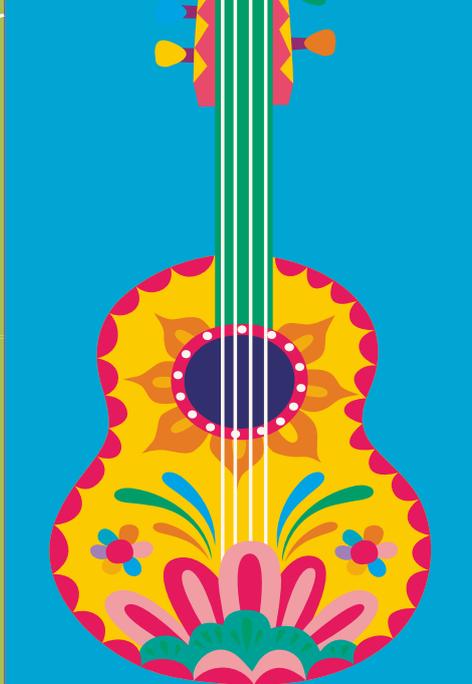
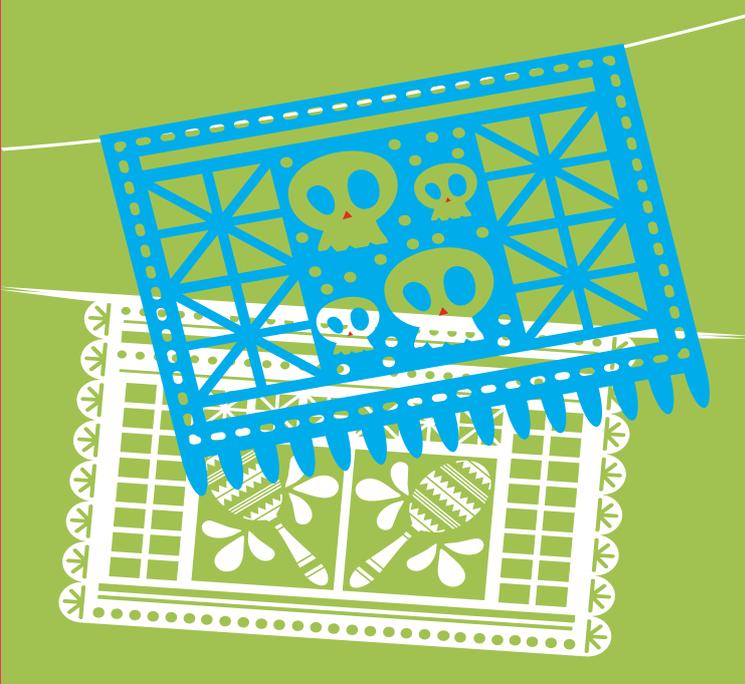
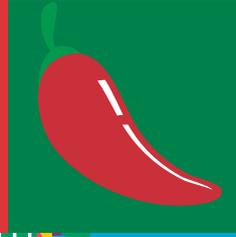
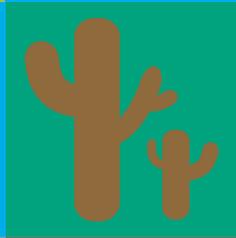
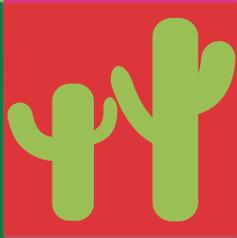
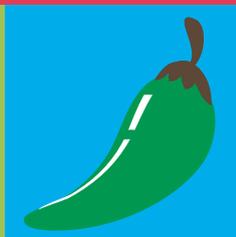




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Thank you to the individual members of the Mexican Organising Committee and to the leaders of the three Mexican Bar Associations, Ilustre y Nacional Colegio de Abogados

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The Congress venue that we have selected, the Expo Guadalajara Convention Centre, in line with the UIA Sustainability Guidelines, is certified for sustainability purposes as a carbon neutral/environmentally friendly convention centre, with a waste management policy in place, using eco-friendly products and food, with a water usage and lighting and energy policy focused on reducing consumption. The convention centre is located within walking distance from hotels and easily is accessible by public transport.

This will make Guadalajara 2025 the first sustainable compliant Congress in the history of the UIA!

In our era of complexity and change, both Main Themes deal with the challenges and developments in relation to two of the most topical and critical issues of interest to international legal business consultants and litigators. The first main theme on “FDI dispute resolution” will explore the various dispute resolution options available, including mediation, as provided by international agreements and applicable BITs, and faced with the new kinds of issues giving raise to disputes (such as energy transition, sanctions, and environmental and technological issues). The second main theme on Agrifood, Sustainability and International Trade will deal with the multiple legal aspects involved in transforming agri-food systems to make them more sustainable, resilient, inclusive, equitable and healthy, in a changing climate and environment.

