

2019 UNCITRAL ASIA PACIFIC DAY UNCITRAL RCAP-UM JOINT CONFERENCE 2019

*Organizers: UNCITRAL REGIONAL CENTRE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
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Promotion of Access to Justice and Digital Economy: From New York to Singapore and Beyond

11 December 2019, Macau SAR, China

Registration – 8:30 am Conference starts – 9:30 am

CONFERENCE INTRODUCTION

On 11th of December 2019 the UNCITRAL RCAP-UM Joint Conference 2019, an event celebrating the 2019 UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day, is scheduled in the University of Macau (Macau SAR) and themed “Promotion of Access to Justice and Digital Economy: From New York to Singapore and Beyond”. This is the seventh conference resulting from the cooperation between the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RCAP) and University of Macau following the successful organization of five high level international conferences and the one international legal symposium by the two institutions since 2014.

As the core legal body of the United Nations system in the field of international trade law, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) seeks to progressively harmonize and modernize trade laws by preparing and promoting the use and adoption of legislative and non-legislative instruments in a

number of key areas of commercial law. UNCITRAL RCAP (Incheon, Republic of Korea) was inaugurated in 2012 to promote the work of UNCITRAL in the Asia-Pacific region. and provide technical assistance to States with respect to the adoption and uniform interpretation of UNCITRAL texts, thereby diminishing legal obstacles to global commercial transactions.

University of Macau, founded in 1981, is the leading comprehensive public university in Macau. It is resourceful and ambitious educational institution, with unique Sino-European heritage and global connections. In 2017, it has been ranked within the top-50 universities in Asia by the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings. In 2019 it has been ranked within the top-100 Asian University Rankings in QS World University Rankings.

The Faculty of Law of University of Macau, which is responsible in organizing the conference, is the oldest law school in Macau. With its diverse and multilingual programs, teaching staff of international background, the Faculty has been playing a very important role in the promoting legal education and research in Macau and contributing to the building-up of local legal system. In addition, the Faculty of Law has also successfully held many high-level international academic conferences and meetings in a range of legal topics.

Macau Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China has established itself as a top gaming and tourism destination in Asia. It is a global city endowed with a well-developed infrastructure for trade and industry. Macau adheres to the free market economy and has in place a simple and low taxation system, autonomous customs and widespread international market network. Macau is currently advancing towards moderate economic diversification, striving to become a regional economic and trade services platform, with the ability to provide quality service to investors and traders from all over the world. With its unique historical and cultural background, Macau has also been designated as a platform for promoting economic and trade exchanges between China and Lusophonic Countries.

In 2019, the UNCITRAL RCAP-UM Joint Conference brings together a group of distinguished experts and scholars to deliberate on contemporary issues in harmonization of international trade and commercial laws. The conference is expected to take stock of the current and emerging agenda of UNCITRAL as well as the contributions of various legal instruments resulting from the works of UNCITRAL. The conference will explore the way forward in promoting alternative dispute resolution especially in the context of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and the emerging digital economy.

THE CONFERENCE WILL FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING TRACKS:

Track 1. The future of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Track 2. Creating a legally enabling environment for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

Track 3. UNCITRAL's current and future work on E-commerce and the digital economy.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE

The registration for the conference is free of charge. Participants should complete a registration form in advance and obtain confirmation in order to secure a place in the conference. The deadline for registration is **8th of December 2019**.

DATE AND VENUE

The conference will be held on 11 December 2019.

The venue of the conference is E4-G068, Anthony Lau Building, University of Macau, Macau SAR (澳門大學,劉少榮樓, E4-G068).

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