel VI: The Application of the UNIDROIT Principles in National Jurisdictions: National Case Studies</p> <p>— Dr. Ergun Özsunay, Professor of Civil Law, Comparative Law and EU Private Law, Istanbul University Faculty of Law (Em), Istanbul Culture University Faculty of Law <i>Differences and Similarities between the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts 2010 and National Laws: The Turkish Perspective</i></p> <p>— Dr. Hannes Rösler, LL.M. (Harvard), Affiliate, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Germany; Professor of Civil Law, International Private Law and Comparative Law, University of Siegen, Germany <i>The UNIDROIT Principles as the Applicable Law? On the Limitations of the Choice of law</i></p>

	<p><i>Rules: A European Perspective</i></p> <p>— Dr. Nisreen S. Mahasneh, Professor in Private Law, Faculty of Law, Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan <i>The Approaches of the 2010 UNIDROIT Principles, CISG 1980 and the 1976 Civil Code of Jordan</i></p> <p>— Dr. Salem Helles, Dean, Faculty of Commerce, and Professor of Accounting and Finance, The Islamic University of Gaza, Palestine <i>The Role of Financial Arbitration in Solving Commercial Disputes in Palestine</i></p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	<p>Panel VII: The Application of the UNIDROIT Principles in National Jurisdictions: National Case Studies</p> <p>— Dr. Morteza Mohammadi, Faculty Member of Law Department, Mofid University, Qom, Iran <i>Differences and Similarities Between the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and National Laws</i></p> <p>— Dr. Bayu Seto Hardjowahono, Parahyangan Catholic University, Faculty of Law, Indonesia <i>The UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts: a Model Law for the Draft Law of Contract of the Republic of Indonesia</i></p> <p>— Dr. Mohammed Abdul Rahman Taib, Assistant Professor of Private Law, School of Sharia and Law, Nyala Universty, Sudan <i>The Role of International Contracts in the Coordination and Unification of International Trade Law: A Comparative Study of the Sales Contract in Sudanese Law and the Vienna Convention 1980</i></p> <p>— Mr. Naser Azizi, Ph.D Candidate of International Law, Iran; Ms. Hamideh Yekta Saghatchi, International Law Researcher, Iran <i>A Comparative Study on the Similarities and Differences of the UNIDROIT Principles, the CISG and the Iranian Principles concerning Contracts of Sale</i></p> <p>— Dr. Ali Mohammad Hakimian, Faculty Member of Law Department, Research Institute of Houzah and University, Qom, Iran, <i>Comparison of Contract Law in the UNIDROIT Principles and the Islamic Majella: Code of Contracts in accordance with Islamic Law</i></p>
15:30-16:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>— Dr. Mohamed Mattar, Senior Research Professor of International Law, Executive Director, The Protection Project at The Johns Hopkins University-SAIS, USA</p>