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Embracing Legal Harmonization as a Panacea
for the Challenges Facing International Trade
at Times of Global Pandemic

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PANACEA FOR THE CHALLENGES FACING
INTERNATIONAL TRADE AT TIMES OF
GLOBAL PANDEMIC’**

10:00 – 10:30 Opening Ceremony

DIGNITARIES:

- **Tong Io Cheng**
Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Macau
- **Athita Komindr**
Head of UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific
- **Rosita Vong Sok Hei**
Secretary-General of the World Trade Center
Macau Arbitration Center
- **Jorge Neto Valente**
President of the Macau Lawyers’ Association
- **Rostam J. Neuwirth**
Professor, Head of the Department of Global
Legal Studies, Faculty of Law, University of Macau
- **Muruga Perumal Ramaswamy**
Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of
Macau

Photo Session

10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE – BREAK

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**Chairman of the
Session**

**Prof. Augusto
Teixeira Garcia**

Associate Dean,
Faculty of Law, University
of Macau

11:00 – 13:30 Session I:

- **11:00 – 11:20** The Hague Conference and UNCITRAL: Adoption and Adaptation of Technical Notes of ODR
Wei Dan, Professor, Associate Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Macau, Macau SAR
- **11:20 – 11:40** UNCITRAL and the Reform of ISDS
Fernando Dias Simões, Associate Professor, Deputy Programme Director (LLM International Economic Law), Faculty of Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR
- **11:40 – 12:00** Embracing Legal Harmonization through Decentralized Transnational Legal Ordering: The Role of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific in Enhancing Participation in Cross Border Dispute Resolution Rule Design
Shahla Ali, Professor, Associate Dean (International), Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR
- **12:00 – 12:20** Entry into Force of the Singapore Convention from Practitioners and Academic Perspectives
Shanti Abraham, Mediator, Malaysia
- **12:20 – 12:40** Entry into Force of the Singapore Convention from Practitioners and Academic Perspectives
Rajesh Sharma, Professor RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia
- **12:40 – 13:00** Entry into Force of the Singapore Convention from Practitioners and Academic Perspectives
Natalia Prisekina, Professor, School of Law, Far Eastern Federal University, Vladivostok, Russia

Q&A Session

13:30 – 14:30 LUNCH

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**Prof. João Loreto
Ilhão Moreira**

Faculty of Law,
University of Macau

14:30 – 16:15 Session II:

- **14:30 – 14:50** Does the Opt-out Option Devalue the CISG?
Lutz-Christian Wolff, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- **14:50 – 15:10** Practical perspectives of CISG after 2020
Judge Seonhwa Kim, CLOUT National Correspondent, Republic of Korea
- **15:10 – 15:30** International Regulation of Commercial Contracts: Complementary Roles of UNCITRAL, UNIDROIT and HCCH
Yun Zhao, Henry Cheng Professor in International Law and Head of Department of Law, University of Hong Kong; Representative, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Hague Conference on Private International Law, Hong Kong SAR
- **15:30 – 15:50** Perspectives for Macau After 2020: The Potential Extension of the CISG to the Region and the Role of Arbitration in the Light of the New Arbitration Law
Marta Mourão, Lawyer, FCI Arb, Macau SAR

Q&A Session

16:15 – 16:30 RECESS

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**Prof. Jerry I-
Hsuan Hsiao**
Faculty of Law,
University of Macau

16:30 – 18:15 Session III:

- **16:30 – 16:50** Blockchain-based Bill of Lading Under the UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records
Koji Takahashi, Professor, Law School, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan
- **16:50 – 17:10** Responses of the International Arbitral Institutions to COVID-19
Sue Hyun Lim, Secretary General, KCAB International, Republic of Korea
- **17:10 – 17:30** Digital Assets as Objects of Property Rights: Finding the 'Relationship' for Negotiable Transport Documents in Digital Environments
Abhinayan Basu Bal, Senior Lecturer, Department of Law, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden
- **17:30 – 17:50** Responses of the International Arbitral Institutions to COVID-19
Kellie Hyaе-Young Yi, Counsel - Chief Representative, HKIAC Seoul Office, Republic of Korea

Q&A Session

18:15 – 18:40 REFRESHMENT BREAK

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Prof. Du Li
Faculty of Law,
University of Macau

18:40 – 20:40 **Session IV:**

- **18:40 – 19:00** Virtual Hearings and Arbitral Procedures in 2020: Efficiency, Due Process, and Other Considerations
Zhijin Huang, Legal Expert, ICC Shanghai Representative Office, Shanghai, China
- **19:00 – 19:20** Virtual Hearings and Arbitral Procedures in 2020: Efficiency, Due Process, and Other Consideration
João Ilhão Moreira, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Macau, Macau SAR
- **19:20 – 19:40** CISG in the Context Of COVID-19 – Make Way for Hardship and Force Majeure?
Dr. Sai Ramani Garimella, Senior Assistant Professor, Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University, New Delhi, India
- **19:40 – 20:00** Current Challenges Facing International Arbitration at Times of Global Pandemic
Dr. Fausto de Quadros, Professor at the School of Law of the Lisbon University, International Arbitration Lawyer and Independent Arbitrator, Lisbon, Portugal
- **20:00 – 20:20** Digital Technologies and Business: New Challenges to the Government Regulation
Alexander Molotnikov, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia
- **20:20 – 20:40** The Role of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records as a Legal Enabler of Paperless Trade
Oswald Kuyler, Managing Director, ICC Digital Standards Initiative, Singapore

Q&A Session

20:50 CLOSING REMARKS