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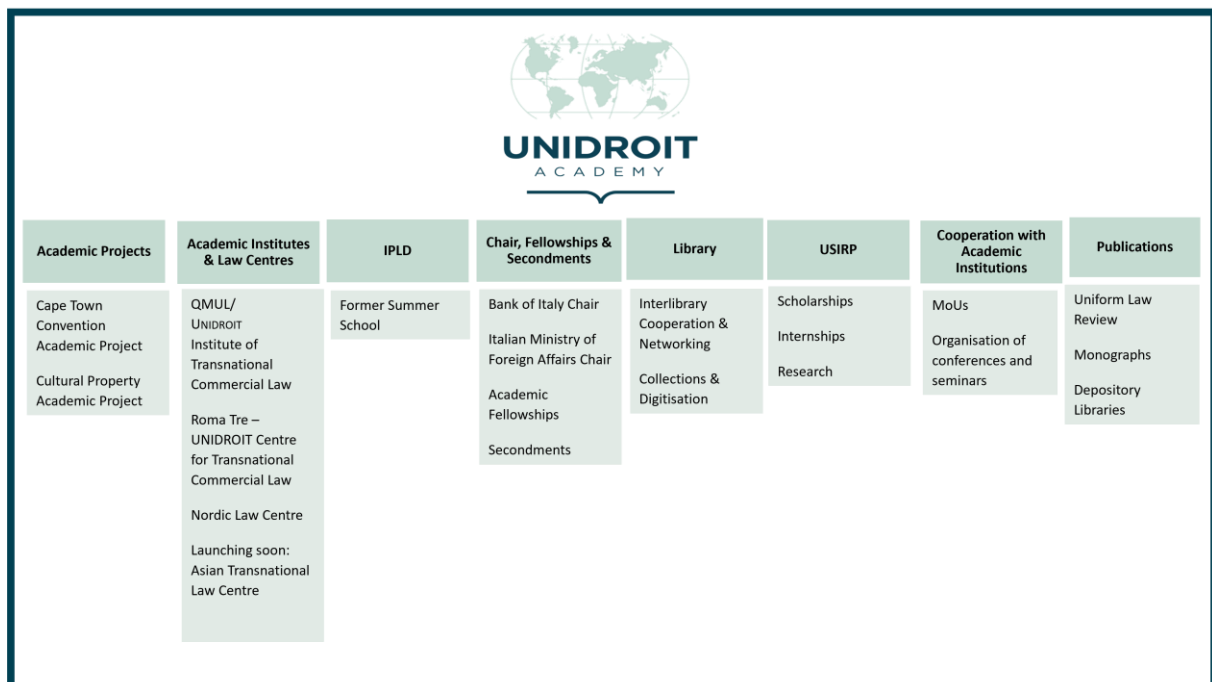
**Item No. 11 on the agenda: UNIDROIT Academy**

(prepared by the Secretariat)

<i>Summary</i>	<i>Development of UNIDROIT's academic network and activities</i>
<i>Action to be taken</i>	<i>Take note of the activities and support the initiatives of the Secretariat</i>
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**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. In 2021, at its 100<sup>th</sup> session, the Governing Council approved the Secretariat's proposal to create the UNIDROIT Academy, with a view to enable the adoption of a unified approach to UNIDROIT's many interrelated non-legislative, academic activities ([C.D. \(100\) B.22](#)). This document provides an update on all activities with a predominantly academic component, as noted in the figure below.



## II. UNIDROIT ACADEMIC PROJECTS

### A. Cape Town Convention Academic Project



2. The Cape Town Convention Academic Project (CTCAP) is a joint undertaking between UNIDROIT and the University of Cambridge Faculty of Law, under the auspices of the Centre for Corporate and Commercial Law (3CL). The Aviation Working Group is the founding sponsor of CTCAP, whereas Professor Ignacio Tirado (Unidroit), Professor Louise Gullifer (University of Cambridge), and Professor Jeffrey Wool (Aviation Working Group) serve as the Directors. It was originally founded in July 2011 by the University of Oxford and the University of Washington, in collaboration with UNIDROIT.

3. The primary objective of CTCAP is to facilitate and further the academic study and assessment of the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols. It does this by providing a comprehensive, digitised and searchable repository ([www.ctcap.org](http://www.ctcap.org)) of documents and publications related to the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols.

4. Additionally, from time to time, CTCAP issues annotations to the Official Commentary on the Convention and the Aircraft Protocol, in order to provide further guidance on specific issues relevant to practitioners and researchers of the Cape Town Convention. It also publishes the Cape Town Convention Academic Journal and organises the annual Cape Town Convention Academic Project Conference, which takes place annually, currently at Cambridge University, having previously taken place at the University of Oxford and at UNIDROIT.

5. Finally, CTCAP also oversees three related projects: the [Economic Assessment of International Commercial Law Reform \(EA\) Project](#), the [\(BPER\) Project, and the Implementation of, and Compliance with, International Commercial Law Treaties Project \(Treaty Project\)](#). These projects further complement research on the Cape Town Convention and transnational law in general. In 2021, the BPER Project published a [Best Practices Guide for Electronic Collateral Registries](#) and, since then, it has focused on developing best practices for electronic business registries.

6. Since the last session of the Governing Council, CTCAP has continued to be very active. In 2023, the first edition of the Cape Town Convention (CTC) International Moot Court Programme (CTC Moot Court) was held at the University of Cambridge. The competition involved students from the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford, and was judged by Mr. Justice Zacaroli (Judge of the Chancery Division, High Court of England and Wales) and Professor Riz Mokal (South Square, formerly Chair of Legal Theory at the University College London). The CTC Moot Court was launched in 2022 with the purpose of familiarising students and judges with the CTC in the context of complex hypothetical fact patterns, and of providing students with educational exercises involving these instruments in a simulated judicial setting. The hypothetical and related materials are modified on a jurisdictional basis, depending on the venue.

7. The twelfth annual CTCAP Conference also took place at the University of Cambridge in hybrid format on 27 and 28 September 2023, with 153 registered participants, 88 of which attended in person. The focus was on Enforcement and Dispute Resolution in relation to the Cape Town

Convention. The Conference included contributions from leading legal academic and other Cape Town Convention experts on the following topics, among others: the private enforcement of treaty breaches, the mechanics and dynamics of enforcement in insolvency, the meaning of ‘procedural law’ in the Cape Town context, the meaning of CTC Article 42 and forum non conveniens, and a review of judicial decisions on enforcement, as well as a discussion on the Cape Town Convention and leasing. The first day of the Conference concluded with a reception and a dinner at Jesus College, University of Cambridge, during which Professor Sir Roy Goode was honoured for his contribution to the Cape Town Convention and its jurisprudence.

8. The seventh Workshop on the BPER Project was organised by CTCAP at UNIDROIT’s Headquarters on 13-14 February 2024 in hybrid format, with the support of the UNIDROIT Foundation and Aviareto. The Workshop involved 48 participants, 22 of which participated in person and featured the presentation of a detailed outline of the future Guide on Electronic Business Registries, as well as a reassessment of the Guide’s scope, content, and structure. It also included a review of the existing critical performance factors, with the purpose of identifying the adaptations needed in the context of business registries, as well as a discussion on the proposed additional critical performance factors. Finally, the Workshop collected input from various national and international organisations involved in the design and operation of companies registries, and examined other international instruments in this area.

