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# A World in Transition

The Singapore Convention Week, organised by the Singapore Ministry of Law, brings together top practitioners and headline makers in the international dispute resolution scene. Across the week-long series of activities, legal practitioners, business executives and government officials from around the world will hear from thought leaders in the field of dispute resolution, and glean practical insights on the latest innovations and trends in alternative dispute resolution to serve the fast-evolving needs of businesses.

The Singapore Convention Week 2021 will run from 6 to 10 September 2021, and comprises several events which include:

- The inaugural UNCITRAL Academy on 7 to 8 September 2021, co-organised by the Singapore Ministry of Law and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).
- Singapore Convention Week events organised by supporting partner organisations.

For more information on the Singapore Convention Week and its line-up of events, please visit [www.singaporeconventionweek.sg](http://www.singaporeconventionweek.sg).

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## UNCITRAL ACADEMY: SINGAPORE CONVENTION CONFERENCE (DAY 1)

7 September 2021, Tuesday

1400h	<p><b>OPENING DIALOGUE</b> Moderator: <b>Lucy REED</b>, Independent Arbitrator, Arbitration Chambers (New York); President, International Council for Commercial Arbitration; Vice-President, Singapore International Arbitration Centre Court of Arbitration Speakers: <b>Edwin TONG SC</b>, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law, Singapore <b>Anna JOUBIN-BRET</b>, Secretary of UNCITRAL</p>	1700h	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION (REPEAT TELECAST)</b> <b>A World in Transition: Business Challenges in the New Normal</b></p>
1445h	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>A World in Transition: Business Challenges in the New Normal</b> Moderator: <b>CHNG Kai Fong</b>, Managing Director, Singapore Economic Development Board Speakers: <b>Patrick CAO</b>, President, GoTo Group <b>KOH Swee Yen</b>, Partner, Commercial &amp; Corporate Disputes and International Arbitration Practices, WongPartnership LLP <b>Sunny J. PARK</b>, Assistant General Counsel and APAC Regional Director, Corporate, External and Legal Affairs, Microsoft <b>Sunny VERGHESE</b>, Co-Founder and Group Chief Executive Officer, Olam International Limited</p>	1815h	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION (REPEAT TELECAST)</b> <b>The Role of International Dispute Resolution Amidst COVID-19</b></p>
1600h	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>The Role of International Dispute Resolution Amidst COVID-19</b> Moderator: <b>Professor Joel LEE</b>, Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore; Chairman, Singapore International Mediation Institute Speakers: <b>Daphne HONG</b>, Director-General, International Affairs Division, Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore <b>Abdelhamid MAMDOUH</b>, Senior Counsel, King &amp; Spalding LLP; Former Director, Trade in Services and Investment Division, World Trade Organisation <b>Sternford MOYO</b>, President, International Bar Association <b>Geoff SHARP</b>, Commercial Mediator, Maxwell Mediators <b>Ariel YE</b>, King &amp; Wood Mallesons, Shenzhen; Vice-Chair, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum; Advisory Board Member, International Council for Commercial Arbitration; Board of Directors, Singapore International Arbitration Centre</p>	1915h	<p><b>OPENING DIALOGUE (REPEAT TELECAST)</b> With <b>Edwin TONG SC</b> and <b>Anna JOUBIN-BRET</b>, moderated by <b>Lucy REED</b></p>
		2000h	<p><b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <b>K SHANMUGAM SC</b>, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, Singapore</p>
		2030h	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>Future Trends in International Dispute Resolution</b> Moderator: <b>Professor Nadja ALEXANDER</b>, Professor of Law, Singapore Management University Yong Pung How School of Law; Director, Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy Speakers: <b>Daryl CHEW</b>, Partner and Head of Singapore Office, Shearman &amp; Sterling; Chairman, Maxwell Chambers Pte Ltd <b>Chittu NAGARAJAN</b>, President, International Council for Online Dispute Resolution; Fellow, National Center for Technology and Dispute Resolution; Founder, CREK ODR <b>Dr Evgeny RASCHEVSKY</b>, Partner and Co-Head of International Arbitration and Litigation Practice, Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev &amp; Partners Law Offices <b>Professor Thomas J. STIPANOWICH</b>, William H. Webster Chair in Dispute Resolution and Professor of Law, Pepperdine University</p>

