SINGAPORE CONVENTION SIGNING CEREMONY & CONFERENCE

6 AUGUST (TUE)

6.30pm  
SINGAPORE CONVENTION WELCOME RECEPTION AT CLIFFORD PIER

7 AUGUST (WED)

8.00am  
NETWORKING BREAKFAST

9.20am  
OPENING OF SIGNING CEREMONY AND CONFERENCE

9.30am  
FORMAL ADDRESSES BY:
Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister, Singapore
Mr António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations (via video)
Mr Stephen Mathias, Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, United Nations

10.00am  
SINGAPORE CONVENTION ON MEDIATION SIGNING CEREMONY

11.00am  
PANEL 1
Multilateralism, International Collaboration and Rule of Law in an Evolving World
Confirmed speakers include:
The Honourable Judge Xue Hanqin, Vice-President, International Court of Justice
Dr Marty Natalegawa, Former Foreign Minister, Indonesia
Mr Dilhan Pillay Sandrasegara, Chief Executive Officer, Temasek International Pte Ltd
Moderator:
Prof Tommy Koh, Ambassador-at-Large, Singapore and Professor of Law, National University of Singapore

12.30pm  
LUNCH-TIME PANEL ON THE NEGOTIATION OF THE CONVENTION ON MEDIATION
Confirmed speakers include:
Mr Tim Schnabel, Former Attorney, Office of the Legal Adviser, United States Department of State
Mr Itai Apter, Director, International Civil Affairs, Office of the Deputy Attorney General (International Law), Ministry of Justice, Israel
Prof Jaemin Lee, Professor of International Law, School of Law, Seoul National University
Mr Héctor Flores Sentíes, Partner, Abascal Flores y Segovia
Dr Norel Rosner, Legal and Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission
Moderator:
Ms Corinne Montineri, Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat, United Nations

1.50pm  
PANEL 2
The Future of International Dispute Resolution: Challenges and Opportunities for Access to Justice
Confirmed speakers include:
The Honourable Justice Anselmo Reyes, International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court
Prof Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler, President, International Council for Commercial Arbitration
The Honourable Justice Edward Torgbor, Former judge of the High Court, Kenya and Visiting Academic, University of Oxford
Moderator:
Mr George Lim, SC, Chairman, Singapore International Mediation Centre
(Breakout sessions held concurrently)

3.20pm  
PANEL 3
The Rise of Mediation: Bridging Differences for Tomorrow
Confirmed speakers include:
The Honourable Chief Justice Sam Rugege, Chief Justice of Rwanda
Prof Thomas J. Stipanowich, William H. Webster Chair in Dispute Resolution and Professor of Law, Pepperdine University
Ambassador Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Principal Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies, Former Foreign Advisor (Foreign Minister), Bangladesh
Moderator:
Prof Lucy Reed, Director, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore
(Breakout sessions held concurrently)

4.30pm  
CLOSING REMARKS
Conference ends at 5.00pm

7.00pm  
SINGAPORE CONVENTION GALA DINNER
Keynote address by:
Mr Heng Swee Keat, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Singapore
SESSION 1  1.50 pm – 3.00 pm
Foreign Investment in Dispute Resolution
Hibiscus II, Shangri-La Hotel

Discussion points include:
• Various regulatory regimes which affect foreign investments, including in Southeast Asia and beyond.
• Challenges and promises associated with such regimes, and the role which dispute resolution can play in improving the environment for foreign investment.

SESSION 2  1.50 pm – 3.00 pm
Infrastructure Projects: Ecosystems and Frameworks
Hibiscus III, Shangri-La Hotel

Discussion points include:
• Role of national and regional infrastructure projects in promoting connectivity.
• Ideas and perspectives on the roles that various international institutions can play in promoting infrastructure development.

SESSION 3  3.20 pm – 4.30 pm
Setting Standards for Dispute Resolution in an AI Age
Hibiscus II, Shangri-La Hotel

Discussion points include:
• Intersection between dispute resolution and Artificial Intelligence.
• Initiatives and approaches which different countries have adopted for online dispute resolution.
• Efforts by governments and other organisations in setting dispute resolution and mediation standards, and the implications for businesses and the public at large.

SESSION 4  3.20 pm – 4.30 pm
Efficiencies and Alliances in Partnerships
Hibiscus III, Shangri-La Hotel

Discussion points include:
• Bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral approaches to dispute resolution.
• Regulatory and institutional factors that make specific venues attractive dispute resolution hubs.
• How jurisdictions can enhance the public-private partnership and collectively contribute to creating a trusted and reputable international dispute resolution hub.
The Singapore Convention Week offers a week-long series of activities for government officials, legal practitioners, in-house counsel, business executives, academics and students from around the world, to discuss the latest developments in dispute resolution.

**2 – 4 AUGUST (FRI – SUN)**

**9.00am - 5.00pm (Competition)**

International Mediation Singapore – A Premier Mediation Competition for Law Students

International Mediation Singapore, or IMSG, is the first international mediation competition ever to be held in Singapore, with up to 36 teams competing as mediation advocates and mediators and judged by professional mediators on SIMI’s international panel.