9. The 9<sup>th</sup> (restricted) workshop for the EA Project was organised by CTCAP on 14-15 February 2024, at the seat of UNIDROIT in Rome in hybrid format. The workshop was attended by 12 experts with legal and economic backgrounds, and featured discussions focused on an updated draft of the Guide to the Framework for the Economic Assessment of International Commercial Law Reform, as prepared by UNIDROIT in cooperation with Professor Oren Sussman.

10. Aspects considered by the participants included the presentation and meaning of the five Variables, the scoring system, terminology, the concept of transaction costs, the identification of the baseline scenario, and assumptions for conducting economic evaluations. It was agreed that the focus of the future Guide would be on *ex-ante* evaluations. In addition, the group received a study of an *ex-post* economic analysis in relation to the Cape Town Convention and its Aircraft Protocol to facilitate the comparison with the approach followed by the EA Project. The group also considered changing the title of the Project and replacing the “assessment” with “analysis” or “evaluation” to better reflect the focus and purpose of the Project.

11. A planning session on the Treaty Project was organised by CTCAP in hybrid format on 15 February 2024 in Rome and was attended by 12 participants. The aim was to determine the scope of the Project and discuss the approach to be taken, which envisaged experts from various fields of treaty law addressing implementation and compliance issues in their fields. This approach facilitates comparative analysis and an exchange of experiences in the context of other major fields of law, and it was agreed that a common questionnaire would be completed by experts to be reviewed in a first instance by a working group.

## B. The 1995 UNIDROIT Cultural Property Academic Project



12. The 1995 UNIDROIT Convention Academic Project (UCAP) is an online platform which aims at increasing awareness and knowledge of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention and at promoting and linking relevant (inter)national research carried out by universities and other entities teaching in the field of cultural heritage law.

13. As of March 2024, 14 universities (from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, and the United States), the Law Schools Global League (an association of 31 top law schools from all five continents), and the European Students' Association for Cultural Heritage (ESACH) had joined UCAP as institutional partners, while 43 professors, researchers, lawyers, PhD candidates, etc., had joined as individual partners. Several partners have organised courses or conferences to promote UNIDROIT instruments in this field: one contributed with a "technical report on the model clauses for the legal purchase and sale of cultural assets", posted on the UCAP website, and two have become members of the Working Group on Orphan Objects.

14. Within the UCAP framework, UNIDROIT is a partner of the Art Law Centre of the University of Geneva in the context of the Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS). This programme aims to provide a high level of knowledge and understanding of the substantive themes of international cultural heritage law through a modern and dynamic problem-based learning method.

15. UNIDROIT has been invited to deliver lectures on its instruments relating to cultural property at many universities within the framework of UCAP, as detailed in the 2023 Annual Report ([C.D.\(103\) 2](#)). A number of events have already been planned for 2024.

## III. ACADEMIC INSTITUTES AND LAW CENTRES

### A. Queen Mary University London (QMUL)/UNIDROIT Institute of Transnational Commercial Law

16. The QMUL/UNIDROIT Institute for Transnational Commercial Law, originally founded in 2016 following an initiative of Professor Sir Roy Goode and the late UNIDROIT President Professor Alberto Mazzoni, was formally relaunched on 9 January 2023 with the signing of the renewed Concordat and Regulations and a new governance (Prof. Rosa Lastra, Sir John Lubbock Chair in Banking Law at QMUL/CCLS, and Prof. Anna Veneziano, UNIDROIT Deputy Secretary-General, as Co-Directors, Dr. Franziska Arnold-Dwyer as Deputy Director, Prof. Sir Roy Goode as Founding Director and Honorary Chair of the Institute, and UNIDROIT Secretary-General Prof. Ignacio Tirado in the Executive Board).

17. After the 102<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Governing Council, the Institute continued to fulfill its new mandate, particularly focusing on the organisation of the joint Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS)- UNIDROIT events for practitioners, and/or students and academics, and on the collaboration in the presentation and promotion of UNIDROIT instruments, as well as through participation of QMUL experts in UNIDROIT projects. Such co-sponsored events included the Symposium on Financial Institutions in Distress Recovery, Resolution, Recognition, held at UNIDROIT on 20 October 2023, and

a Banking and Finance Symposium for postgraduate students, PhD students and junior academics organised by Prof. Rosa Lastra on 15 November 2023.

18. The Advisory Board of the Institute (the composition of which is available at the following [link](#)) met on 8 February 2024 to discuss and approve the planning for future activities. On the same day, the Institute hosted a Roundtable on 'The UNIDROIT Principles on Digital Assets and Private Law'. The event was organised by Prof. Rosa Lastra and Dr. Franziska Arnold-Dwyer and moderated by the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT Prof. Ignacio Tirado, and included a presentation by Prof. Louise Gullifer, Rouse Ball Professor of English Law at the University of Cambridge, on 'The benefits of the UNIDROIT Principles on Digital Assets and Private Law for the global markets in digital assets'. Simon Gleeson, consultant to Clifford Chance, acted as discussant drawing on the wider commercial context.

19. Future activities planned by the Executive Committee and Advisory Board include the co-sponsorship of the celebratory UPICC 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference to be held at UNIDROIT on 6-7 May 2024, a webinar on Principles of Reinsurance Contract Law (PRICL) to present the PRICL to the London insurance market and other stakeholders, planned for Q1 2025, as well as a series of presentations on UNIDROIT's instruments to Master Degree students.

## **B. Roma Tre - Unidroit Centre for Transnational Commercial Law and International Arbitration**

20. In April 2023, the Roma Tre University School of Law and UNIDROIT constituted the Roma Tre - UNIDROIT Centre for Transnational Commercial Law and International Arbitration, with the intention to implement the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two institutions on 15 November 2021.

21. The Centre aims to promote research and scholarly debate on transnational commercial law and international arbitration. Its research will focus primarily on topics of transnational commercial law related to UNIDROIT's uniform law initiatives, projects and instruments. The Centre also aims to develop and coordinate research projects, promote conferences, seminars and workshops, and produce specialised publications in order to disseminate the results of the research. It will also foster relations and promote collaboration with other universities, national and international scientific bodies (both public and private) and the private sector.

22. The Centre is directed by Prof. Maria Chiara Malaguti (President of UNIDROIT) and Prof. Giacomo Rojas Elgueta (Professor of Private Law at Roma Tre University School of Law). The Executive Committee <sup>1</sup>, which met for the first time on 6 December 2023, is expected to meet twice a year to discuss the agenda of the Centre. The governance of the Roma Tre - UNIDROIT Centre further includes Fellows coming from the academia, law firms and other institutions. It is envisaged that, in the near future, research scholars may be funded by the Centre to develop research projects in the area of UNIDROIT's mandate.

23. The activities of the Roma Tre - UNIDROIT Centre will revolve around four main pillars. The first are research projects, which currently include the Global Crises and Contract Remedies Academic

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<sup>1</sup> Besides representatives from Roma Tre University School of Law (Antonio Carratta and Andrea Zoppini) and UNIDROIT (Ignacio Tirado and Anna Veneziano), the Executive Committee includes other representatives from the academia (William Burke-White, University of Pennsylvania Carey School of Law; Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler, Geneva University Law School; Herbert Kronke, Heidelberg University), representatives from Italian (Stefano Cappiello, Ministry of Economy and Finance; Gabriella Palmieri, Attorney General; Marino Perassi, Bank of Italy) and international (Stanimir Alexandrov, ICCA; Ida Caracciolo, ITLOS; Meg Kinnear, ICSID) institutions, and representatives of the market (Federico Bonaiuto, Leonardo; Pasquale Salzano, CDP Group; Francesco Puntillo, Enel).