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## UNCITRAL ACADEMY: SINGAPORE CONVENTION CONFERENCE (DAY 2)

8 September 2021, Wednesday

0900h	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>Singapore Convention on Mediation: An Opportunity for Governments, Courts and Mediation Communities to Collaborate</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>George LIM SC</b>, Chairman, Singapore International Mediation Centre</p> <p>Speakers: <b>Akira KAWAMURA</b>, Of Counsel, Anderson Mori &amp; Tomotsune; Immediate Past President, Japan Association of Arbitrators <b>Dr LIU Xiaochun</b>, President, Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration <b>Khory McCORMICK</b>, Former Deputy Chair, Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy; Vice President, Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration; Australian Delegation, UNCITRAL Working Group on Singapore Convention <b>Professor Hi-Taek SHIN</b>, Chairman, KCAB INTERNATIONAL; Arbitrator, Twenty Essex Chambers <b>Eric TUCHMANN</b>, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for International ADR, American Arbitration Association-International Centre for Dispute Resolution</p>	1330h	<p><b>FIRESIDE CHAT</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>LIM Hui Min</b>, Director, Legal Aid Bureau, Singapore Ministry of Law</p> <p>Speaker: <b>Professor Richard SUSSKIND OBE</b>, Technology Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales</p>
1045h	<p><b>FIRESIDE CHAT</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Dorcas QUEK ANDERSON</b>, Associate Dean (Student, Staff &amp; Alumni Affairs) and Assistant Professor of Law, Singapore Management University Yong Pung How School of Law</p> <p>Speaker: <b>Colin RULE</b>, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mediate.com and Arbitrate.com</p>	1400h	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>Intellectual Property Dispute Resolution</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Joyce TAN</b>, Managing Director, Joyce A. Tan &amp; Partners LLC</p> <p>Speakers: <b>Marco M. ALEMÁN</b>, Assistant Director General, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization <b>Aggie LIU</b>, Partner, FenXun Partners <b>João NEGRÃO</b>, President, Boards of Appeal, European Union Intellectual Property Office</p>
1130h	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>Potential Uses of Mediation in Debt Restructuring and Insolvency</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Justice Kannan RAMESH</b>, Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court</p> <p>Speakers: <b>Judge Robert DRAIN</b>, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York <b>Scott ATKINS</b>, Chair and Head of Risk Advisory, Norton Rose Fulbright Australia; President, INSOL International <b>Debra GRASSGREEN</b>, Senior Partner, Pachulski Stang Ziehl &amp; Jones; President, International Insolvency Institute <b>Kyriaki KARADELIS</b>, Editor, Global Restructuring Review <b>Sushil NAIR</b>, Deputy Chief Executive, Drew &amp; Napier; Chairperson, Insolvency Practice Committee, The Law Society of Singapore</p>	1500h	<p><b>FIRESIDE CHAT</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>NG Wai King</b>, Managing Partner, WongPartnership LLP</p> <p>Speaker: <b>Piyush GUPTA</b>, Chief Executive Officer and Director, DBS Group</p>
1300h	<p><b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS (REPEAT TELECAST)</b> <b>K SHANMUGAM SC</b>, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, Singapore</p>	1530h	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>Dispute Resolution in Emerging Markets</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Professor Jair GEVAERD</b>, International Director of Academic Affairs, Brazilian Centre for Mediation and Arbitration</p> <p>Speakers: <b>Hannah CAO</b>, General Counsel, Silk Road Fund <b>Melissa ORDONEZ</b>, Counsel, Hogan Lovells' International Arbitration Group <b>Christina PAK</b>, Principal Counsel, Asian Development Bank <b>Sriram PANCHU</b>, Senior Advocate and Mediator <b>Professor Islambek RUSTAMBEKOVICH</b>, Acting Rector, Tashkent State University of Law; International Arbitrator</p>
		1630h	<p><b>FIRESIDE CHAT</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>FOO Chi Hsia</b>, Assistant Chief Executive, International, Infocomm Media Development Authority Singapore</p> <p>Speaker: <b>Mark BEER OBE</b>, Chairman of the Metis Institute</p>
		1700h	<p><b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> <b>Anna JOUBIN-BRET</b>, Secretary of UNCITRAL</p>