In addition you will be able to choose amongst a variety of some 45 different working sessions covering all the areas of the law, with speakers and participants from over 80 countries.

I look forward to welcoming you to Guadalajara for an unforgettable experience!

**Carlo Mastellone
UIA President**



Dear colleagues and friends of the UIA,

It is an honor to address you as President of the 69th Congress of the UIA. We warmly invite you to join us in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 29 October to 2 November 2025. The UIA Congress is a unique opportunity for lawyers from around the world to meet,

exchange ideas and strengthen ties. In a globalized world, spending time with colleagues from different cultures, committed to law and justice, is a valuable experience.

Mexico and Guadalajara offer an unrivaled setting. Guadalajara, the second largest city in Mexico, is a living testimony to the blend of modernity and tradition that characterizes our nation. Guadalajara is the heart of Mexico's emblematic traditions. The «mariachi», a musical symbol of our country and declared Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, originated here. It is also the birthplace of tequila

and charrería (Mexican livestock herding). Much of what is associated with Mexico — mariachi, tequila, traditional hats and Jarabe Tapatío dance — originated in Jalisco.

Guadalajara's cuisine is another of its great attractions. From the tortas ahogadas («drowned» sandwiches) and tacos, to the haute fusion cuisine, each meal is a delight for the senses. Guadalajara is a key technological development center in Latin America. It is home to important technology companies such as IBM, Oracle, Cisco, Toshiba, Intel, HP, and Dell. Jalisco represents 40% of the IT industry in Mexico. The city has modern infrastructures for a productive and pleasant stay.

This congress will allow participants to attend high-level conferences and workshops on the most relevant international law topics. It will be an opportunity to learn from experts and share knowledge. Guadalajara offers unforgettable experiences. See you in Mexico, Guadalajara awaits you!

**Arturo Pueblita Fernández
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8:00 pm Closing Cocktail + Free Evening

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Some names and meetings or activities have not yet been inserted in this programme, as the UIA did not receive confirmations in time for printing. We invite you to regularly consult the portal of the Guadalajara Congress on the UIA Website to find out about the changes and additions made in the Congress programme. The final programme will be distributed to participants at the Congress venue, and will include all updates and logistical information.

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The table on page 36 summarises the meetings where simultaneous translation will be provided, according to the information available as of the time of printing. Upon your arrival at the Congress, please consult the final programme to check whether simultaneous translation is being provided in other languages or for other meetings.

WELCOME TO GUADALAJARA!

The UIA Congress goes to Mexico!



Capital of the state of Jalisco in western Mexico, Guadalajara is one of the country's most important cities. Modern because it is rooted in the development of new technologies, it is also the birthplace of the mariachis, moulded in their sequined costumes and wearing their large round hats, the famous Mexican sombrero. The world-wide known tequila is produced in the village of the same name, some 60km away.

The heart of Guadalajara boasts a wealth of historic monuments, pretty green squares and fine colonial buildings. Like Guanajuato, Guadalajara is also a major university town, with exchanges with cities in several countries.



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Direct flights serve Guadalajara on several airlines. You can benefit from attractive rates if you book your flight online as early as possible.

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The hotels selected by the UIA are located in Guadalajara, next to the Congress venue. You can book your accommodation online at:

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We are offering reduced rates that have been specifically negotiated for the UIA Congress. Breakfast is included in the room price of all the suggested hotels.

Considering the limited number of rooms and the fact that preferential rates cannot be guaranteed for more than the number of rooms reserved by the UIA, we recommend that you make your hotel reservation as early as possible!

TRANSFERS

The UIA will not provide shuttle services from the airport or from the train station. Guadalajara international airport is located 19 km from Expo Guadalajara. It takes around 45 minutes to go from the airport to the Congress venue by taxi depending on traffic conditions.

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WOMEN'S COMMITTEE SESSION

Can “sustainable development” be fully realized without the participation of women, respect for inclusion, parity and non-discrimination? We will address the different aspects of this subject as well as the challenges it raises using diversified and multidimensional approaches. We will examine, mainly, the social responsibility of companies and the effectiveness of their commitment in this field, but also the responsibility of states, the main actors in achieving sustainable development objectives, in establishing and implementing the mechanisms required in this regard at national and international level. We will also discuss the contribution of lawyers, bars and associations of lawyers as well as the UIA to this process.

**The session will take place
on Thursday, 30 October at 9.00 am.**

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST-TIME PARTICIPANTS!