Project, and a task force on UNIDROIT 's project on UPICC and international investment contracts. The second are publications, either stemming from such research projects or authored by the Fellows of the Centre. The third is teaching, which currently includes the Certificate in International Commercial and Investment Arbitration (a summer school organised yearly at Roma Tre University School of Law since 2014), and the University of Roma Tre - UNIDROIT Annual International Arbitration Lecture (the summer school's closing event). The last pillar is the organisation of conferences and events, which includes an Annual Conference to be held every autumn in Rome. The first Annual Conference will take place on 8 November 2024 at the Bank of Italy's premises, and will be dedicated to the topic 'The Many Shades of Climate Change through the Lenses of Dispute Settlement'. Additionally, this pillar includes the organisation of closed-door meetings and seminars on various topics to be identified as part of a list of priorities. The first of these seminars was organised on 25 March 2024, with a focus on UNIDROIT's project on the Legal Nature of Voluntary Carbon Credits.

### **C. Nordic Law Centre and Dedicated Library Section**

24. The harmonisation of private law can be achieved by means of both hard law and soft law instruments; these are undoubtedly the main instruments of UNIDROIT in furtherance of its mandate. Yet, the Institute's mandate can also be achieved and realized through the proper use of comparative law. Moreover, places where cultural and social similarities have naturally led to some form of uniform framework from both a legal and an institutional standpoint, notwithstanding the existence of different, separate jurisdictions, are of particular interest for UNIDROIT. The northernmost region of Europe is one of those parts of the world. Nordic law, as it is not infrequently referred to in Scandinavian countries, concerns a number of laws, customary rules and practices, institutions, and ways of implementing the legal framework which share common origins and trends in Northern Europe.

25. The idea of founding the Nordic Law Centre originally arose in the context of a donation made to the UNIDROIT Library by Professor Giuditta Cordero-Moss (University of Oslo, Norway), consisting of (i) part of the library (around 11.000 volumes) of Professor Franco Cordero, her late father and famous Italian academic, and (ii) bibliographic funds of Norwegian private law. The almost simultaneous award made to the UNIDROIT Foundation from a Dutch Foundation<sup>2</sup> to expand the library, then made it possible to arrange for the restoration and development of several rooms in an area in the main building of Villa Aldobrandini to house the collection. In order to enhance the Library's collection of private law from the countries of Northern Europe, thereby reinforcing the Institute's position as a leading comparative law research centre, the Secretariat created a research centre in the context of the UNIDROIT Academy, inviting the rest of the Nordic countries and their academic and legal institutions to participate. The research centre is titled "Centre for Nordic Studies and Transnational Private Law (Nordic Law Centre – NLC), and is funded by the universities, research centres, and legal institutions that agree to join the endeavour, thus creating no additional financial burden to the Institute.

26. UNIDROIT has a strong tradition of collaboration with the region, through institutional involvement, expert participation and the use and implementation of its instruments . The centre is partially considered as a tribute to the legacy of decades of mutual collaboration and enrichment, and also aims to substantially strengthen existing ties such as to establish a stable infrastructure for Nordic law in UNIDROIT's seat in Rome. The centre is conceived as a research unit, where scholars from the Nordic countries or academics with an interest in comparative law and the relation between private law and Nordic legislation, can undertake their research and share their conclusions.

27. The centre seeks to increase international awareness of Nordic law as well as to enhance the dissemination and knowledge of UNIDROIT's work in the region. In order to achieve this, the centre is

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<sup>2</sup> See the Report on the UNIDROIT Foundation ([C.D. \(102\) 3](#)).

in the process of establishing permanent links and/or partnerships with: (i) the Governments of the countries concerned, through their relevant Ministries; (ii) the Judiciary of the countries concerned, that could perceive the centre as an opportunity for capacity building of their constituents; (iii) leading universities and research centres of the Nordic countries for private law. Once the centre has been consolidated, the inclusion of UNIDROIT's work in their teaching/research agenda and the creation of UNIDROIT chairs in these universities, as well as other measures could be considered.

28. The activities of the centre include: (i) organisation of seminars and workshops to present topics/conclusion of research relevant to the material scope of the centre; (ii) presentation of books/studies on Nordic private law, with a connecting point to UNIDROIT's work or to transnational law, etc.; (iii) one annual conference to be organised, on a specific topic (i.e., secured transactions, international contracts, digital assets, etc.), with experts from Nordic countries. In addition to its launch event in the context of the 102<sup>nd</sup> session of the Governing Council in May 2023, a first event was held on 15 December 2023, with a Workshop on "Contra Profenterem in Nordic Contract Law", held at the seat of UNIDROIT with the participation of academics from the Nordic region.

29. The governance structure of the centre comprises a three-tier system: (i) an Advisory Board, (ii) Academic Board, and (iii) Academic Council. The Advisory Board will be composed, initially, of a representative of each State and will oversee the centre's activities, set objectives, and decide on the annual budget. The Academic Board is composed of a representative from each member university and will focus on the academic programme in collaboration with the UNIDROIT's Secretariat. The Academic Council is composed of four representatives of the Academic Board and one representative of UNIDROIT, and will have an executive role in implementing the academic programme.

30. At the end of 2023, the Library had received 250 recently published Nordic law books to enrich the Library's collection. A total of 350 books have been received over the first months of 2024, and have been catalogued and shelved in the premises of the Nordic Law Centre.

#### **D. UNIDROIT Asian Transnational Law Centre**

31. Building on the existing concept of academic centres, and drawing on the need to strengthen the Institute's endeavours towards the implementation and dissemination of its instruments, the UNIDROIT Asian Transnational Law Centre (ATLC) is a new initiative under the UNIDROIT Academy. The objectives of the ATLC are to (i) promote the work of UNIDROIT, UNIDROIT international instruments and UNIDROIT projects in the Asia-Pacific region, and (ii) strengthen connections between relevant stakeholders from Asia and UNIDROIT.

32. The ATLC's activities will include the translation of UNIDROIT instruments into Asian languages; provision of legal publications from the Asia-Pacific region for the UNIDROIT Library; sponsorship of talented legal scholars from the Asia-Pacific region to undertake research stays at the UNIDROIT Library; sponsorship of talented law students from the Asia-Pacific region to undertake UNIDROIT internships; financial support for legal experts from the Asia-Pacific region to participate in UNIDROIT projects, events and other UNIDROIT activities; the organisation of consultation and promotion events for UNIDROIT projects and instruments in the Asia-Pacific; and other initiatives that meet the ATLC's purpose to promote the objectives, international instruments and UNIDROIT projects in the Asia-Pacific region and strengthen connections between Asia and UNIDROIT.

33. Professor Meiling Huang, from the Zhongnan University of Economics and Law (ZUEL), Wuhan (China), has already arranged the donation of 90 Chinese law books written by the most relevant Chinese academics under this framework, the books have been catalogued and are now available for the academic community of numerous readers from China (and beyond) in the Library.

34. The ATLC will be managed and operated by UNIDROIT, under the framework of the ATLC Terms of Reference, based at UNIDROIT Headquarters in Rome. The ATLC will be headed by two co-Directors



(one UNIDROIT Secretariat member and one preeminent Asian legal expert), under the supervision of the UNIDROIT Secretary-General. It is proposed that the founding co-Directors of the ATLC are Professor Meiling Huang and UNIDROIT Senior Legal Officer William Brydie-Watson. It is intended that Professor Huang will be seconded by ZUEL to UNIDROIT for at least two years to undertake the role. A consultative committee of Asian law experts and interested government officials will also be created to advise the ATLC on how best to achieve its objectives. Governing Council members interested in participating directly in this new Centre are encouraged to contact the Secretariat.

