

Sixth Conference on International Coordination of Secured Transactions Reform

*Coordinating new instruments with the existing international framework and
enhancing regional reforms*

16 – 17 January 2024

International Finance Corporation (IFC) Headquarters, Washington, DC

(Hybrid Event)

TENTATIVE AGENDA – January 2nd, 2023

DAY 1

9:00 – 9:30	Registration – IFC Lobby
9:30 – 10:15	<p>Welcome Remarks – IFC & SECO</p> <p>Mohamed Gouled, IFC Vice President Industries Dominique Favre - Ambassador, Executive Director for Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Poland, Serbia, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan</p> <p>Opening Commentary on Origins of STR International Joint Network Project Charles W. Mooney, Jr. Charles A. Heimbold, Jr. Professor of Law Emeritus University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School</p> <p>Panel 1 – Coordination in the development of standards for secured transactions – an overview. <i>This panel will allow the rules-formulating organizations to provide a general overview of current projects and anticipated projects related to the development of secured transactions instruments.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Adel Meer, IFC Manager, Global Financial Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ignacio Tirado - UNIDROIT - Anna Joubin-Bret - UNCITRAL - Gérardine Goh Escolar – HCCH - remote
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 – 11:45	<p>Panel 2 – Coordinating new instruments in the context of the existing international framework. <i>This panel will discuss how instruments that have recently been adopted (the UNIDROIT Model Law on Factoring and the UNCITRAL Guide on Access to Credit for MSMEs) were coordinated with existing international instruments.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Anna Veneziano, UNIDROIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - William Brydie-Watson UNIDROIT - Monica Canafoglia - UNCITRAL- remote

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marek Dubovec, ILI - John Wilson – International Finance Corp (IFC) - remote
11:45 -12:00	Group Picture
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 3:00	<p>Panel 3 – Emerging and disrupting technologies and their intersection with secured transactions.</p> <p><i>This panel will introduce participants to the work by the rules-formulating and other international organizations in the areas of digital economy and intangible assets, exploring how the existing standards such as UNIDROIT Principles on Digital Assets and Private Law and UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records, and other ongoing initiatives, such as valuation of intellectual property rights how they could apply to secured transactions.</i></p> <p>Co- moderators: Gerardine Goh Escolar (HCCH) & Mark Walter, ILI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alexander Kunzelmann (UNCITRAL) - remote - Louise Gullifer, University Cambridge - Michael Kos (WIPO) – IP Valuation Project - remote - Neil Cohen (Brooklyn Law School)
2:45-3:00	Coffee break
3:00 – 4:15	<p>Panel 4 – Coordinating the implementation of secured transactions reforms with a focus on women’s’ access to finance.</p> <p><i>This panel will discuss secured transactions initiatives with a special focus to support women’s financial inclusion and economic empowerment.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Anna Joubin-Bret, UNCITRAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jeannette Tramhel, Independent Legal Consultant - Justin Archer, Women’s World Banking - Julia Braunmiller, World Bank, Women, Business and Law - Jessica Schnabel, IFC Banking on Women
Day 2	
9:00 – 9:15	Summary of the First Day - Elaine MacEachern (IFC)
9:15 – 10:30	<p>Panel 5 - Implementation of secured transactions reforms in the agricultural sector</p> <p><i>This panel will explore reforms that increase access to credit in the agricultural sector, including financing along the agricultural supply chain, warehouse receipts and crop receipts.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Jae Sung Lee, UNCITRAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Luca Castellani (UNCITRAL) – Warehouse receipts project- remote - Marek Dubovec (ILI) Agri-Finance Guide - Panos Varangis, (IFC/World Bank) – Agri-Finance - Commodities - Kyrlo Mukhomedzyanov - IFC Agri Finance Lead Europe - Ukraine Crop Receipts Case Study - Remote
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:00	<p>Panel 6 – Emerging issues on financing</p> <p><i>This panel will discuss new and emerging issues that are affecting financing in general, mainly relating to climate change, green finance, digital platforms, and others. Also included in this session is a brief overview of the new World Bank B-Ready Financial Services indicator.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Jaime Moreno-Valle, OAS</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Wilson (IFC)– Digital/E-invoicing platforms in Latin America - Adel Meer, IFC - Climate Finance – Sustainability, Food Security, - Sandhya Srinivasan WB Climate Warehouse Program, Digital Carbon Assets & Registries - Nadine Abi Chakra, WBG - B-Ready Financial Services Indicator - Ignacio De Leon, Kozolchik National Law Center
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 2:30	<p>Panel 7 –The role of International Financial Institutions & Governments in secured transactions reform</p> <p><i>This panel will bring together international financial institutions that are active in providing technical support to Governments undertaking secured transactions reforms to discuss recent developments and implementation experiences.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Sarah Prosser, DOS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Milot Ahma – Project Officer, EBRD - Nigel Chin, Principal Counsel, Private Sector, ADB - remote - Maria Del Mar Pillar Bonilla Juarez, US Treasury Office of Technical Assistance (OTA) - Christian Braendli, SECO Deputy Head of Section WEIF - remote
2:30 – 2:45	Coffee Break
2:45 – 3:45	<p>Panel 8 – Coordinating access to credit initiatives with regulatory agencies.</p> <p><i>This panel will explore how the design and implementation of secured transactions reforms should be coordinated with regulatory and licensing agencies.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Don Wallace (ILI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Giuliano Castellano (University of Hong Kong) Prudential regulation - remote - Jean Saint-Geours – WBG Agri Regulatory Specialist - Collen Masunda, IFC Global Credit Infrastructure
3:45-4:30	<p>Panel 9 – Way forward to improve coordination.</p> <p><i>This panel will discuss how the Joint Network could further support the coordination of secured transactions reform through possible initiatives such as the development of an online platform maintained by the network. Website Update, Membership Update, 2024 Meeting Location.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mark Walter, ILI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ignacio Tirado (UNIDROIT) - Anna Joubin-Bret (UNCITRAL) - Ignacio De Leon, Kozolchik National Law Center - Dante Negro (OAS), Director, Department of International Law - Gérardine Goh Escolar (HCCH) - remote - Elaine MacEachern (IFC)
4:30-5:00	Summary and Wrap Up