Are you a new participant at the UIA Congress? We always take care of first-timers at UIA congresses. The UIA organizers will welcome you during a Get-Together **Breakfast on Thursday, 30 October, from 8:00am to 9:00am.**

This is an opportunity to meet other UIA members who are new participants and to network!

NEXT GEN NETWORK SESSION

Family businesses—including law firms—face unique challenges when it comes to succession. Beyond legal and financial structuring, the transition of leadership requires balancing tradition with innovation, ensuring long-term stability while adapting to modern business landscapes. The session will include perspectives from family law firms where parents and children work together, as well as those who have taken separate paths.

**The session will take place
on Friday, 31 October at 9.00 am.**

UIADVANCE

UIA supports law-firm managers in their strategic, financial and human resources challenges. During the congress, a special session dedicated to UIAdvance members on the topic “Navigating Legal Frontiers: Current Challenges and Opportunities in an International legal network”.

**The session will take place
on Friday, 31 October at 5.30 pm.**

NETWORKING DAY

The opening day of the Congress is the opportunity to meet with your colleagues again within the particularly warm atmosphere that characterises UIA!

The day will begin with the **UIA General Assembly** while the afternoon will be dedicated to our **specialised forums**. These activities will take place at ExpoGuadalajara.

This year, you will be able to select from 11 forums based on language and region. The **language forums** will facilitate discussion of important legal topics by participants in a language they share. As part of the **regional forums**, participants will be able to exchange their different points of view on a common issue and consider the many judicial ways to address it based on their country's laws. With expert coordinators from around the world, these discussions are sure to be lively and informative!

The afternoon will also feature the popular **Networking session**.

The day will continue with the **Opening Ceremony** at the Teatro Degollado.

9.30 am – 11.30 pm

UIA General Assembly

Meeting reserved exclusively for UIA members

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

French-Speaking Lawyers' Forum

German-Speaking Lawyers' Forum

Portuguese-Speaking Lawyers' Forum

Spanish-Speaking Lawyers' Forum

Arabic-Speaking Lawyers' Forum

Common Law Forum

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Asian Lawyers' Forum

African Lawyers' Forum

Forum of Lawyers from Central and Eastern European Countries

Latin American Lawyers' Forum

Italian Speaking Lawyers' Forum

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

UIA Networking

ROOM JOYA 2

One of the reasons for attending a global Congress is to network – to meet people who might be useful for one's own law practice and to make oneself known to others and, why not, create organic links.

Speed Dating for Law Firms, first introduced at the Macau Congress in 2013, at the initiative of Fred Kan, is a unique programme offering such an opportunity.

All participants interested in connecting with law firms outside their own jurisdiction each get 3 minutes on stage to introduce themselves and their firm. Like-minded lawyers are able to meet at the session to explore opportunities for co-operation..

Coordinator:

Fanny COTON (*Lexing*) Liège, Belgium

6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Opening Ceremony at the Teatro Degollado