35. Like the Nordic Law Centre, the activities of the ATLC will be funded by external contributions, with no use of the UNIDROIT budget. As is also the case with the Nordic Law Centre, it is expected that financing will be provided directly to the researchers and legal experts through funding available for research projects and by pro bono donations and sponsorships for private international law matters in their countries of origin. For this purpose, UNIDROIT continues to sign MoUs with some of the most important universities and legal institutions in the Asia-Pacific region. Considering the extension of the geographic scope and the potential of the Centre however, the ATLC's successful establishment and initial operation is likely to very much depend on stable funding. In this regard, UNIDROIT has already secured initial funding for the ATLC through the UNIDROIT Foundation, which has signed a sponsorship agreement with YingKe law firm, which is one of the world's largest law firms, comprising a global network of over 14,000 lawyers across 95 States and 164 cities (<http://www.yingkeinternational.com/>). In accordance with the sponsorship agreement, the sponsor will provide the UNIDROIT Foundation with 300 000 euro to support the operation of the ATLC over a period of three years (2024 – 2026).

#### **IV. UNIDROIT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR LAW AND DEVELOPMENT**

36. The Secretariat initially proposed to host a UNIDROIT International Summer School in 2022 during the 100<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council. This initiative, made possible with the contribution of the Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (DGCS-MAECI), aimed to bring together distinguished scholars and practitioners in a dynamic educational setting ([C.D. \(100\) B.22](#)).

37. The first edition of the International Summer School was held in hybrid format from 20 June to 22 July 2022. A total of 22 participants from 13 African countries (Algeria, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Tunisia), of which 12 were female and 10 male, were admitted after a strict selection process.

38. Following the success of its inaugural edition, the DGCS-MAECI granted a new award to support the 2023 edition which took place from June 5 to July 7, 2023. This program was rebranded as the "UNIDROIT International Program for Law and Development" to reflect its evolved scope beyond a mere summer course. The second edition had a larger regional coverage with 22 African judges, legal drafters, and public lawyers from 17 countries: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Nigeria, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia with a perfect gender balance. With the support of the DGCS-MAECI, the 2024 edition has been launched and scheduled to be held from 6 June to 5 July 2024. As of April, sixty candidatures have been received from 21 African countries: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroun, DR Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

39. The current programme builds upon the solid groundwork established in previous editions, aiming to further enhance educational standards and foster insightful discussions. It is meticulously designed to cover a wide array of subject matters, introducing participants to the pivotal role of transnational law and shedding light on various Unidroit instruments across diverse domains such as international commercial contracts, private law and agricultural development, access to finance



through the Cape Town Convention and associated Protocols, warehouse receipts financing, factoring, international safeguarding of cultural assets, procedural law and enforcement mechanisms, legal aspects of technology, bank insolvency, and sustainable development.

40. The IPLD programme offers a unique opportunity for participants to benefit from the collective expertise of distinguished experts across various fields. With reading materials, attending lectures, and actively participating in seminars that delve into real-life case studies under the mentorship of seasoned legal practitioners, participants have the opportunity to really engage and are immersed in a comprehensive learning experience.

41. UNIDROIT's website now features a dedicated section offering extensive support and information for its users. Concurrently, a LinkedIn Community has been established to serve as an ongoing forum for past participants, fostering continuous engagement and collaboration within the UNIDROIT network. In addition, the partnership with Foundation IES Abroad: Study Abroad Programs & Internships will allow the students who will contribute as interns to the programme to gain valuable international experience and enhance their learning opportunities.

## **V. UNIDROIT CHAIR PROGRAMMES AND FELLOWSHIPS**

42. The UNIDROIT Joint Chair Programmes are part of an approach that the Secretariat has adopted to bolster technical knowledge and expertise in certain areas of the Institute's work. Thanks to the collaboration and support of third party institutions, the Joint Chair Programmes allow the Secretariat to appoint experts for periods of one year or more, depending on the specific Terms of Reference of the Chair, to provide highly specialised advice for specific projects on its Work Programme. This adds capacity and stability to the Secretariat's workforce without taking an additional toll on the budget. Two Chair Programmes have been implemented so far, as described below.

### **A. The UNIDROIT-Bank of Italy Chair Programme**

43. The UNIDROIT-Bank of Italy Chair Programme aims to facilitate joint research and knowledge sharing on matters of common interest, with a particular focus on UNIDROIT's project on Bank Insolvency. The Programme has deepened the already excellent existing cooperation between UNIDROIT, the Bank of Italy and IVASS (the Italian supervisory authority of the insurance and reinsurance markets).

44. The successful first edition of the Programme allowed the UNIDROIT Secretariat to host Mr Hossein Nabilou (Assistant Professor of Law and Finance at the University of Amsterdam) as first Chair Holder from June 2021 to May 2022 (see [C.D. \(101\) 18](#)). Based on the positive outcome, the Bank of Italy has generously renewed it for a second period, allowing the Secretariat to welcome the second UNIDROIT-Bank of Italy Chair Holder in November (following the publication of a Call for Applications and a selection process): Mr Iacopo Donati, Professor of Corporate and Insolvency Law at the University of Siena. Prof. Donati holds a Ph.D. in Corporate Law and is qualified as an attorney in Italy and in the State of New York. He is the author of several publications on corporate law, restructuring, insolvency law, and bank crisis management.

45. Prof. Donati will stay at UNIDROIT for a period of twelve months (until November 2024), and is primarily assisting UNIDROIT with its project on Bank Insolvency, providing occasional support to the project on the Legal Nature of Voluntary Carbon Credits. During his stay at UNIDROIT so far, Prof. Donati has already attended two sessions of the Working Group on Bank Insolvency and contributed to the development of the Chapter on Creditor Hierarchy of the prospective Legislative Guide on Bank Liquidation. In addition, he has contributed analysis on the treatment of contingent liabilities in bank liquidation proceedings.

## **B. The UNIDROIT-Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Chair Programme**

46. In January 2022, UNIDROIT received a grant from the DGCS-MAECI to host a Chair Programme in the field of private law and agricultural development. This Programme aims to involve a senior or mid-career professor/researcher in the development of the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD project on Collaborative Legal Structures for Agricultural Enterprises (LSAE). The Chair holder is expected to assist the Secretariat with comparative research and data collection, as well as with analysis of gender equality in the various collaborative legal forms considered in the LSAE project (multiparty contracts, cooperatives and companies). In addition, the Chair holder participates in implementation and promotion activities for the other legal guides already developed by UNIDROIT in the field of private law and agricultural development (e.g. Contract Farming and Agricultural Land Investment Contracts).

47. In November 2022, the Secretariat welcomed the first DGCS-MAECI/UNIDROIT Chair holder: Dr Keni Muguongo Kariuki, a Kenyan lawyer and political economist with 10 years of experience and a PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) of the University of London. Dr Kariuki's appointment was renewed for one more year in November 2023. He is actively involved in all Working Group sessions and intersessional meetings of the LSAE project and has contributed with comparative analysis of different legislations adopted mainly in African countries regarding agricultural cooperatives and multiparty contracts. Additionally, in February 2024, the Secretariat welcomed Ms Jeannette Tramhel as a new Senior Legal Consultant. A Canadian lawyer and former senior legal officer of the Organization of the American States, The Secretariat is able to fully finance Ms Tramhel's work with the DGCS-MAECI grant, and benefit from her experience in the development of the LSAE project.

