

# A Century of Harmonising International Private Law:

## The Work of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) and Opportunities for New Zealand

*Co-Hosted by: International Law Association New Zealand Branch & New Zealand Association for Comparative Law*

**Time:** 5.30 PM, Tuesday 10 March 2026

**Venue:** Lecture Theatre 3, RutherFord House  
(Ground Floor)

Presented by:



**Professor Ignacio Tirado**  
*Secretary-General*  
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*Deputy Secretary-General*  
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During this centenary year for the Institute, the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General are undertaking a rare mission to the Pacific to consult stakeholders and promote UNIDROIT's work in a region where it is thus far under-represented. The seminar will provide an opportunity for the UNIDROIT executive team to introduce UNIDROIT's history and mandate, and a tour of its instruments in a diverse range of fields, including international commercial contracts, civil procedure, access to credit, and sustainable development. The seminar will also discuss opportunities for New Zealand to increase engagement with UNIDROIT.

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