



EBRD Legal Transition Programme and UNIDROIT Joint Workshop

Strengthening EBRD and UNIDROIT Cooperation to Facilitate Legal Transition – Access to Credit, Sustainable Finance, Climate Change and Dispute Resolution

The work of the EBRD and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) is mutually beneficial. UNIDROIT's international best practice instruments in the fields of international private law and commercial law directly support EBRD products and services across a range of sectors. Simultaneously, the EBRD Legal Transition Programme facilitates the promotion and implementation of UNIDROIT instruments across the world.

The EBRD will welcome a high-level delegation from UNIDROIT to London for a workshop aimed at further strengthening cooperation between the EBRD and UNIDROIT. The workshop will provide an opportunity for EBRD staff to learn more about how UNIDROIT's instruments in the fields of access to credit, sustainable finance, climate change and dispute resolution support EBRD projects and the Bank's Legal Transition Programme.

Date	Monday 25 September 2023, 9:30 – 13:00
Location	EBRD Headquarters, London

Agenda Items	
9:30	Welcome <i>Michael Strauss (EBRD General Counsel)</i> <i>Alba Bozo (EBRD Deputy General Counsel)</i>
9:40	Introduction to the EBRD Legal Transition Programme <i>Michel Nussbaumer (EBRD Director of Legal Transition)</i> <i>Gian Piero Cigna (EBRD Head of Financial Law Unit)</i>
9:50	Introduction to UNIDROIT <i>Ignacio Tirado (UNIDROIT Secretary-General)</i>
10:00	Panel 1 – Financial Law, Access to Credit and Sustainable Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EBRD New Finance Report and Factoring Survey update <i>Catherine Bridge Zoller (EBRD Senior Counsel)</i> <i>Milot Ahma (EBRD Counsel)</i>



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	<p><i>Guest speaker: EBRD Trade Facilitation Programme and SME Finance and Development team</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access to credit for MSMEs and supply chain finance: the UNIDROIT Model Law on Factoring <i>William Brydie-Watson (UNIDROIT Senior Legal Officer)</i> ▪ Asset based financing and international trade: the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols <i>Anna Veneziano (UNIDROIT Deputy Secretary-General)</i> ▪ Agricultural development – UNIDROIT Model Law on Warehouse Receipts and future work on agriculture supply chain financing <i>Ignacio Tirado (UNIDROIT Secretary-General)</i> ▪ Insolvency rules across UNIDROIT instruments and bank insolvency <i>Myrte Thijssen (UNIDROIT Legal Officer)</i> ▪ Q&A
11:20	Coffee Break
11:35	<p>Panel 2 – Climate Change, Energy Transition and Sustainable Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EBRD Legal Transition Programme projects on climate change, energy transition and sustainable finance <i>Vesselina Haralampieva (EBRD Senior Counsel)</i> <i>Divya Chawla Jindal (EBRD Principal Counsel)</i> <p><i>Guest speaker: EBRD Climate Strategy & Delivery</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Combatting climate change - the legal nature of voluntary carbon credits (VCCs) <i>Giulia Previti (UNIDROIT Legal Officer)</i>
12:15	<p>Panel 3 – Dispute Resolution and Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EBRD Legal Transition Programme projects on dispute resolution and enforcement of court decisions <i>Veronica Bradautanu (EBRD Principal Counsel),</i> <i>Yulia Shapovalova (EBRD Principal Counsel)</i> <p><i>Guest speaker: EBRD Corporate Recovery Unit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UNIDROIT instruments on civil procedure, dispute resolution and effective enforcement <i>Anna Veneziano (UNIDROIT Deputy-General)</i> ▪ Q&A
12:55	<p>Final remarks</p> <p><i>Michel Nussbaumer (EBRD Director of Legal Transition)</i></p>
13:00	Close of workshop
14:30	Afternoon session: project-specific technical discussions