## **C. Academic Fellowships**

48. As an old, prestigious international organisation with strong academic ties, UNIDROIT has historically benefited from direct collaboration with prestigious academics and legal practitioners from all over the world. Due to its excellent library, its importance as a research centre, and the opportunity that UNIDROIT offers to participate or observe in the drafting of transnational law instruments, working together with peers from all legal families, the Institute is regarded as an attractive destination for many eminent jurists. In order for UNIDROIT to benefit from their stable link with the Institute and to facilitate their presence in Villa Aldobrandini for research periods or sabbaticals, the Secretariat has created academic fellowships.

49. Although the terms of reference of each fellowship can be adjusted depending on the circumstances of the case, the applicant for a fellowship would have to meet the following requirements: (i) be a prestigious academic or legal practitioner; (ii) have proven knowledge of UNIDROIT's instruments, or present a project with a focus on one or more of our instruments; (iii) undertake academic work in the context of the UNIDROIT Academy; (iv) commit to a minimum of six months and a maximum of three years of work on projects related to the Institute's mandate (renewable based on results) ; (v) must be present in person in Villa Aldobrandini for a minimum period to be determined on a case by case basis; and (vi) benefit from external funding.

50. Academic fellows can either be appointed directly by UNIDROIT, of its joint Institutes with partner universities, or be related with the existing academic projects.

## **VI. UNIDROIT LIBRARY**

### **A. Interlibrary cooperation and networking**

51. In 2023, the UNIDROIT Library continued to strengthen its cooperation strategy with other libraries. Special mention is owed to the long-standing cooperation with the Library of the University

of Rome “La Sapienza” (Italy) and the Library of the Max Planck Institute of Foreign Private and Private International Law in Hamburg (Germany). A cooperation agreement was entered into with the Library of the University of Regensburg (Germany) in December 2023, and the first steps were taken to create a future stable collaboration between the UNIDROIT Library, the Law Library of the University of Oslo (UJUR) and the Faculty of Law Library of the University Library in Bergen (Ubbjur).

## **B. Acquisitions, donations, and collections**

52. The expansion of the Library’s holdings has been hampered by steady increases in the price of publications and a chronic lack of resources. Nevertheless, in 2023, the Library’s holdings increased by 1078 titles, of which 412 were purchased outright and 156 received on an exchange basis. Over 500 additional titles were received as donations, for a total value of 49,500 euro. In addition, UNIDROIT received the generous donation of the Cordero collection, with 11,000 volumes of enormous bibliographical value. In 2023, as in previous years, the Library received donations in kind from several institutions and individuals. In particular, the Institute would like to offer its gratitude to the following donors: the Max-Planck-Institute of Foreign Private and Private International Law in Hamburg; Professor Giuditta Cordero-Moss; Professor Meiling Huang; and various publishing houses from the Nordic countries.

53. On the occasion of UNIDROIT’s “*Ricordando Gino Gorla*” event, which was organised by President Maria Chiara Malaguti on 19 October 2022, Professor Maurizio Lupoi donated numerous volumes from Professor Gorla’s collection. The first part of the books was transferred to the UNIDROIT Library in January 2024, for which catalogueing is ongoing, and have been integrated and shelved in the Library’s Gorla collection room.

## **C. Digitisation project**

54. In 2023, work progressed on the digitisation project of the Library. Special attention was given to the digitisation of the collection on comparative law and unification of laws, and to the Scialoja collection, in order to preserve some of the Library’s most valuable historical collections. In 2023, therefore, work progressed on the digitisation project of the Library. Thanks to the very fruitful training project with the “Cooperazione HELP” (Rome), Mr Carlo and Mr Riccardo della Fazia collaborated on the digitisation of the library’s electronic collection which was increased by a total of 697 newly digitised titles in 2023.

<b>Digitisation project of Library materials</b>				
	Gorla Collection	Chiomenti Collection and Scialoja Collection	Other titles on comparative law and unification of laws	Total titles digitised
2018	-	-	302	302
2019	389	275	58	722
2020	115	166	123	404
2021	139	103	72	314
2022	150	130	200	480
2023	50	397	250	697

## **D. UNIDROIT Library Project Plan: Catalogue enrichment and enhanced access to e-materials**

55. Thanks to the generous donation of the Dutch Foundation “Largesse” to the UNIDROIT Foundation, it has been possible to create functional new work spaces for Library guests.

Furthermore, in the first months of 2024, about 150 monographs regarding UNIDROIT's work programme and studies had been acquired to upgrade the Library's collection, and various publications have been switched to the relevant e-format. Some of the Library's loose-leaf collections, in particular legal encyclopaedias, which are less user friendly, have been substituted by their respective electronic versions, and now offer easy access to legal materials for the Library's guests from all over the world.

56. In 2023 and in 2024, work has continued on the upgrade of the Library's list of law reviews, and scanned articles have been added to the Library's online collection. The links to those publications have been included in the relevant bibliographic data sheet in the online catalogue. Over 200 journals are now available in the Library's Public Access Catalogue. In addition, a large number of references to articles available in external databases (to which the UNIDROIT Library is subscribed) have been added to the Library's online catalogue.

## **VII. UNIDROIT SCHOLARSHIP, INTERNSHIP AND RESEARCH PROGRAMME**

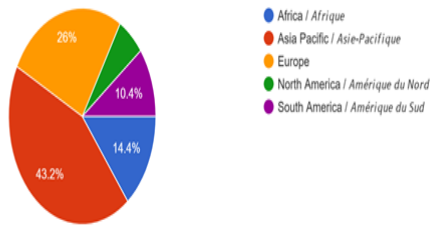
57. UNIDROIT's Scholarship, Internship and Research Programme (USIRP) is one of the Institute's most important tools for promoting UNIDROIT's work and related research in the fields of international private law, international commercial law and comparative law. Each year, the programme brings a large number of academics and law students to the UNIDROIT Headquarters in Rome to undertake scholarship, internship and research opportunities related to UNIDROIT instruments and projects. Participants in the programme are selected through a robust and competitive selection process. Successful scholarship candidates are invited to undertake two month research stays at the UNIDROIT Headquarters, and successful internship candidates are invited to undertake three month internships with the UNIDROIT Secretariat. Participants are provided with modest stipends (1000 euro per month for scholars, 600 euro per month for interns) during their time in Rome. The USIRP has been entirely funded by voluntary extra-budgetary contributions since 2014, relying exclusively on the generosity of Programme sponsors, including the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM), Members of the Governing Council, the UNIDROIT Alumni Association, the United Rule of Law Appeal (UROLA), and the Madruga BTW law firm (Brazil). The long-term goal of the Programme is to provide funding to all accepted applicants; however, due to limited resources, currently only a limited percentage of applicants receive research scholarships or internship stipends.

58. For the 2023 Programme, UNIDROIT received 262 internship applications and 57 scholarship applications. During 2023, the Institute welcomed 177 participants in the Scholarship, Internship and Research Programme. Specifically, UNIDROIT welcomed 67 interns and 25 scholars from 28 countries. Of the 67 interns, 10 were granted modest stipends for the duration of their internships. Of the 25 scholars, 14 were granted stipends for the period of their research. Additionally, 85 researchers from 19 countries undertook research stays in the UNIDROIT Library. In addition, Ms Diletta Lenzi was selected from a field of 27 candidates as the 2023 Sir Roy Goode Scholar. For a full presentation of the Programme and its beneficiaries in 2023, see the UNIDROIT Scholarship and Internship Programme Implementation Report for 2023 (UNIDROIT 2023 – Study LXV/Scholarships: Impl. 34).

