

Inaugural Global Conference
2019 HCCH Judgments Convention:
Global Enforcement of Civil and Commercial Judgments

9 September 2019

8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:30	Opening The Hon Ms Teresa Yeuk-wah CHENG, GBS, SC, JP Secretary for Justice, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Mr JIA Guide , Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China (PRC) Dr Christophe BERNASCONI , Secretary General, Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)
9:30 – 9:40	Short video on the work of HCCH featuring the 22nd Diplomatic Session adopting the 2019 HCCH Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters (Judgments Convention)
9:40 – 9:45	Group Photo for Speakers and VIPs
9:45 - 11:00	Session 1 - General Overview of the Judgments Convention <i>This session will describe the origins and objectives of the Judgments Convention, its architecture and salient features. It will also look into the significant and positive policy implications arising from the adoption of the Judgments Convention, including dispute resolution strategy and planning.</i> <u>Moderator</u> Mr João RIBEIRO-BIDAUI , First Secretary, HCCH <u>Panel of Speakers</u> Mr Andreas STEIN (Vice-Chair of the 22 nd Diplomatic Session), Head, Civil Justice Unit, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission Mr Marcos DOTTA SALGUEIRO (Vice-Chair of the 22 nd Diplomatic Session), Deputy Director of International Law Affairs, <i>Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores</i> , Uruguay Mr SUN Xiaofei , Deputy Director, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC Mr Marcelo DE NARDI , Federal Judge, Professor of Private International Law and International Trade Law, <i>Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos</i> , Brazil
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:45	<p>Session 2 - Scope and Operation of the Judgments Convention</p> <p><i>This session will elaborate on the scope of the Judgments Convention, including subject matter exclusions, such as intellectual property rights, anti-trust (competition), criteria for the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and preliminary questions. This session will also touch upon the Judgments Convention's relationship with the 2005 HCCH Choice of Court Agreements Convention.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Mr Paul LAM, SC, Parkside Chambers, HKSAR</p> <p><u>Panel of Speakers</u></p> <p>Mr Keisuke TAKESHITA, Professor, Hitotsubashi University, Japan</p> <p>Ms Emma BURGESS, Senior Lawyer, Civil and Family Division, Ministry of Justice Legal Advisers, Government Legal Department, Ministry of Justice, United Kingdom</p> <p>Ms Cara NORTH, Consultant, Levy Kaufmann-Kohler, Geneva, Switzerland</p>
12:45 - 2:00	<p>Light lunch for all participants</p>
2:00 - 3:15	<p>Session 3 - Grounds for refusal</p> <p><i>This session will discuss the grounds for refusing the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments (including the public policy ground) under the Judgments Convention and the practical application of these grounds.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Mr Peter WONG, Deputy Law Officer (Treaties & Law), Department of Justice, Government of the HKSAR</p> <p><u>Panel of Speakers</u></p> <p>Mr Peter Arnt NIELSEN, Professor, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark</p> <p>Mr Junhyok JANG, Professor, Law School, Sungkyunkwan University, Republic of Korea</p> <p>Ms Cristina FERREIRA, Department Head, International and Inter-Regional Law Department, Legal Affairs Bureau, The Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region</p>
3:15 - 3:30	<p>Coffee Break</p>
3:30 - 4:45	<p>Session 4 - Benefits of the Judgments Convention to Cross-border Dealings</p> <p><i>This session will consider the benefits of the Judgments Convention to cross-border dealings, including access to justice for micro, small and medium enterprises, consumers and employees, and promoting rule-based international trade and investment.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Dr James DING, Commissioner, Inclusive Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Office, Department of Justice, Government of the HKSAR</p> <p><u>Panel of Speakers</u></p> <p>Mr Thomas SO, Partner, Mayer Brown, HKSAR</p> <p>Ms Ning ZHAO, Senior Legal Officer, HCCH</p> <p>Mr Marcelo DE NARDI, Federal Judge, Professor of Private International Law and International Trade Law, Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos, Brazil</p>
4:45 - 5:00	<p>Conclusions and Way Forward</p> <p>Dr Christophe BERNASCONI, Secretary General, HCCH</p> <p>Mr Frank POON, Representative, HCCH Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p>