UNIDROIT International Conference on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Cape Town Convention)

&

Launch of the *Annual Review on Supply Chain Finance Dispute Resolution in China (2026)*

Agenda

Date: Saturday 31 October 2026, 14:00 – 18:00

Venue: Beijing Arbitration Commission / Beijing International Arbitration Court (BAC/BIAC) / China (Beijing) Securities and Futures Arbitration Center, 40/F, North Tower, Zhengda Center, No. 20 Jinhe East Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China

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Co-organisers:

- UNIDROIT Asian Transnational Law Centre (ATLC)
- Beijing Arbitration Commission / Beijing International Arbitration Court (BAC/BIAC) / China (Beijing) Securities and Futures Arbitration Center
- School of Juridical Science, China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL)

Supported by:

- China Federation of Logistics & Purchasing (CFLP)
- China Association of Warehousing and Distribution (CAWD)
- Beijing Fnlegor Law Firm

The year 2026 marks the centenary of UNIDROIT and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Cape Town Convention, adopted in Cape Town in 2001 at a diplomatic conference held under the joint auspices of UNIDROIT and the International Civil Aviation Organization. Together with its Protocols on aircraft equipment, railway rolling stock, space assets and mining, agricultural and construction equipment, the Convention establishes an international legal regime for the creation, registration and enforcement of security and leasing interests in high-value mobile equipment, effectively reducing creditor risk and the cost of asset-based financing.

Co-organised by the UNIDROIT ATLC, the BAC/BIAC and School of Juridical Science, CUPL with the support of the CFLP, the CAWD and Beijing Fnlegor Law Firm, this conference brings together judges, scholars, regulators and industry practitioners to examine the application of the Cape Town Convention in China and the relevance of the Luxembourg Rail Protocol and the Protocol on Mining, Agricultural and Construction Equipment (MAC Protocol) for China and the wider Asia-Pacific region.

Registration (13:30 – 14:00)

Opening Ceremony (14:00 – 14:25)

4 minutes for the moderator; 4 minutes for each opening speaker

Moderator: Prof Jingshan Chen, Vice Dean, School of Juridical Science, CUPL; Arbitrator, BAC/BIAC

Speakers:

- Mr Ruiyu Huang, Vice Chair of the University Council, CUPL
- Dr Lili Jiang, Secretary-General, BAC/BIAC
- Prof Ignacio Tirado, Secretary-General, UNIDROIT
- Mr Guodong Yang, Vice President, CFLP
- Ms Song Jiang, Deputy Secretary-General, CAWD

Photo Session (14:25 – 14:30)

Part I: Panel on the Cape Town Convention and Its Application in China (14:30 – 15:30)

Moderator and Introductory Remarks: Prof Ignacio Tirado, Secretary-General, Unidroit (10 mins)

Speakers (7 mins per speaker):

- Mr Bruce Whittaker, Honorary Senior Fellow, University of Melbourne
- Prof Jingxia Shi, Law School, Renmin University of China; Arbitrator, BAC/BIAC
- Prof Hongfei Xie, Director of the Civil Law Department and Research Professor, Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Arbitrator, BAC/BIAC

- Prof Dapeng Li, Associate Professor, School of International Law, CUPL; Research Fellow, Research Centre for Air and Space Law (online)
- Ms Xia'nan Wang, Supervisor, Business Division III, Strategic Client Department I, China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation (SINOSURE)
- Mr Huabin Zhao, Legal Director, CCB Financial Leasing Co., Ltd.
- Ms Weili Ji, Head of Legal Department, Poly Investment Holdings Co., Ltd.

Part II: Panel on the Luxembourg Rail Protocol, the MAC Protocol and China (15:30 – 16:40)

Moderator and Introductory Remarks: Prof Anna Veneziano, Deputy Secretary-General, Unidroit (10 mins)

Speakers (7 mins per speaker):

- Mr William Brydie-Watson, Senior Legal Officer, UNIDROIT; Arbitrator, BAC/BIAC
- Dr Marek Dubovec, Director of Law Reform Programs, International Law Institute; Arbitrator, BAC/BIAC
- Prof Baoyu Liu, CUPL; Arbitrator, BAC/BIAC
- Ms Qi Lyu, Founder, Beijing Fnlegor Law Firm; Arbitrator, BAC/BIAC
- Prof Bin Liu, Associate Professor and Deputy Director of the Institute of Commercial Law, Civil, Commercial and Economic Law School, CUPL
- Mr Zhou Xiong, Expert-level Corporate Counsel, Legal and Asset Preservation Department, China CITIC Bank
- Mr Zhuolin Wang, Legal Counsel, SINOMACH Industrial Investment (Beijing) Co., Ltd.

Discussion (10 mins)

Coffee Break (16:40 – 16:50)

Part III: Launch of the *Annual Review on Supply Chain Finance Dispute Resolution in China (2026)*

Presentation of the *Annual Review (2026)* (16:50 – 17:20)

Moderator: Prof Jingxia Shi, Law School, Renmin University of China; Arbitrator, BAC/BIAC

Presenter:

- Ms Qi Lyu, Founder, Beijing Fnlegor Law Firm; Arbitrator, BAC/BIAC

Commentators:

- Ms Jihua Hu, Former Inspector, Civil Law Office, Legislative Affairs Commission of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress; Arbitrator, BAC/BIAC
- Mr Zhou Xiong, Expert-level Corporate Counsel, Legal and Asset Preservation Department, China CITIC Bank

Part IV: Roundtable on New Developments in Warehouse Receipt Legislation (17:20 – 18:00)

Moderator and Introductory Remarks:

- Ms Qi Lyu, Founder, Beijing Fnlegor Law Firm; Arbitrator, BAC/BIAC

Speakers:

- Prof Ignacio Tirado, Secretary-General, UNIDROIT
- Dr Marek Dubovec, Director of Law Reform Programs, International Law Institute; Arbitrator, BAC/BIAC
- Mr William Brydie-Watson, Senior Legal Officer, UNIDROIT; Arbitrator, BAC/BIAC
- Mr Tao Yu, Executive Manager, Compliance and Internal Auditing Department, Shanghai Clearing House

Dinner, by invitation only (18:30 – 20:00)

Venue: Xiang Shang Xiang Restaurant, 3/F North Tower, Zhengda Center