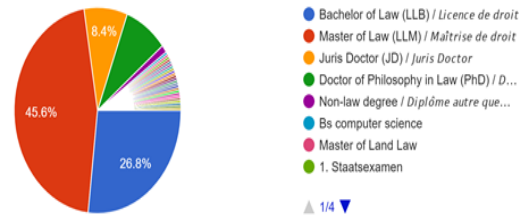
59. For the 2024 Programme, UNIDROIT received a record total of 250 internship applications and 170 scholarship applications. A statistical summary of the gender, nationality, qualifications and areas of research is below. Applications were received from around the world, with a majority of applications coming from female applicants with at least an LLM qualification wanting to undertake research or work on UNIDROIT projects in the fields of (i) international commercial contracts, and (ii) law and technology. As of April 2024, the Secretariat has already welcomed 23 interns, 8 scholars and 32 researchers.

UNIDROIT Internship Applications 2024 – Region, Qualification, Gender and Research Area

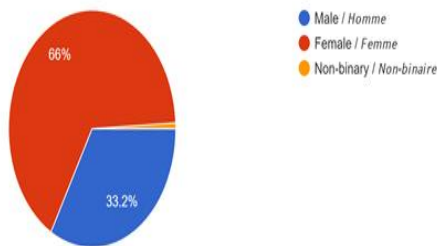
Region of Nationality / Région de nationalité  
250 responses



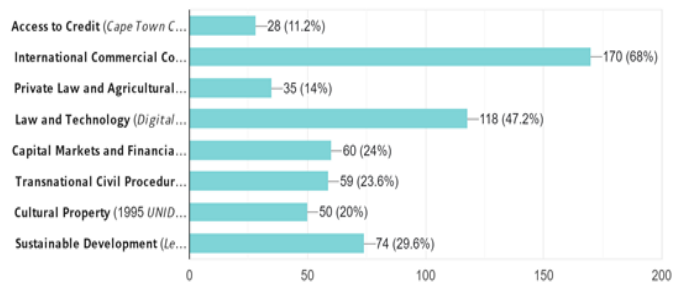
University Degree (either currently underway or highest level of graduation) / Diplôme universitaire (en cours ou le plus élevé)  
250 responses



Gender / Genre  
250 responses

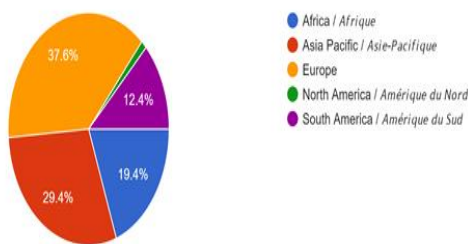


UNIDROIT Work Programme / Programme de travail d'UNIDROIT  
250 responses

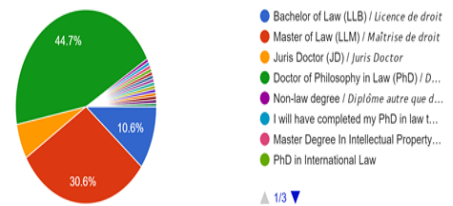


UNIDROIT Scholarship Applications 2024 – Region, Qualification, Gender and Research Area

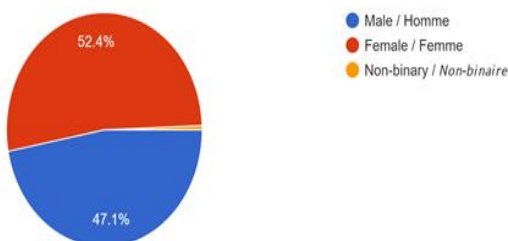
Region of Nationality / Région de nationalité  
170 responses



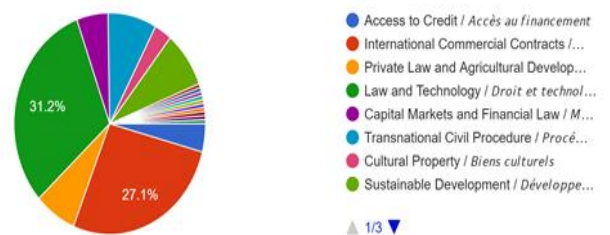
Highest Academic Qualification (Including Ongoing Study) / Qualification académique la plus élevée (y compris études en cours)  
170 responses



Gender / Genre  
170 responses



Area of Research / Domaine de recherche  
170 responses



## VIII. COOPERATION WITH ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

60. The Secretariat has continued to expand its cooperation with a number of partners, with special attention to academic institutions. The Institute has signed Memoranda of Understanding with a total of 14 universities and other legal institutions with the aim of strengthening cooperation and collaboration as well as promoting research in the areas of UNIDROIT's mandate. The agreements envisage joint activities, such as the co-organisation of events, research projects, and study programmes, as well as the promotion of the UNIDROIT Scholarship, Internship and Research Programme. Cooperation agreements generally provide for a competitive selection procedure of interns within the partner institution and may imply full coverage by that institution. The activities undertaken under the framework of such Agreements are detailed in the Annual Report 2023's section on cooperation with academic institutions, as well as in the documents on specific projects presented to the current session of the Governing Council.

61. Since the 102<sup>nd</sup> session of the Governing Council, the Institute has signed cooperation agreements with the following institutions:

- the University of Lausanne (UNIL) on 6 June 2023;
- the Korea Legislation Research Institute (KLRI) on 14 June 2023;
- the Acquadotto Pugliese S.p.A. (AQP) on 22 June 2023;
- the Sovereign Order of Malta (SMOM) on 28 June 2023;
- the Insolvency Law Academy (ILA) India on 2 July 2023;
- the World Union of Agricultural Law (UMAU) on 7 July 2023;
- the University of Bari Aldo Moro (UNIBA) on 19 July 2023;
- the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (SHUPL) on 27 November 2023;
- the Zhongnan University of Economics and Law (ZUEL) on 29 November 2023;
- the Renmin University of China Law School (RUC) on 4 December 2023;
- the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) on 5 December 2023;
- the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) on 16 February 2024;
- the Shanghai International Arbitration Center (SHIAC) on 28 February 2024; and
- the National University of Mongolia School of Law on 12 March 2024.

## IX. UNIDROIT PUBLICATIONS

### A. Uniform Law Review

62. The [Uniform Law Review](#) has been published by Oxford University Press (OUP) since 2013. At the time of writing (April 2024) a new agreement is being negotiated with OUP which will include a major change in distribution, providing for a switch to exclusively online distribution from 2027 and the discontinuation of the paper edition. The online system for the submission and treatment of articles—(ScholarOne) that was envisaged in the last contract (dated 11 September 2022), began operation earlier than expected in mid-2023 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic-related difficulties in both managing publications and acquiring relevant material. It is now no longer possible to submit articles by an ordinary e-mail and any submission must be made through the ScholarOne site.

63. At present, the Uniform Law Review is available for subscription either in print or online (or both). While there was a slight decrease in subscriptions in 2023, again as a result of the pandemic, subscription data supplied by OUP indicate that there is a general trend towards online subscriptions.

<b>Institutional Subscriptions by Subscription Type</b>				
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Collection	1,989	2,144	2,297	2,246
Conventional Academic	74	63	58	50
Conventional Corporate	5	4	3	3
Grand total	2,068	2,211	2,358	2,299

\*The special arrangement OUP has in place for developing countries, which offers online subscriptions to journals at lower rates and, in some cases, for free, should be noted.