9.00 am – 12.30 pm

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
<p>Main Theme 1</p> <p>Room Guadalajara 4</p>	<p>Present And Future Of Foreign Investment Dispute Resolution</p> <p>Join us in exploring the challenges and pitfalls of Foreign Investment dispute resolution! From the alternative ways presented (Investment Arbitration vs. Permanent Court; Dispute Boards or Mediation) to the coexistence of traditional forms of conflict with the irruption of new issues related to the times we live in (energy transition, sanctions, geopolitical tensions and financial uncertainty; environmental and technological issues). Discover how different methods, backed by bilateral treaties and international agreements, shape the foreign investment environment, seeking to ensure stability and legal security for all parties involved. Don't miss this opportunity to broaden your understanding of this exciting topic and strengthen your skills in international practice!</p>	<p>Coordinator: Arquiola DE PALACIO <i>(Palacio Y Asociados)</i> <i>Madrid, Spain</i></p>	<p>Keynote speakers: Gonzalo FLORES <i>(Groupe de la Banque mondiale)</i> <i>Washington, DC, United States</i> Hugo ROMERO MARTÍNEZ <i>(RRH Consultores, S.C.)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i></p> <p>Speakers: Funke ADEKOYA <i>Lagos, Nigeria (invited)</i> José María ALONSO PUIG <i>(Cima)</i> <i>Madrid, Spain</i> José Luis ARAGÓN CARDIEL <i>(Cour Permanente D'arbitrage-CPA)</i> <i>The Hague, Netherlands</i> Joachim BILE-AKA <i>(Bile-Aka, Brizoua-Bi & Associés)</i> <i>Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire</i> Anna JOUBIN-BRET <i>(CNUDCI)</i> <i>Vienna, Austria</i> Antonio Mario PRIDA PEON DEL VALLE <i>(Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, S.C.)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> Ann RUSSO <i>(Dispute Resolution Board Foundation-DRBF)</i> <i>Charlotte, NC, United States (invited)</i> Fu YULIN <i>(BAC-BIAC)</i> <i>Beijing, China</i></p>
<p>Collective Members' Forum</p> <p>Room Moda</p>	<p>The role of Bar Associations in the recruitment, selection and evaluation of judges</p>	<p>Coordinators: Murray LEVIN <i>(Troutman Pepper Locke)</i> <i>Philadelphia, PA, USA</i> Rosa Isabel PEÑA SASTRE <i>(Lex Administrativa Abogacía)</i> <i>Barcelona, Spain</i></p>	
<p>Women's Committee Session</p> <p>Room Mueble 1</p>	<p>Women and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Can "sustainable development" be fully realized without the participation of women, respect for inclusion, parity and non-discrimination? We will address the different aspects of this subject as well as the challenges it raises using diversified and multidimensional approaches. We will examine, mainly, the social responsibility of companies and the effectiveness of their commitment in this field, but also the responsibility of states, the main actors in achieving sustainable development objectives, in establishing and implementing the mechanisms required in this regard at national and international level. We will also discuss the contribution of lawyers, bars and associations of lawyers as well as the UIA to this process.</p>	<p>President: Elisabeth ZAKHARIA SIOUFI <i>(Elisabeth Zakharia Siouf)</i> <i>Jdeidet El Met, Lebano</i></p>	<p>Jenifer Valeria ALFARO BORGES <i>(Alphabeto Uruguay)</i> <i>Montevideo, Uruguay</i> James GRENNAN <i>(A & L Goodbody)</i> <i>Dublin, Ireland</i> Carlo MASTELLONE <i>(Studio Legale Mastellone)</i> <i>Florence, Italy</i> Eliana SILVA DE MORAES <i>(Silva De Moraes Associés)</i> <i>Sao Paulo, Brazil</i></p>

9.00 am – 12.30 pm

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<p style="text-align: center;">Banking and Financial Services Law ■ Room Mueble 2</p>	<p>Revolution in the payments landscape in the Digital Age Payment services play a fundamental role in our daily lives and for the economy. The payment services market has changed significantly in recent years. Electronic payments have been constantly growing. The trend towards digitalisation was accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to a surge in online transactions and contactless payments in shops. The digital transformation is triggering a revolution in the financial sector, especially in payments, which will bring innovation as well as benefits in terms of costs, convenience, accessibility, and inclusion for individuals and firms, but also risks (e.g. fraud). New providers, enabled by digital technologies, have entered the market. Fintech companies have sparked the latest wave of innovation, speeding up the evolution of the payment system that also plays to the strength of big tech. To advance digital payments, promote innovation and enhance safety and efficiency in the financial sector, central banks have multiple tools at their disposal. One prominent option is to issue a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). Another is to build Fast Payment Systems (FPS). Speakers will illustrate the most significant innovations in payments and their key impacts and implications on users, banks and other payment service providers, regulators, and the overall structure of the payments market, as well as the major public-private partnerships in payment systems.</p>	<p>Barbara BANDIERA <i>Vimercate, Italy</i></p>	<p>Joachim BILE-AKA <i>(Bile-Aka, Brizoua-Bi & Associés)</i> <i>Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire</i> Aboubacar FALL <i>(Af Legal)</i> <i>Dakar, Senegal</i> Olivier NICOD <i>(Walder Wyss SA)</i> <i>Lausanne, Switzerland</i> Silvestre TANDEAU DE MARSAC <i>(FTMS Avocats)</i> <i>Paris, France</i> Donald VENKATAPEN <i>(Venkatapen Boutique Lawyers)</i> <i>Luxembourg, Luxembourg</i> Yonca Fatma YÜCEL <i>(Istanbul Gedik University Law Faculty)</i> <i>Ankara, Türkiye</i> Serges Martin ZANGUE <i>(Zangue And Partners)</i> <i>Douala, Cameroon</i> Tarik ZOUHAIR <i>(Cabinet Zouhair)</i> <i>Casablanca, Morocco</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sports Law ■ Room Joya 1</p>		<p>Yoshihisa HAYAKAWA <i>(Uryu & Itoga)</i> <i>Tokyo, Japan</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>

