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# 2022 UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day

## Webinar

### UNCITRAL RCAP@10

Charting the Course  
for another Decade:

## Mediation and Arbitration in the Asia-Pacific Region

The UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day is an annual flagship academic series launched in 2014 by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (“UNCITRAL RCAP”) to celebrate the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 establishing UNCITRAL, which has since come to be the core legal body of the United Nations system in the field of international trade law.

This year, an initial 20 universities and institutions across the Asia-Pacific region in 12 jurisdictions have joined the annual celebration to commemorate the establishment of UNCITRAL by co-hosting a series of academic events with UNCITRAL RCAP to promote awareness of international trade standards and norms, particularly those endorsed by UNCITRAL, amongst law students — the next generation of legal thinkers and policymakers. The year 2022 marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of UNCITRAL RCAP.

UNCITRAL RCAP is co-organising a webinar with the Faculty of Law, the University of Hong Kong (HKU), Hong Kong Mediation Centre (HKMC) and International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute (IDRMI), highlighting the theme of our Next 10 Years of Legal Harmonization in the Asia-Pacific Region. This webinar will be exploring the importance, past and future development of mediation and arbitration in the Asia-Pacific Region under the efforts of UNCITRAL RCAP.

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**Date** 27 October 2022 (Thursday)

**Time** 4:30pm – 6:00pm  
(Hong Kong Time, UTC+8 hours)

**Mode of Delivery** Webinar via Zoom

**Language** English

#### TARGET AUDIENCE

University Students, Lawyers, Dispute Resolution Practitioners

#### CPD

1.5 CPD points of HKMC and IDRRMI

1.5 CPD points of Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation  
Association Limited (HKMAAL) (Pending)



## Free Registration

**Registration Deadline:**  
25 October 2022 (Tuesday)

## Event Enquiries

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### Speakers of Opening Remarks (Listed in speaking order)

#### Ms. Athita KOMINDR

Head, UNCITRAL Regional Centre  
for Asia and the Pacific



Athita is Head of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP), managing technical assistance and capacity building programming available to over 50 States in Asia and the Pacific in key areas of commercial law, including dispute resolution, MSMEs, international contract practices, sale of goods, electronic commerce, transport, insolvency, international payments, secured transactions, and procurement. In that capacity, she coordinates with Governments and international and regional organizations with respect to trade law reform activities aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Athita has two decades of experience in the fields of international trade and economic law, arbitration, multilateral dispute resolution, and the rule of law and development. Prior to joining the United Nations, Athita mainly advised and worked with numerous Thai agencies, including the Thailand Institute of Justice, the Thai Ministry of Science and Technology, and the Thailand Arbitration Center where she managed the Arbitration and Legal Affairs Divisions. She also worked for the Thai Ministry of Commerce in Bangkok (2002-2005) and Geneva (2005-2010), representing Thailand in bilateral, regional, and multilateral trade negotiations, WTO dispute settlement, and treaty drafting. Admitted to the New York Bar since 2002, Athita has experience in both common and civil law traditions in the public and private sectors, and holds degrees from Harvard College, Georgetown University Law Center, and Harvard Law School.



#### Ms. Moonar TSOI

Legal Expert, UNCITRAL Regional  
Centre for Asia and the Pacific

Moonar is currently seconded from the Department of Justice (DoJ) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific as Legal Expert. Prior to her secondment, she was serving in the Prosecutions Division as a Public Prosecutor, and has advised on a wide spectrum of ordinances covering offences relating to anti-money laundering, anti-smuggling, consumer rights protection, copyright and trademark protection, unfair trade practices, and etc. She has also tackled cases arising from the 2019 unprecedented upheaval social unrest in Hong Kong, which often concern serious offences such as arson, possession of explosives, riot, robbery, wounding with intent, and etc. Moonar was admitted as solicitor in Hong Kong in 2018. She holds a double degree in BBA-JD from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and a Master of Laws (Technology and Intellectual Property Law) degree from the University of Hong Kong.

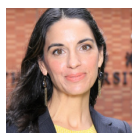
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#### Moderator

##### Dr. Shahla ALI



Professor and Associate Dean (International Affairs) at the Faculty of Law and Director of the LLM in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, the University of Hong Kong

Professor and Associate Dean (International) & Director, Program in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong. Shahla's work centers on questions of governance, development and cross-border dispute resolution in the Asia Pacific region. She serves as a bilingual arbitrator (English/Chinese) with CIETAC, HKIAC, KCAB and SIAC. Her recent books including *Soft Law from the Ground Up* (Elgar, 2021), *Court Mediation Reform* (Elgar, 2018), *Governing Disasters* (Cambridge, 2016), *Consumer Financial Dispute Resolution in a Comparative Context* (Cambridge, 2013) and *Resolving Disputes in the Asia Pacific* (Routledge, 2010), have informed legal developments in the Asia Pacific and contributed to the emergence of a growing body of work examining comparative dispute resolution systems from an interdisciplinary perspective. She has been engaged in dispute resolution reform at the regional and global levels including with USAID, IFC/World Bank and the United Nations on issues pertaining to access to justice, peace process negotiation training, financial dispute resolution and land use conflict resolution. Shahla holds a BA from Stanford University in International Relations and Chinese language and a JD and PhD in Jurisprudence and Social Policy from the University of California at Berkeley.

#### Speakers

##### Professor Edwin H.W. CHAN

Adjunct Professor, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
Arbitrator and Mediator



Prof. Edwin Chan obtained his PhD degree on dispute management at the King's College of London University. He is a Chartered Architect/Surveyor/Engineer and is called to the BAR of both the English and Hong Kong. He has been a Professor of the Department of Building and Real Estate of Hong Kong Polytechnic University since 2004 (Adjunct Professor since 2021). Currently, he is the Discipline Leader for Sustainability Policy and Law, and Deputy Programme Leader of the MSc in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution. He is the accredited Mediator of the Hong Kong Mediation Centre and Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC). He is also listed Adjudicator and listed Arbitrator of HKIAC.

##### Ms. Kim M. ROONEY

Barrister  
International Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator



Kim Rooney is Hong Kong barrister, an international arbitrator and an accredited mediator. She is a member of the ICC's International Court of Arbitration. She sits as arbitrator in international arbitrations of commercial, finance, joint venture, high technology, energy and resources disputes around the world under various rules including those of ACICA, HKIAC, ICC, ICDR/AAA, JCCA, LCIA (India), SIAC and UNCITRAL.

She is on the panels of many arbitral institutions. Kim has represented clients as counsel in complex high value disputes in both commercial and investor state arbitrations, the latter including under ICSID Rules. She chaired the Hong Kong Law Reform Commission's Subcommittee on Third Party Funding for Arbitration; its 2016 Final Report's recommendations (with draft legislation) to clearly allow and to regulate Hong Kong third party funding of arbitration were implemented by 2017 amendments to the Arbitration Ordinance (Cap 609).

She is also admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor in Western Australia and a Solicitor in England and Wales. She was admitted as a Solicitor in Hong Kong from 1992 to 2009.

##### Ms. Xin ZHANG

Counsel, Secretariat of International Chamber of  
Commerce International Court of Arbitration



Xin Zhang is counsel of the ICC Secretariat's Hong Kong office. She received her legal education from China University of Political Science and Law and University of Oxford, and previously worked in international law firms and organizations before joining the ICC.

The ICC Secretariat's Hong Kong office is one of the 12 case management teams of the ICC Secretariat. It manages around 100 ongoing ICC arbitration cases, seated in 20 different cities, including Hong Kong, Seoul, Tokyo, Beijing, Shanghai, Bangkok, Doha, London, Paris, etc.