



**SINGAPORE  
CONVENTION**  
ON MEDIATION

6 - 7 AUGUST 2019  
SHANGRI-LA HOTEL,  
SINGAPORE

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# SINGAPORE CONVENTION SIGNING CEREMONY & CONFERENCE

## 6 AUGUST (TUE)

6.30pm | **SINGAPORE CONVENTION WELCOME RECEPTION**

## 7 AUGUST (WED)

8.00am | **NETWORKING BREAKFAST**  
(Please arrive early for security screening. Doors close at 9.15am.)

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), Israel Ministry of Justice  
**Prof Jaemin Lee**, Professor of International Law, School of Law, Seoul National University  
**Mr Héctor Flores Senties**, 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  
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:  
**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

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## SINGAPORE CONVENTION SIGNING CEREMONY & CONFERENCE

### *Concurrent Breakout Sessions*

#### **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.

# SINGAPORE CONVENTION WEEK

2 - 8 August 2019

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. It is a chance to learn new things, meet old friends and make new ones, take in interesting sights, and enjoy good food!



## 2 - 4 AUGUST (FRI - SUN)


9.00am - 5.00pm (Competition)  
6.00pm - 9.00pm (Reception)

### 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

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## 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

 <http://www.siac.org.sg/component/registrationpro/event/321/SIAC-SCIA-Seminar--Effective-Dispute-Resolution-for-Greater-Bay-Area-Companies-?Itemid=552>

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## 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 Vinodh Coomaraswamy (Keynote Speaker),  
Supreme Court, Singapore

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

Mr Wong Taur-Jiun (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 Sanmuganathan, 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

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


Mr Gregory Vijayendran, SC (Moderator), President, Law Society of Singapore  
Mr Francis Goh, Partner, Eversheds Harry Elias LLP  
Ms Lynette Chew, Director, CMS Holborn Asia  
Mr Ban Jiun Ean, Executive Director, Singapore Mediation Centre  
Mr Randolph Khoo, Director, Drew & Napier LLC  
Ms Smitha Menon, Partner, WongPartnership LLP

#### Seminar 3: Enforcing the Judgment: Convergence of Asian Business Laws to Facilitate Certainty for Investment and Trade

Mr Nish Shetty (Moderator), Partner, Clifford Chance Asia (Moderator)  
The Honourable Justice Vichai Ariyanuntaka, Senior Judge, Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court, Thailand  
The Honourable Justice Anselmo Reyes, International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court  
Dr Meng Yu, Founder, China Justice Observer  
Dr Adeline Chong, Associate Professor, School of Law, Singapore Management University  
Mr Philip Jacobs, Investment Director, IANUA Market

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

 <https://www.sal.org.sg/Events/Events/Conference/The-Big-Deal-Managing-Disputes-in-Asia/Overview>

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## 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  
Ms Anna Joubin-Bret, Secretary, UNCITRAL  
Mr Rimsky Yuen, SC, Former Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong SAR  
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  
Mr Iu Ting-Kwok, Founder and Director, Asia Conflict Resolution Institute Limited  
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

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## 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

Mr Neerav Merchant, Partner, Majmudar & Partners

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



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## 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



<http://www.siac.org.sg/component/registration/pro/event/322/SIAC-CIETAC-Seminar-Effective-Dispute-Resolution-for-BRI-Investments?Itemid=552>



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## 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



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# EXPERIENCE SINGAPORE

6 - 9 August 2019

On 9 August 2019, Singapore celebrates its 54<sup>th</sup> National Day.

We are most delighted to have you here in Singapore on this joyous occasion and hope that you will take the opportunity to experience Singapore.



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

You may register for these programmes:

- when you register for the conference online
- by contacting the Organising Secretariat at [SgConvention@mlaw.gov.sg](mailto:SgConvention@mlaw.gov.sg)

The programmes are complimentary. Transport will be provided from and back to the conference hotel.

Capacity is limited and registration is on a first-come-first-served basis.

## (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.