9.00 am – 12.30 pm

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<p>Agrifood Law / Animal Law / Environment and Sustainable Development Law</p> <p>Room Construcción</p>	<p>Sustainable Use of the Oceans The importance of the oceans to human health and well-being cannot be overstated. Covering 70% of the planet, the oceans provide livelihoods and resources to more than 3 billion people. Blue foods – those that are harvested from oceans, rivers, and lakes – have the potential to help feed a population expected to reach 10 billion in 2050. Recognizing its significance, UN Sustainable Development Goal 14 is to “Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.” However, due to human activities, the oceans and the creatures who live in them are in peril. Unsustainable exploitation, climate change, and environmental degradation are immediate threats that require international collaboration and cooperation. This presentation will look at key legal and policy issues relevant to the sustainable use of the oceans. The panel of experts will consider the current “state of the blue food industry” – from local economic impacts to international trade agreements. Presentations will include proposed laws and policies needed to create equitable and sustainable conditions for all global stakeholders; how science and technology can mitigate the environmental impacts of climate change, illegal fishing, overfishing, and pollution; and how to prevent the further loss of species that is impacting the biodiversity of the oceans.</p>	<p>Yolanda EISENSTEIN <i>Santa Fe, NM, USA</i> Luis Fernando MACÍAS GÓMEZ <i>Bogota, Colombia</i> Diego SALUZZO <i>(Grande Stevens Studio Legale)</i> <i>Turin, Italy</i></p> <p>Coordinatrice: Yolanda EISENSTEIN <i>Santa Fe, NM, USA</i></p>	<p>Bryce BARTHULY <i>(Cuny Graduate Center)</i> <i>New York, NY, USA</i> Carlos RAMIREZ <i>(Reese LLP)</i> <i>New York, NY, USA</i> Michael REESE <i>(Reese LLP)</i> <i>New York, NY, USA</i> Jim Karani RIUNGU <i>(Lawyers For Animal Protection In Africa)</i> <i>Nairobi, Kenya</i></p>
<p>Fashion Law / Intellectual Property</p> <p>Room Comercio</p>	<p>Tradition Meets Innovation: IP Tools for Safeguarding Heritage and Excellence, with a Special Focus on the Fashion Industry This session delves into the diverse intellectual property tools designed to safeguard traditional excellence and cultural heritage, with a special focus on the fashion industry and artisanal craftsmanship. Topics include the new EU Regulation on Geographical Indications for craft products, certification marks, “Made In” designation as an indicator of quality and origin and other IP frameworks that protect authenticity and provenance. The discussion will also address the increasingly relevant issue of cultural appropriation, exploring how IP law can balance innovation with respect for traditional knowledge and heritage. Participants will gain practical insights into navigating the interplay between tradition and innovation, ensuring that both creative industries and cultural identities are respected and preserved.</p>	<p>Nicola LATTANZI <i>(Eversheds-Sutherland SA)</i> <i>Milan, Italy</i> Joana WHYTE <i>(Telles Advogados)</i> <i>Porto, Portugal</i></p> <p>Coordinatrice : Marita DARGALLO NIETO <i>(Barrilero Y Asociados)</i> <i>Barcelona, Spain</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

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<p>Private International Law Room Joya 2</p>	<p>The Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements of 2005 In a less uniform and more protectionist global legal environment, choosing the right forum to resolve disputes will be crucial. Knowing the international conventions, such as the 2005 Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements, which provide legal certainty, will facilitate the work: what is its scope of application, what requirements the choice of forum agreement must meet, what are the benefits of relying on it, what is its relationship with other conventions, etc. Mexico City being one of the first countries to be a member of this Convention, currently applicable in more than 30 countries, in this session, we will clear up these doubts for international lawyers.</p>	<p>Francisco RAMOS ROMEU (Rya Abogados Scp) Barcelona, Spain</p>	<p>Nadine DOSSOU-SAKPONOU (Cabinet Robert Dossou) Cotonou, Benin</p> <p>Irene GRASSI (Cocuzza) Bologna, Italy</p> <p>Katharina KLINGEL (Brödermann Jahn Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft MbH) Hambourg, Germany</p> <p>Paolo LOMBARDI (Studio Legale Elexi) Turin, Italy</p> <p>Alberto PASINO (Studio Legale Zunarelli E Associati) Trieste, Italy</p>