64. Online visits to the Uniform Law Review pages on the OUP site which include at least one downloaded article have increased steadily. Divided geographically, the visits originate in Europe (42.3%), Asia (28.1%, divided as follows: East and South-East Asia [13.1%], Central and South Asia [10.5%], and Western Asia [3.2%]), North America (9.1%), Africa (11.7%), Oceania (5.8%), Central and South America (2.8%), and Other, of unknown origin (0.1%).

65. The list of the most viewed articles in 2023 confirms the ongoing interest of readers in the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts:

<b>Top 10 articles with the most full-text views (html – pdf) during the last 12 months</b>			
<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Issue published</b>	<b>Views</b>
The law governing international commercial contracts and the actual role of the UNIDROIT Principles	Michael Joachim Bonell	Vol: 23/1, (2018)	5,831
Modernizing and harmonizing international contract law: the CISG and the UNIDROIT Principles continue to provide the best way forward	Michael J. Dennis	Vol: 19/1 (2014)	3,939
Political barriers in the ratification of international commercial law conventions	Johanna Hoekstra	Vol: 26/1 (2021)	1,830
The impact of blockchain technologies and smart contracts on dispute resolution: arbitration and court litigation at the crossroads	Pietro Ortolani	Vol: 24/2 (2019)	1,815
COVID-19 and <i>force majeure</i> clauses: an examination of arbitral tribunal's awards	Ş Esra Kiraz	Vol: 25/4 (2020)	1,732
Law harmonization and local specificities – a case study: OHADA and the law of contracts	Marcel Fontaine	Vol: 18/1 (2013)	1,305
Préservation de la sécurité juridique et judiciaire des affaires à travers les formations : cas de l'ERSUMA et des commissions nationales OHADA	Anaclet Nzohabonayo	Vol: 23/1 (2018)	1,157
National Blockchain Laws as a Threat to Capital Markets Integration	Matthias Lehmann	Vol:26/1, (2021)	936
The significance of a forum selection agreement as an indicator of the implied choice of law in international contracts: a global comparative perspective	Chukwuma Samuel Adesina Okoli	Pub Date: 2023-08-24	933
The EU financial collateral directive: the distinguishing features of a security financial collateral arrangement?	Obiora Ezike	Vol: 27/3 (2022)	863



66. The list of the top 5 articles by all-time altmetric score allows the Editorial Board to gauge the interests of ULR Readers, so as to assist in evaluating submitted articles:

<b>Top 5 articles by all-time altmetric score</b>			
<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Issue published</b>	<b>Score</b>
Billion-dollar questions? Legal aspects of commercial space activities	Frans G von der Dunk	Vol:23/2 (2018)	268
The impact of blockchain technologies and smart contracts on dispute resolution: arbitration and court litigation at the crossroads	Pietro Ortolani	Vol:24/2 (2019)	23
A governance framework for the development and use of artificial intelligence: lessons from the comparison of Japanese and European initiatives	Souichirou Kozuka	Vol:24/2 (2019)	13
The Principles on Climate Obligations of Enterprises: an attempt to give teeth to the universally adopted view that we must keep global warming below an increase of two degrees Celsius	Jaap Spier	Vol:23/2 (2018)	8
The law governing international commercial contracts and the actual role of the UNIDROIT Principles	Michael Joachim Bonell	Vol:23/1 (2018)	8

## **B. Monographs**

### **1. Official Commentaries on the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and its Protocols**

67. It will be recalled that the Official Commentaries on the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols are all written by Professor Sir Roy Goode. The Institute acts as agent for the author, charging 10 percent in handling costs. Since 2019, Professor Sir Roy Goode has donated his royalties directly to the Institute, funding the *Sir Roy Goode UNIDROIT Scholarship*.

68. In early 2023, the electronic version of the fifth edition of Sir Roy's *Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Protocol Thereto on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment* ("Aircraft Commentary"), with the addition of internal and external links throughout the volume, originally prepared at the request of Aviareto, was made available for purchase. In the final months of 2023, Sir Roy Goode also worked with UNIDROIT to conclude a revised fifth and final edition of the Aircraft Commentary, which is expected to be published in 2024.

69. Sir Roy also prepared a third edition of his *Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Railway Rolling Stock* ("Rail Commentary") in 2023, with a view to publishing both the print and digital versions in 2024.

### **2. Model Law on Factoring**

70. In the autumn of 2023, UNIDROIT published the French and English editions of the *Model Law on Factoring* (MLF), and a Chinese translation was launched in November 2023 at the "Unification of Factoring Law" Conference in Wuhan, People's Republic of China. An agreement for the translation of the Model Law into Arabic is being negotiated.

### **3. Principles on Digital Assets and Private Law**

71. In the autumn of 2023, UNIDROIT also published the first English edition of the *Principles on Digital Assets and Private Law* (DAPL). The French edition is currently being finalised. An agreement for a Korean translation of the DAPL Principles was concluded in October 2023.

### **4. Ricordando Gino Gorla**

72. In November 2023, UNIDROIT published *Ricordando Gino Gorla*, a collection of essays in honour of the late, great comparative jurist Gino Gorla, based on the oral tributes paid by numerous scholars and practitioners at an UNIDROIT event with the same title held in October 2022.

### **5. 25 Years Later... The 1995 Unidroit Convention – Cultural Objects At The Crossroad Of Rights And Interests**

73. In December 2023, UNIDROIT published *25 years later... The 1995 UNIDROIT Convention – Cultural objects at the crossroad of rights and interests*, based on the presentations made at the conference held in Villa Aldobranidni to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention.

### **C. Depository Libraries**

74. Before the age of websites, UNIDROIT asked Member States to appoint specific libraries or other official institutions to act as Depository Libraries for UNIDROIT documentation. They were also asked what materials they would be interested in storing (whether only documents, or also publications, the Uniform Law Review, etc.). Not all States appointed Depository Libraries, and not all of these wanted all materials. With the adoption of the policy to post all documentation on the website, the interest in Depository Libraries has waned, but some States are still interested in maintaining them. No new Depository Libraries were added to the list in 2023.

### **X. ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

75. *The Governing Council is invited to take note of the all the Academy activities and to support the Secretariat initiatives in these fields.*

UNIDROIT PUBLICATIONS' SALES 2013 – 2023 (in euro)											
TITLE	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<a href="#">UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts 2016 Rome, UNIDROIT, 2017</a>					5,165.00	2,734.00	1,240.50	292.00	1,108.00	366.00	120.00
<a href="#">Principes d'UNIDROIT relatifs aux contrats du commerce international 2016 Rome, UNIDROIT, 2017</a>					240.00		140.00				
<a href="#">Principios UNIDROIT sobre los contratos comerciales internacionales 2016 Roma, UNIDROIT</a>											
<a href="#">UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts 2010 Rome, UNIDROIT</a>	10,419.64	4,915.00	2,168.86	1,954.00	1,579.99						
<a href="#">Principes d'UNIDROIT relatifs aux contrats du commerce international 2010 Rome, UNIDROIT, 2011</a>											
<a href="#">Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Space Assets (by Professor Sir Roy Goode) Rome, UNIDROIT, 2013 (reprinted with corrections 2014)</a>	6,771.00	5,880.00	780.00	700.00	1,120.00	205.00	216.00	216.00	391.00	177.00	315.00
<a href="#">Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Luxembourg Protocol on Matters Specific to Railway Rolling Stock (by Professor Sir Roy Goode) (Second edition 2014) Rome, UNIDROIT, 2014</a>		10,555.00	568.00	1,179.00	1,308.00		216.00	315.00	175.00	350.00	420.00
<a href="#">Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment (by Professor Sir Roy Goode) (Third edition 2013) (reprinted with corrections 2016) (paper) Rome, UNIDROIT, 2013</a>	72,667.00	19,921.00	14,163.00	22,184.00	8,737.00	7,004.00	[sold out]				

