

Sixth Conference on International Coordination of Secured Transactions Reform

Coordinating new instruments with the existing international framework and enhancing regional reforms

16 – 17 January 2024

International Finance Corporation (IFC) Headquarters, Washington,
DC Room: F L-101

(Hybrid Event)

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Program Agenda

DAY 1: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

9:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. EST	Registration – L101 Foyer
9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. EST	<p>Welcome Remarks – IFC & SECO</p> <p>Mohamed Gouled, IFC Vice President Industries</p> <p>Dominique Favre - Ambassador, Executive Director for Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Poland, Serbia, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan</p> <p>Opening Commentary on Origins of STR International Joint Network Project Charles W. Mooney, Jr. Charles A. Heimbold, Jr. Professor of Law Emeritus University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School</p>
9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. EST	<p>Panel 1 – Coordination in the development of standards for secured transactions – an overview. <i>This panel will allow the rules-formulating organizations to provide a general overview of current projects and anticipated projects related to the development of secured transactions instruments.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Elaine MacEachern, IFC GFIP Program Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ignacio Tirado - UNIDROIT - Anna Joubin-Bret - UNCITRAL - Gérardine Goh Escolar – HCCH – remote
10:15 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. EST	Coffee break

<p>10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. EST</p>	<p>Panel 2 – Coordinating new instruments in the context of the existing international framework. <i>This panel will discuss how instruments that have recently been adopted (the UNIDROIT Model Law on Factoring and the UNCITRAL Guide on Access to Credit for MSMEs) were coordinated with existing international instruments.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Anna Veneziano, UNIDROIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - William Brydie-Watson UNIDROIT - Monica Canafoglia – UNCITRAL – remote - Marek Dubovec, ILI - John Wilson – IFC – remote
<p>11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST</p>	<p>Group Picture</p>
<p>12:00 p.m.-1:30p.m. EST</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>1:30p.m. – 2:45 p.m. EST</p>	<p>Panel 3 – Emerging and disrupting technologies and their intersection with secured transactions. <i>This panel will introduce participants to the work by the rules-formulating and other international organizations in the areas of digital economy and intangible assets, exploring how the existing standards such as UNIDROIT Principles on Digital Assets and Private Law and UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records, and other ongoing initiatives, such as valuation of intellectual property rights how they could apply to secured transactions.</i></p> <p>Co- moderators: Gerardine Goh Escolar, HCCH-- remote & Mark Walter, ILI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alexander Kunzelmann, UNCITRAL – remote - Louise Gullifer, University Cambridge - Neil Cohen, Brooklyn Law School - John Wilson, IFC– remote
<p>2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. EST</p>	<p>Panel 4 – Coordinating the implementation of secured transactions reforms with a focus on women’s access to finance. <i>This panel will discuss secured transactions initiatives with a special focus to support women’s financial inclusion and economic empowerment.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Anna Joubin-Bret, UNCITRAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jeannette Tramhel, Independent Legal Consultant - Justin Archer, Women’s World Banking - Julia Braunmiller, World Bank, Women, Business and Law - Jessica Schnabel, IFC Banking on Women
<p>4:30 p.m. – 6:30p.m EST</p>	<p>Cocktail Reception at L 103</p>

Day 2: Wednesday, January 17, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. EST	Summary of the First Day - Elaine MacEachern, IFC
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. EST	<p>Panel 5 - Implementation of secured transactions reforms in the agricultural sector</p> <p><i>This panel will explore reforms that increase access to credit in the agricultural sector, including financing along the agricultural supply chain, warehouse receipts and crop receipts.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Jae Sung Lee, UNCITRAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Luca Castellani, UNCITRAL – remote - Marek Dubovec, ILI - Panos Varangis, IFC - Kyrylo Mukhomedzyanov, IFC – remote
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. EST	Coffee break
10:45 p.m.– 12:00 p.m. EST	<p>Panel 6 – Coordinating access to credit initiatives with regulatory agencies</p> <p><i>This panel will explore how the design and implementation of secured transactions reforms should be coordinated with regulatory and licensing agencies.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Don Wallace, ILI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Giuliano Castellano, University of Hong Kong – remote - John Wilson, IFC – remote - Collen Masunda, IFC
12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. EST	Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EST	<p>Panel 7 –The role of International Financial Institutions & Governments in secured transactions reform</p> <p><i>This panel will bring together international financial institutions that are active in providing technical support to Governments undertaking secured transactions reforms to discuss recent developments and implementation experiences.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Sarah Prosser, DOS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Milot Ahma –EBRD - Nigel Chin, ADB – remote - Maria Del Pilar Bonilla, US-OTA Secured Transaction Consultant - Christian Braendli, SECO – remote - Chris Wohlert, APEC
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. EST	Coffee Break

<p>2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. EST</p>	<p>Panel 8 – Emerging issues on financing <i>This panel will discuss new and emerging issues that are affecting financing in general, mainly relating to climate change, green finance, digital platforms, and others. Also included in this session is a brief overview of the new World Bank B-Ready Financial Services indicator.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Jaime Moreno-Valle, OAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Olivia A. Brouwer, IFC - Gemma Torras Vives, WBG - Nadine Abi Chakra, WBG - Michael Kos, WIPO – remote
<p>3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m. EST</p>	<p>Panel 9 – Way forward to improve coordination. <i>This panel will discuss how the Joint Network could further support the coordination of secured transactions reform through possible initiatives such as the development of an online platform maintained by the network. Website Update, Membership Update, 2024 Meeting Location.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mark Walter, ILI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ignacio Tirado, UNIDROIT - Anna Joubin-Bret, UNCITRAL - Dante Negro, OAS - Gérardine Goh Escolar, HCCH – remote - Elaine MacEachern, IFC
<p>4:30 p.m. -5:00 p.m. EST</p>	<p>Summary and Wrap Up</p>