2.00 pm – 5.30 pm

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<p>International Bar Leaders' Senate</p> <p>Room Guadalajara 4</p>	<p>The Role of Bar Associations in Protecting the Rule of Law and the Independence of the Judiciary</p> <p>The Rule of law and the Independence of the Judiciary are constantly threatened by political interference in the judiciary and the gradual weakening of institutions in various regions of the world. At the same time, society requires greater awareness of its legal rights to defend these fundamental principles. In this context, bar associations play a crucial role, not only as representatives of the legal community but also as key actors in the protection and strengthening of justice and democratic order.</p>	<p>President of the International Bar Leaders' Senate: Carlo MASTELLONE <i>UIA President</i></p> <p>Vice-Presidents of the International Bar Leaders' Senate: Luc DESHAIES <i>(Gowling Wlg)</i> <i>Montreal, Canada</i> Nuhad PONCE KURI <i>(Ponce Kuri, S.C.)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> Lisa SAVITT <i>(Benchmark International Adr, LLC)</i> <i>Vienna, Austria</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>
<p>Bankruptcy Law</p> <p>Room Moda</p>	<p>International coordination in transnational insolvency cases. Global reforms: challenges for states and practising lawyers</p> <p>Participants will analyse how state actors, international organisations and practitioners in different countries' legal systems interact and coordinate when an insolvent business entity has assets and/or debts in multiple jurisdictions. We will analyse international legislative reforms and national legal mechanisms that guarantee access to justice and efficiency in the resolution of such cases, with their different particularities in an ever-changing global world.</p>	<p>President: Alberto ROMÁN PALENCIA <i>(Román Y Castañeda Abogados)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>

2.00 pm – 5.30 pm

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<p>Foreign Investment / Tax Law</p> <p>Room Mueble 1</p>	<p>Foreign Direct Investments and Incentives: Are Allowances and Special Tax Regimes effective tools to promote investments?</p> <p>Proactive measures are used to attract investment and human capital that can contribute to sustainable and inclusive development. Investment facilitation includes a transparent and predictable regulatory environment, efficient administrative procedures and it can take many forms, like tax allowances, special tax regimes, financial, and in-kind benefits, as well as regulatory incentives. Our roster of panellists will discuss about these instruments and provide fresh perspectives driving the promotion and success of foreign investments in today's global landscape.</p>	<p>Hernán ANDRADA <i>(Santurio, Andrada & Noël)</i> <i>Buenos Aires, Argentina</i></p> <p>Riccardo Giorgio CAJOLA <i>(Cajola & Associati)</i> <i>Milan, Italy</i></p>	<p>Martí ADROER <i>(Cuatrecasas)</i> <i>Barcelona, Spain</i></p> <p>Slawomir LUCZAK <i>(Soltysinski Kawecki & Szlezak)</i> <i>Warsaw, Poland</i></p> <p>Jose Antonio MIGUEL NETO <i>(Miguel Neto Advogados)</i> <i>Sao Paulo, Brazil</i></p> <p>Lourdes PÉREZ-LUQUE MARICALVA <i>(Toda & Nel-Lo)</i> <i>Madrid, Spain</i></p> <p>Domingo RUIZ LÓPEZ <i>(Ruiz Consultores, S.C.)</i> <i>Guadalajara, Mexico</i></p>
<p>Criminal Law / International Criminal Defence</p> <p>Room Mueble 2</p>	<p>The defence of persons accused of international crimes before national and international criminal courts</p> <p>The aim of this working session is to facilitate exchanges of experiences between lawyers who have defended people accused of international crimes (crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide) before international criminal tribunals (ICTs) and before national criminal courts, and to examine what such a defence entails in practice.</p> <p>What are the challenges for lawyers (legal, ethical, financial, security-related)? What support can or cannot lawyers receive? What differences and commonalities are there in practice when lawyers practice before ICTs or at national level in such cases? And so on.</p> <p>Given the current geopolitical context, this topic will provide an opportunity to discuss the fundamental role played by lawyers in the defence of persons accused of international crimes, the challenges that lawyers may encounter, both at national and international level, in ensuring an effective and strong defence throughout proceedings, and the means and solutions that can be used or could be used to overcome such challenges.</p>	<p>Véronique MOISSINAC MASSENAT <i>Paris, France</i></p> <p>Héleyn UNAC <i>(Human Rights Vigilance)</i> <i>Montpellier, France</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>

