

UNIDROIT Middle East and North Africa Transnational Law Academic Symposium
“Transnational Commercial and Investment Law and Middle East Regional
Developments”

PROGRAMME

Rome, UNIDROIT Headquarters
3-4 February 2026

DAY 1: 3 FEBRUARY 2026

Time	Topic
9:30 - 9:40	Welcome remarks
9:40 - 10:00	Opening Keynote Speech
10:00 - 12:00	1. Contracts - terms and enforcement
10:00 - 11:00	1.1. Principles of commercial contracts and contract farming
11:00 - 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15 - 12:00	1.2 Best Practices of Enforcement
12:00 - 15:50	2. Trade, investment and economic impacts
12:00 - 13:00	2.1. Investment contracts, including agricultural land investment contracts
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 - 15:00	2.2. Private and public law frameworks for regional trade and investment

15:00 - 15:50	2.3. Economic evaluation of commercial and investment law reform
15:50 - 16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00 - 17:50	3. Access to Credit
16:00 - 17:00	3.1. Cape Town Convention implementation of and compliance with the Aircraft Protocol
17:00 - 17:50	3.2. Rail and MAC Protocols to the Cape Town Convention

DAY 2: 4 FEBRUARY 2026

Time	Topic
9:00 - 9:20	Keynote Speech: International perspective on MENA Project
9:20 - 10:10	3. Access to Credit (continued)
9:20 - 10:10	3.3. Factoring and warehouse receipts. Future projects on best practices on agricultural financing and the model law on investment-based crowdfunding.
10:10 - 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30 - 13:00	4. Contemporary issues: technology and energy/sustainability
10:30 - 11:30	4.1. Digital assets in private law
11:30 - 13:00	4.2. Energy, sustainable finance, and private law

13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 - 14:45	5. Commercial Arbitration in the MENA Region: Recent Developments and Transnational Perspectives
14:45 - 15:15	6. Cultural Property
15:15 - 15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:30 - 16:15	7. Course materials for joint or parallel teaching of comparative, transactional and transnational commercial and investment law
16:15 - 17:30	8. Future work and project development
16:15 - 17:30	8.1 MENA commercial and investment law and case/ arbitration database (AI aided)
16:15 - 17:30	8.2 Academic study on interplay between religious law and commercial law and transactional practice, historically and currently
16:15 - 17:30	8.3 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in MENA, including best practices and foundational materials
16:15 - 17:30	8.4 Next steps & Comparative/transnational law scholarship and research opportunities