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## UNCITRAL ACADEMY: CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOPS

**7 September 2021, Tuesday**

0900h **INDUSTRY CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP**

1300h **EXCHANGE SESSION BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES**

**8 September 2021, Wednesday**

1000h **GOVERNMENT CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP**

1900h **INVESTOR-STATE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP**

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## SINGAPORE CONVENTION WEEK EVENTS

### 6 September 2021, Monday

- 0900h – 1240h** **Joint APIEx - SIArb "Spotlight on Experts" Virtual Conference**  
By Asia Pacific Institute of Experts (APIEx) and Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb)
- 1530h – 1700h** **Singapore Mediation Lecture 2021**  
By Harry Elias Partnership, Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC), Singapore Management University Centre for Commercial Law in Asia (CCLA)
- 1730h – 1900h** **"Arbitration in Litigation": First Hand Experiences at the SICC**  
By Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC)

### 7 September 2021, Tuesday

- 0900h - 1200h** **UNCITRAL Academy: Industry Capacity-Building Workshop**  
*\*This event is by invitation only.*
- 1300h - 1400h** **UNCITRAL Academy: Exchange Session Between Industry and Government Representatives**  
*\*This event is by invitation only.*
- 1400h - 2130h** **UNCITRAL Academy: Singapore Convention Conference (Day 1)**

### 8 September 2021, Wednesday

- 0930h - 1730h** **UNCITRAL Academy: Singapore Convention Conference (Day 2)**
- 1000h - 1300h** **UNCITRAL Academy: Government Capacity-Building Workshop**  
*\*This event is by invitation only.*
- 1900h - 2100h** **Roundtable with Mr Edwin Tong SC, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law**  
By Singapore Ministry of Law  
*\*This event is by invitation only.*
- 1900h - 2130h** **UNCITRAL Academy: Investor-State Dispute Settlement Capacity-Building Workshop**  
*\*This event is by invitation only.*

### 9 September 2021, Thursday

- 1000h – 1145h** **Practical and Cultural Differences of Litigating in Asia**  
By International Bar Association (IBA)
- 1300h – 1430h** **Hybrid Dispute Resolution Mechanisms as the Wave of the Future: Perspectives from Singapore as a Maritime Hub**  
By Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) and Oon & Bazul
- 1430h – 1630h** **The Future of Successful ADR Depends on ODR**  
By The Law Society of Singapore
- 1630h – 1800h** **2021 SIDRA International Dispute Resolution Survey: Preliminary Findings**  
By Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA)
- 1900h – 2030h** **The Singapore Convention Effect: Innovation in ICDR Mediation Procedures and Role in Asia**  
By American Arbitration Association International Centre for Dispute Resolution (AAA-ICDR) Asia Case Management Centre (Asia CMC)
- 2100h – 2230h** **A Cameo Gathering: Voices on the Singapore Convention Two Years On**  
By Society of Mediation Professionals (Singapore), Global Mediation Alliance, and JAMS

### 10 September 2021, Friday

- 0900h – 1830h** **SIAC Congress 2021**  
By Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)
- 1830h – 2000h** **The UNCITRAL Cross Border Model Law and Mediation: Panaceas for International Restructurings?**  
By INSOL International

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