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<p>Insurance Law / Transport Law</p> <p>Room Joya 1</p>	<p>Sustainability and Risk Management in Food Transportation: Challenges, Opportunities, and Insurance Strategies</p> <p>This session delves into the intricate relationship between agrifood sustainability, transportation dynamics, and the insurance challenges shaping the global food supply chain. By focusing on the emerging opportunities and obstacles in implementing sustainable transport practices and the critical role of insurance in mitigating associated risks, this session brings together academics, in-house counsel and lawyers from different jurisdictions to explore key issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The growing influence of sustainability standards on transport and insurance contracts, and their role in shaping global supply chains; ■ The legal implications of ensuring sustainability in the transportation of perishable goods, particularly under stringent environmental regulations; ■ Risk management strategies and liability concerns in cold chain logistics; ■ The role of force majeure and climate change in increasing vulnerabilities for food transportation systems; ■ The transformative potential of emerging technologies in enhancing efficiency and transparency in sustainable food transportation and insurance. <p>This session offers a unique opportunity for exchanging ideas and exploring innovative strategies to enhance resilience and advance sustainability throughout global food supply chains.</p>	<p>Sébastien GOULET <i>(Favarel & Associes) Marseilles, France</i></p> <p>Anna MONTESANO <i>(Studio Legale Zunarelli E Associati) Bologna, Italy</i></p>	<p>Christopher B. KENDE <i>(Hill Betts & Nash) New York, NY, USA</i></p> <p>Nicoline KUHSEN <i>(Kuhsen And Partners Law Firm) Yaoundé, Cameroon</i></p> <p>Alberto PASINO <i>(Studio Legale Zunarelli E Associati) Trieste, Italy</i></p> <p>Elena del Rosario ROBLES SAHAGUN <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i></p> <p>Marcus SCHRIEFERS <i>(GVW Graf Von Westphalen) Stuttgart, Germany</i></p>
<p>Future of the Lawyer</p> <p>Room Comercio</p>	<p>Navigating the Future of the Legal Profession: Lawyers in a Changing World</p> <p>The panel will gather French, English, and Spanish-speaking practitioners from around the world and across legal sectors to discuss pressing challenges the legal profession faces across geographic regions and fields of practice (e.g., challenges of the cross-border and international practice of law, lawyers' roles in cross-border investment, the legal profession in the face of political change and judicial reform, upholding Independence amid political interference (pressure on judicial independence, lawfare, threats to lawyers' safety, access to justice and strengthening professional ethics and accountability). The panellists will also be encouraged to share their insightful perspectives on the changes our profession faces and what we should do to remain relevant, competitive, and impactful in a rapidly evolving landscape.</p>	<p>Coordinatrice: Silvia MARROQUIN <i>(Chaffetz Lindsey LLP) New York, NY, USA</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>

2.00 pm – 5.30 pm

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<p style="text-align: center;">Information Technology Law / Litigation / Privacy and Rights of the Digital Person ■ Room Construcción</p>	<p>Data Without Borders: A Comparative Look at Cross-Border Data Transfer Laws And Their Impacts on Litigation</p> <p>The EU, the United States, and other jurisdictions have adopted laws regulating the export of personal data, the disclosure of personal data, and consumers and employees' access to personal data. This session will explore how various jurisdictions approach cross-border data transfers and data access rights, how they impact litigation, and what litigators and data protection lawyers can do to address the challenges and opportunities that these data protection laws present.</p> <p>The first of the two panels will discuss the similarities and differences among the EU, US, and other jurisdictions on regulating the flow of personal data across borders and will provide practical advice such as the best mix of safeguards (whether standard contractual clauses, binding corporate rules, codes of conduct, or certification mechanisms) to ensure that cross-border data transfers comply with applicable law.</p> <p>The second panel will examine how these cross-border data transfer restrictions, other data protection requirements and general documentation restrictions are impacting access to information in litigation. For example, restrictions on cross-border data transfers and on disclosing personal data to opposing parties can make it more difficult to obtain needed discovery in litigation.</p>	<p>Paul CONVERY <i>(William Fry)</i> <i>Dublin, Ireland</i></p> <p>Grant DAVIS-DENNY <i>(Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP)</i> <i>Los Angeles, CA, USA</i></p> <p>Aparna VISWANATHAN <i>(Viswanathan & Co.)</i> <i>New Delhi, India</i></p>	<p>Jérémy BENSOUSSAN <i>(Alain Bensoussan Avocats Lexing)</i> <i>Paris, France</i></p> <p>Ian DE FREITAS <i>(Farrer & Co.)</i> <i>London, United Kingdom</i></p>