**Organiser:** Singapore International Mediation Institute

**5 AUGUST (MON)**

**9.30am - 5.00pm**

The Big Deal: Managing Disputes in Asia - A Series of Seminars on Effective Dispute-Management and Business

In three seminars, The Big Deal: Managing Disputes in Asia, highlights how businesses and legal industry stakeholders can work effectively to manage and resolve disputes before, during and after deals, with a view towards preserving relationships, lowering transaction costs, promoting certainty, and creating new commercial opportunities.

Confirmed speakers include:

- The Honourable Justice Vinoth Coomaraswamy (Keynote Speaker), Supreme Court, Singapore
- Mr Wong Taur-Juin (Moderator), President, Singapore Corporate Counsel Association
- Mr Chia Kim Huat, Regional Head, Corporate and Transactional Group Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP
- Mr Nicholas Fell, Executive Vice President, Corporate Services & General Counsel BW Group
- Ms Shantini Samuganathan, Group General Counsel, Singapore Telecommunications Ltd
- Mr Sandeep Menon, Legal Counsel, Handshakes by DC Frontiers
- Mr Greg Tan, Managing Director, Legal & Regulatory, Temasek International Pte Ltd

**Seminars**

**Seminar 1: Getting the Deal: Managing Deal Negotiations through Dispute Resolution Strategies**

- Ms Smitha Menon, Partner, WongPartnership LLP
- Mr Randolph Khoo, Director, CMS Holborn Asia

**Seminar 2: Keeping the Bargain: ADR Protocols and Mechanisms to Facilitate the Post-Signing Implementation of a Deal**

- Dr Adeline Chong, Founder and Director, Institute of Certification and Training of Mediators in Lusófonos
- Dr Meng Yu, Associate Professor, School of Law, Singapore Management University
- Dr Adeline Chong, Associate Professor, School of Law, Singapore Management University
- Mr Philip Jacobs, Investment Director, JANUA Market

**Organisers:** Singapore Academy of Law, The Law Society of Singapore, Singapore Corporate Counsel Association and Asian Business Law Institute

**5 AUGUST (MON)**

**Noon - 2.00pm**

Effective Dispute Resolution for Greater Bay Area Companies Investing in ASEAN

China has been ASEAN’s top trading partner in the last decade and Chinese investments in ASEAN are set to grow further. This seminar will examine the benefits of arbitration, and discuss key developments in international arbitration in China, Singapore and other ASEAN countries.

**Organisers:** Singapore International Arbitration Centre and Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration

**5 AUGUST (MON)**

**6.00pm – 8.00pm**

Launch of INSOL Asia Hub

This event commemorates the launch of the INSOL Asia Hub in Singapore. Guests will enjoy a casual and intimate networking reception at Maxwell Chambers, and tour Maxwell Chambers Suites, home to INSOL’s first overseas expansion since it was established in London in 1982.

**Speakers:**
- Mr K Shanmugam (Guest of Honour), Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, Singapore
- Ms Julie Hertzberg, President, INSOL International

**Organiser:** INSOL

**6 AUGUST (TUE)**

**9.30am - 5.15pm**

Mediation: A New Era (MANE) Forum

The MANE Forum is a deep dive into dispute resolution’s next big story – mediation. Expert panels will explore the experiences of the masters to decipher issues ranging from online dispute resolution (ODR) to the advent of the world’s latest international convention: The Singapore Convention on Mediation.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Mr Edwin Tong (Guest of Honour), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Health, Singapore
- Dr Noeleen Heyzer, Former Under-Secretary-General, United Nations
- Prof Hi-Taek Shin, Chairman, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board International
- Mr George Lim, SC, Chairman, Singapore International Mediation Centre
- Mr Tan Ken Hwee, Chief Transformation and Innovation Officer, Supreme Court of Singapore
- Ms Eunice Chua, Chief Executive Officer, Financial Industry Disputes Resolution Centre Ltd
- Ms Ana Maria Maia Gonçalves, Founder and Director, Instituto de Certificação e Formação de Mediadores Lusófonos

**Organisers:** Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy, Singapore International Mediation Centre, Singapore International Mediation Institute and Singapore Mediation Centre
8 AUGUST (THU)
6.00pm – 9.00pm
Grand Opening of Maxwell Chambers Suites
This event commemorates the Grand Opening of the new extension of Maxwell Chambers, the world’s first integrated dispute resolution complex. Guests will get an exclusive look at the newly-refurbished facilities within a conserved building, and experience an exciting night of festivities with local fare and entertainment.
Welcome remarks by:
Mr Philip Jeyaretnam, SC, Chairman, Maxwell Chambers
Keynote address by:
Mr K Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, Singapore
Organiser: Maxwell Chambers