## UNIDROIT PUBLICATIONS' SALES 2013 – 2023 (in euro)

TITLE	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<a href="#">Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment (by Professor Sir Roy Goode) (Third edition 2013) (reprinted with corrections 2016) (electronic version) Rome, UNIDROIT, 2017</a>					17,500.00 (USD 20,000)	17,500.00 (USD 20,000)	17,537.05 (USD 20,000)	17,690.52 (USD 20,000)			
<a href="#">Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment (by Professor Sir Roy Goode) (Fourth edition 2019) Rome, UNIDROIT, 2019</a>							79,311.00	7,101.50	3,107.00	227.00	
<a href="#">Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment (by Professor Sir Roy Goode) (Fourth edition 2019) (electronic version) Rome, UNIDROIT, 2020</a>									20,320.35 (USD 24,960.00)	20,320.35 (USD 24,960.00)	
<a href="#">Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment (by Professor Sir Roy Goode) (Fifth edition 2022) Rome, UNIDROIT, 2022 †</a>										39,620.61 [of which 779.60 still to cash - bookseller]	11,716.00
<a href="#">Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment (by Professor Sir Roy Goode) (Fifth edition 2022) (electronic version) Rome, UNIDROIT, 2023</a>										20,320,35 (USD 24,960,00)	1,350.00  23,054.18 (USD 24,960.00)
<a href="#">Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Mining, Agricultural and Construction Equipment (by Professor Sir Roy Goode) Rome, UNIDROIT, 2021</a>									6,395.00 [of which 218 still to cash]	597.40 [of which 400.80 still to cash]	1,243.20

UNIDROIT PUBLICATIONS' SALES 2013 – 2023 (in euro)											
TITLE	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<a href="#">Guide to International Master Franchise Arrangements (second edition 2007) Rome, UNIDROIT, 2007</a>	54.00	54.00	54.00		43.20		54.00			54.00	
<a href="#">Guide sur les Accords internationaux de franchise principale (first edition) Rome, UNIDROIT, 2000</a>	40.00	40.00									
<a href="#">Guía para los Acuerdos de Franquicia Principal Internacional (first edition) Rome, UNIDROIT, 2005</a>	FREELY AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE										
<a href="#">UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming Rome, UNIDROIT, 2015</a>			280.00	471.00	22.00		28.00				
<a href="#">Guide juridique sur l'agriculture contractuelle UNIDROIT/FAO/FIDA Rome, UNIDROIT, 2015</a>											
<a href="#">Guía jurídica sobre agricultura por contrato UNIDROIT/FAO/FIDA Rome, UNIDROIT, 2017</a>											
<a href="#">Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contract UNIDROIT/IFAD Rome, UNIDROIT, 2021</a>										FREELY AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE	
<b>ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCES</b>											
<a href="#">Acts and Proceedings of the Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the draft UNIDROIT Convention on Agency in the International Sale of Goods, February 1983, Geneva Rome, UNIDROIT, Uniform Law Review 1983/I-II</a>	FREELY AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE										
<a href="#">Actes de la Conférence diplomatique pour l'adoption du projet d'UNIDROIT de Convention sur la représentation en matière de vente internationale de marchandises, février 1983, Genève Rome, UNIDROIT, Revue de droit uniforme 1983/I-II</a>	FREELY AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE										
<a href="#">Acts and Proceedings of the Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the draft UNIDROIT Conventions on International Factoring and International Financial Leasing, May 1988, Ottawa Rome, UNIDROIT, 1991</a>	FREELY AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE										



UNIDROIT PUBLICATIONS' SALES 2013 – 2023 (in euro)											
TITLE	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<a href="#">Worldwide Harmonisation of Private Law and Regional Economic Integration. Acts of the Congress to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), Rome, 27-28 September 2002 Rome, UNIDROIT, special issue of the Uniform Law Review 2003-1/2</a>											
<a href="#">Eppur si muove: The Age of Uniform Law. Essays in honour of Michael Joachim Bonell to celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday</a> Rome, UNIDROIT 2016				2,280.00	5,499.00	3,083.50	1,357.00		170.00	384.00	0.00
<b>UNIDROIT PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE BY OTHER ORGANISATIONS OR PUBLISHERS</b>											
<b>Official Commentary on the UNIDROIT Convention on Substantive Rules for Intermediated Securities</b> Hideki Kanda, Charles Mooney, Luc Thevenoz, Stephane Beraud, and Thomas Keijser Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2012, 320 pages, 246x171 mm, ISBN 978-0-19-65675-2, Hardback	£84.35 (1.10.2013-31.3.2014) 248.72 (£226.67) (1.10.2012-31.3.2013)	61.90 (£45.93) (1.4.2014-30.9.2014)	£ 43.24 (1.4.2015-30.9.2015)	31.90 (£27.13) (1.10.2015-31.3.2016)	52.25 (£46.00) (1.4.2016-30.9.2017)	29.15 (£26.15) (1.10.2017-31.3.2018)	48.30 (£ 43.41) (1.10.2018-31.3.2019)	£31.15 (1.10.2020-31.3.2021) 32.71 (£27.90) (1.4.2021-30.9.2021)	31.68 (£24.98) (1.4.2021-30.9.2021)		
<b>Commentaire officiel de la Convention d'UNIDROIT sur les règles matérielles relatives aux titres intermédies (Convention de Genève sur les titres)</b> Kanda Hideki; Mooney Charles; Thévenoz Luc; Béraud Stéphane; Keijser Thomas Schulthess Verlag, Zürich, 2012, 402 pages, ISBN/ISSN 978-3-7255-6567-2, broché	197.70 (CHF 162.30) (1.4.2013-31.3.2014)		3.46 (CHF 3.61) (1.4.2014-31.3.2015)	(CHF 14.04) (1.4.2015-31.3.2016)	(CHF 3.03) (1.4.2016-31.3.2017)		(CHF 31.66) (1.4.2019-31.3.2020)	(CHF 7.20) (1.4.2020-31.3.2021)	(CHF 31.25) (1.4.2021-31.3.2022)		
<b>ELI-UNIDROIT Model European Rules of Civil Procedure</b> European Law Institute/UNIDROIT Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2021, 337 pages, ISBN 978-0-19-886658-9, Hardback										73.31 (£ 63.31) (23.12.2022)	[TBD]



UNIDROIT PUBLICATIONS' SALES 2013 – 2023 (in euro)											
TITLE	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
UNCITRAL, Hague Conference and UNIDROIT Texts on Security Interests United Nations, 2012, 36 pages, soft-bound	FREELY AVAILABLE FROM THE UNIDROIT SECRETARIAT AND ON WEBSITE										
Textes de la CNUDCI, de la Conférence de la Haye et d'UNIDROIT sur les sûretés Nations Unies, 2012, 43 pages, broché	FREELY AVAILABLE FROM THE UNIDROIT SECRETARIAT AND ON WEBSITE										
<b>PERIODICALS</b>											
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