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2 November 2026, Monday

Venue: N201, 2/F, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong
Time: 9:30 – 17:30 (GMT+8)
Mode: Hybrid (in person and virtual)
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In commemoration of the UNIDROIT Centenary and building on the success of other regional conferences held earlier this year, the Regional Conference for the Asia-Pacific brings together Member States, supporting governments and institutions, as well as UNIDROIT's long-standing partners in the region to celebrate the Institute's achievements of a century in modernising and harmonising private law and its contribution to fostering connectivity and prosperity in the region.

As the world's fastest growing region and characterised by diverse legal systems that have been shaped by varied cultural traditions and historical contexts, the Asia-Pacific region has been and remains to be a key focus of UNIDROIT's work. The Conference focuses on the impact of UNIDROIT's normative and institutional work in the region, and how it has helped to modernise and harmonise legal frameworks, foster connectivity and integration, and contributed to sustained prosperity in the region. Taking a prospective lens, the Conference also explores the opportunities and emerging challenges and where the Institute stands, in its next century, to support the fast-paced and future-looking development of this region.

Given the growing economic and political significance of the Asia-Pacific region, to further strengthen its presence in the region, UNIDROIT has decided to establish its first overseas office for the Asia-Pacific in Hong Kong, China. The Conference will also mark the official opening of the Liaison Office, turning a new chapter for the organisation.

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Provisional Programme

09:30 - 10:00	○	Welcome Remarks
10:00 - 10:30	○	Opening Ceremony of the Liaison Office
10:30 - 10:50	○	Keynote Address
10:05 - 11:05	○	Break
11:05 - 12:35	○	Panel 1: The Asia-Pacific Chapter – Strengthening Legal Infrastructure and Fostering Growth Through UNIDROIT Instruments
12:35 - 14:30	○	Lunch (by invitation only)
14:30 - 15:45	○	Panel 2: Beyond Centenary – The Asia-Pacific Liaison Office and the Promotion of Regional Legal Harmonisation and Cooperation
15:45 - 16:00	○	Break
16:00 - 17:15	○	Panel 3: Advancing Multilateralism Through Collaboration – Regional and International Synergies for the Development and Promotion of Transnational Law in the Asia Pacific
17:15 - 17:30	○	Closing Remarks

