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11 September 2026 11:00 – 16:00 (CEST)

UNIDROIT, Rome, Sala Rodinò

AGENDA

11:00 – 11:05 Opening and Welcome Remarks

Prof Ignacio Tirado, Secretary-General, UNIDROIT

11:05 – 11:15 Introduction

Prof Charles W. Mooney Jr, University of Pennsylvania

11:15 – 12:15 Panel I - Navigating Modern Securities Markets

Chair: Prof Ignacio Tirado, Secretary-General, UNIDROIT

This panel will examine the continuing relevance of the Geneva Securities Convention (2009), the UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities (2017), and the UNIDROIT Principles on the Operation of Close-Out Netting Provisions (2013) in today's securities markets. It will explore their implementation and practical application across jurisdictions, assess their contribution to legal certainty, market efficiency, and financial stability, and consider opportunities to enhance their effectiveness. The discussion will also address whether any developments warrant updating, supplementing, or otherwise building upon these instruments.

SPEAKERS

Prof Charles W. Mooney Jr, University of Pennsylvania

UNIDROIT Instruments on Intermediated Securities: Success, challenges, recommendations for implementation and engagement

Prof Matthias Lehmann, University of Vienna

Close-Out Netting: Need for further guidance?

11:45 – 12:15 Panel I – Open Discussion



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12:15 – 13:00 Panel II – Financial Institutions and Insolvency

Chair: Ms Myrte Thijssen, Senior Legal Officer, UNIDROIT

This panel will examine the role of the UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Bank Liquidation (2025) in strengthening legal frameworks for the orderly liquidation of banks. The discussion will explore strategies for promoting the Guide, supporting its implementation across jurisdictions, and maximising its practical impact. The discussion will also serve as an opportunity to identify key issues, priorities, and possible directions for UNIDROIT's follow-up project on the insolvency of insurers.

SPEAKERS

Ms Elsie Addo Awadzi (online), Former Second Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana
UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Bank Liquidation: Success, challenges, recommendations for implementation and engagement

Prof Matthias Haentjens, Leiden University
Specificities of insurers and future guidance

12:35 – 13:00 Panel II – Open Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:45 Panel III – Financial Markets and Digitalisation

Chair: Dr Theodora Kostoula, Legal Consultant, UNIDROIT

This panel will explore the implications of digitalisation and technological innovation for financial markets and private law. It will examine the UNIDROIT Principles on Digital Assets and Private Law (2023), their implementation and practical relevance, and their contribution to legal certainty in the digital economy. The discussion will also address UNIDROIT's new project on the Regulation of Digital Risks through Civil Liability Law and consider the role of private law in responding to emerging digital risks.

SPEAKERS

Prof Louise Gullifer (online), Chair of the Faculty Board, University of Cambridge Faculty of Law; and
Prof Matthias Haentjens, Leiden University
Digital Assets: Avenues for convergence in common and civil law jurisdictions

Prof Risham Garg, National Law University, India
Digitalisation and civil liability

14:25 – 14:45 Panel III – Open Discussion

14:45 – 15:55 Panel IV – Sustainability and Other Emerging Issues and Developments in Financial Markets

Chair: Ms Giulia Previti, Legal Officer, UNIDROIT

This panel will explore emerging issues and future directions in financial markets law. Particular attention will be given to sustainability-related developments, including the ongoing UNIDROIT project on the Legal Nature of Verified Carbon Credits and its potential contribution to the development of carbon markets.



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The discussion will also consider the increasing importance of investment-based crowdfunding, which is the topic of a new project in UNIDROIT's 2026-2028 Work Programme, and other trends and challenges identified in the draft White Paper, with a view to identifying areas where further legal research and harmonisation may be beneficial. The panel will also provide an opportunity for participants to identify additional issues for the future work of the Workstream.

SPEAKERS

Prof Andrea Tosato (online), SMU Dedman School of Law

Verified Carbon Credits: How private law rules can boost financing for carbon mitigation projects

Prof Louise Gullifer (online), Chair of the Faculty Board, University of Cambridge Faculty of Law

Looking ahead: Coordination between private law and regulation

Prof Matthias Lehmann, University of Vienna; and **Ms Elsie Addo Awadzi** (online), Former Second Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana

Evolution of financial markets and potential areas for future work

15:15 – 15:55 Panel IV – Open Discussion

15:55 – 16:00 Closing Remarks

Prof Ignacio Tirado, Secretary-General, UNIDROIT