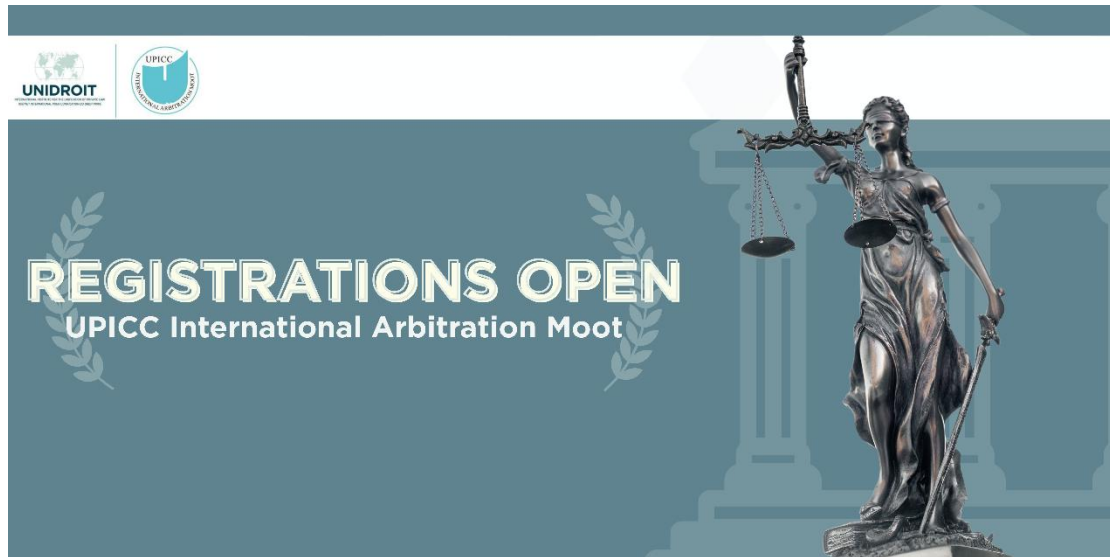


UPICC International Arbitration Moot

Registrations Open



We are pleased to announce the opening of the registration of **the first edition of the UPICC International Arbitration Moot**, co-organised by the [UNIDROIT Asian Transnational Law Centre \(ATLC\)](#) and [Shanghai International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission \(Shanghai International Arbitration Centre\) \(SHIAC\)](#).

Introduction

The Asian Transnational Law Centre (ATLC) was established by UNIDROIT in 2024, as an initiative under the UNIDROIT Academy. The ATLC aims to promote the work of UNIDROIT and its international legal instruments and projects in Asia. This initiative seeks to strengthen the connection between relevant stakeholders in Asia and UNIDROIT, fostering legal cooperation and economic integration among Asian countries.

The UPICC was developed by UNIDROIT and since its initial adoption in 1994 it has become the world's most important international soft law instrument in the field of international contract law.

Under the auspices of the ATLC, the first UPICC International Arbitration Moot was formally launched in November 2024 in Shanghai (China). The UPICC Moot marks a significant step in promoting the use of the UPICC within Asia's burgeoning commercial arbitration community. Through its collaborative and practical approach, the UPICC Moot seeks to foster the development of a new generation of legal professionals with deep expertise in the use of the UPICC to facilitate effective dispute resolution. The UPICC Moot achieves this objective

by simulating arbitration proceedings applying the UPICC Principles to a hypothetical commercial arbitration case.

Audience

The UPICC Moot is open to law students specialising in international arbitration or contract law from the Asia-Pacific region. Approximately twenty teams are expected to be selected to compete in the preliminary round in China. The top four teams in the preliminary round will be selected for the semi-final and final rounds in Rome.

Venue

The preliminary rounds of the first edition of the UPICC Moot will be held on-site in Shanghai between November 3-4, 2025. The semi-final and final rounds will take place at the UNIDROIT headquarters in Rome, Italy, in December 2025 or January, 2026.

Funding

Teams are responsible for funding their own participation in the preliminary rounds in Shanghai including travel, accommodation, living expenses, and other related costs. On request, some teams travelling internationally to compete may be granted limited funding to partially cover travel costs, subject to sponsorship arrangements. No registration fee will be charged.

Competition schedule

10 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening of team registration and release of the official rules of the Moot
23 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anticipated release of the Moot problem
30 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for request for clarification of the Moot problem
13 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Release of clarification of the Moot problem
12 July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for registration
29 July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for submission of memorial
29 August 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirmation of the teams advancing to the oral hearing rounds
3-4 November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preliminary rounds in Shanghai, China
Dec 2025/Jan 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semi-final and final rounds in Rome, Italy

Registration

Teams interested in participating in the first edition of the UPICC Moot are required to submit their registration information by **23:59 CEST July 12, 2025**, to upiccmoot@unidroit.org and moot@shiac.org.

The following information should be included in the email submission:

- i. Name of university and country;
- ii. team members (no more than five) and their names;
- iii. team coach or advisor (if any);
- iv. name of contact person;
- v. email address of the team contact person for the Moot communications;
- vi. secondary email address for the Moot communications; and
- vii. phone number of team contact person.

Please note that **the number of participating teams is limited**. The final list of participating teams advancing to the oral hearing rounds will be determined based on specific selection criteria, taking into account the memo scores, geographical representation, diversity, and other factors.

The Moot problem and further Moot-related materials will be released on [the ATLC webpage](#) in due course.

For more information, please contact upiccmoot@unidroit.org.