6 AUGUST (TUE)
2.00pm – 6.00pm (Conference)
6.00pm – 8.00pm (Reception)
Inaugural IBA Asia Pacific Arbitration Conference 2019
Presented by the IBA Arbitration Committee, the Inaugural IBA Asia Pacific Arbitration Conference titled International Arbitration in Asia Pacific: Pushing the Envelope will cover topics including:
- The rise of Asia Pacific: Trends and developments
- Innovation and change: Going beyond boundaries
- What remains to be done: Gazing into the future
Confirmed speakers include:
Ms Sheila Ahuja, Co-Chair, Asia Pacific Arbitration Group
Ms Chiann Bao, Arbitrator, Arbitration Chambers
Mr Lijun Cao, Partner, Zhong Lun
Ms Sarah Grimmer, Secretary-General, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
Ms Delphine Ho, Deputy Registrar, Singapore International Arbitration Centre
Ms Anna Joubin-Bret, Secretary, UNCITRAL
Mr Sanjeev Kapoor, Partner, Khaitan & Co
Prof Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler, President, International Council for Commercial Arbitration
Mr Kevin Kim, Partner, Bae, Kim & Lee
Ms Koh Swee Yen, Vice-Chair, IBA Arbitration Committee
Prof Dr Colin Ong, QC, Managing Partner, Dr Colin Ong Legal Services
Mr Kent Philips, Partner, Hogan Lovells
Mr Alvin Yeo, SC, Chairman and Senior Partner, WongPartnership
Organiser: International Bar Association

6 AUGUST (TUE)
12.30pm – 4.30pm
Effective Dispute Resolution for Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Investments
With approximately $900 billion in planned investments around the world, BRI projects need an effective dispute resolution mechanism. This seminar will examine why arbitration is the preferred mode of dispute resolution for BRI projects, and discuss key developments in international arbitration.
Organisers: Singapore International Arbitration Centre and China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission

Programme accurate as of 23 July 2019.
On 9 August 2019, Singapore celebrates its 54th National Day. We invite foreign delegates to join us on this joyous occasion and take the opportunity to experience Singapore.

Foreign delegates are invited to join seven carefully curated programmes which will take them to key places of interest and give them a deeper understanding of Singapore’s history, heritage, and approach to nation-building.

(A) 6 AUGUST (TUE) 8.15pm – 10.00pm

A River Runs Through It
Hosted by Singapore Ministry of Law
Narrated in English

A night cruise on a bumboat down the historic Singapore River in Marina Bay, offering unique perspectives of Singapore’s buzzing nightlife and famous icons, including the Supreme Court, Parliament House, Esplanade, Gardens by the Bay, Marina Barrage, Merlion and Marina Bay Sands.

(B) 8 AUGUST (THU) 9.30am – 1.00pm

Distinctive Global City, Endearing Home
Hosted by Singapore Ministry of Law, Urban Redevelopment Authority of Singapore and National Heritage Board
Narrated in English

An interactive and immersive experience at the Singapore City Gallery awaits, where delegates will learn about how Singapore overcomes its space constraints and finds sustainable, innovative solutions to become one of Asia’s most liveable cities. This will be followed by a walk to Chinatown where delegates will get to experience its rich heritage, and purchase and savour Singapore’s street hawker food (Singapore is making a UNESCO bid for its hawker culture).

(C) 8 AUGUST (THU) 1.30pm – 4.00pm

City in a Garden
Hosted by Singapore Ministry of Law and Gardens by the Bay
Narrated in English

A guided tour of Gardens by the Bay - a national garden, a premier horticultural attraction, and an international showpiece of horticulture and garden artistry.

(D) 8 AUGUST (THU) 5.00pm – 9.00pm

Trusted Legal System, Trusted Singapore
Hosted by Singapore Ministry of Law and Maxwell Chambers
Narrated in English

A briefing and guided tour of Maxwell Chambers, the world’s first integrated dispute resolution complex, followed by the Grand Opening of Maxwell Chambers Suites.

(E) 9 AUGUST (FRI) 8.00am – 10.00am

A Walk Through a Heritage Garden
Hosted by Singapore Ministry of Law and National Parks Board
Narrated in English

A guided tour of Singapore’s first UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Singapore Botanic Gardens, with its rich heritage and historical landmarks.

(F) 9 AUGUST (FRI) 10.30am – 12.30pm

The Bicentennial Experience
Hosted by Singapore Ministry of Law and Bicentennial Office
Narrated in English, with Audio Guides available in Mandarin, Malay and Tamil

An immersive and cinematic experience at the Fort Canning Centre where delegates will get to experience 700 years of Singapore’s history in an hour through a powerful, multimedia sensory programme.

(G) 9 AUGUST (FRI) 5.30pm – 9.30pm

Celebrating with Singapore
Hosted by Singapore Ministry of Law and some of Singapore’s top law firms overlooking the Marina Bay Area
Narrated in English

Cocktail events at some of Singapore’s top law firms, to watch the live streaming of Singapore National Day Parade 2019 and spectacular aerial and fireworks display across Singapore’s city skyline.