4 pm – 5.30 pm

<p style="text-align: center;">LGBTQIA+ Committee Session ■ Room Joya 2</p>		<p>Dirk NUYTS <i>(Dirk Nuyts Legal)</i> <i>Zoug, Switzerland</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>
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9.00 am – 12.30 pm			
Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
<p>Main Theme 2</p> <p>Room Guadalajara 4</p>	<p>Agrifood, Sustainability and International trade</p> <p>Part 1: Agrifood and Sustainability We will discuss agrifood and sustainability, with emphasis on health, environmental and sustainable development related topics such as water-food, land use, food wastes, climate change, carbon footprint, pesticides, fertilizers, genetically modify organisms (seeds). Instead of intensive, dehumanized agriculture, how can we best protect local communities, cultures, and know-how?</p> <p>Part 2: Agrifood and International Trade We will discuss the current situation of agrifood and sustainability and the possible scenarios and trends in light of free trade agreements such as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada (CETA); the proposal of a Transatlantic Free Trade Agreement covering Europe and North America (TAFTA); and the United States, Mexico City, Canada, Agreement (USMCA) to be revised in 2025 before the agreed date if 2026.</p>	<p>Coordinator: Héctor HERRERA ORDOÑEZ (Herrera Y Sato, S.C.) Mexico City, Mexico</p>	<p>Dr. Marco ALEMÁN (WIPO) Genf, Switzerland (invited)</p> <p>Tania A. MARTÍNEZ (Demos Global Group S.L.) Miami, FL, USA</p> <p>Dr. Santiago NIETO CASTILLO (Mexican Institute of Intellectual Property - IMPI) Querétaro, Mexico (invited)</p> <p>Dr. Ngozi OKONJO-IWEALA (WTO) Genf, Switzerland (invited)</p> <p>Alex TALLON (Miles Legal) Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>Pedro TENT ALONSO (Garrigues) Valencia, Spain</p> <p>Representative from JFBA (Japan Federereration of Bar Association)</p>

9.00 am – 12.30 pm

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<p>Family Law / Health Law Room Moda</p>	<p>Health, Family Law : Protecting Lives And Bonds In A Transforming World / Family Formation: ‘Evolving dynamics on Family Formation: Challenges and Opportunities’</p> <p>Health, Family Law : Protecting Lives And Bonds In A Transforming World The intersection between Health and Family law highlights the urgent need to rethink policies and strategies that safeguard human life, family unity and dignity in the face of global environmental crises and AI challenges. Climate change directly and indirectly impacts the health of populations and family dynamics, requiring an integrated approach that addresses the right to health, food security, housing and social well-being, particularly for vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly and women. We will analyse Judicial cases arising from Health Law and Family Law also related with the Climate Change such as :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Denial of Medical Treatment for Children Due to Religious Beliefs ■ Disputes Over End of Life – Medical Decisions ■ Medicines Access ■ Custody Disputes Involving Mental Health ■ Responsibility for Medical Expenses in Divorce ■ Assisted Reproduction and Embryo Disputes ■ Custody and Refusal of Psychological Treatment for Children ■ Health and Climate Change’s Impact on Family Structure (malnutrition, waterborne diseases...) <p>Family Formation: ‘Evolving dynamics on Family Formation: Challenges and Opportunities’ The ways in which individuals and groups establish and develop family structures is receiving different legislative approaches worldwide. The effects of the evolution of medicine in family law will be the basis of a key note presentation on International Surrogacy Arrangements from Mexico City. We will continue to learn about family formation, hearing from experts on surrogacy arrangements, fertility law including the enforcement of donor agreements.</p>	<p>Carolina MARÍN PEDREÑO <i>(Dawson Cornwell Solicitors)</i> <i>London, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>Eliana SILVA DE MORAES <i>(Silva De Moraes Associés)</i> <i>Sao Paulo, Brazil</i></p>	<p>Stephanie CABALLERO <i>(The Surrogacy Law Center, Ap/c)</i> <i>Carlsbad, CA, USA</i></p> <p>Marzia GHIGLIAZZA <i>(Studio Ghigliazza – Rugani)</i> <i>Milan, Italy</i></p> <p>Vinciane GILLET <i>(Gillet-Lex)</i> <i>Brussels, Belgium</i></p> <p>Pierre LACOIN <i>(1792 Avocats)</i> <i>Paris, France</i></p> <p>Janice F. MULLIGAN <i>(Mulligan, Banham & Findley)</i> <i>San Diego, CA, USA</i></p> <p>Sofia Arlet PEREZ ROMERO <i>(Cibeles Abogados Sc)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i></p> <p>Maritza RODRIGUEZ <i>(Rodríguez Law Firm LLC)</i> <i>New York, NY, USA</i></p> <p>Isabel WINKELS ARCE <i>(Winkels Abogados)</i> <i>Madrid, Spain</i></p> <p>Paloma ZABALGO JIMENEZ <i>(Zabalgo Abogados S.L.P.)</i> <i>Madrid, Spain</i></p>
<p>Next Gen Network Session Room Mueble 1</p>	<p>Family Business Succession: Transition, Growth & Legacy Family businesses—including law firms—face unique challenges when it comes to succession. Beyond legal and financial structuring, the transition of leadership requires balancing tradition with innovation, ensuring long-term stability while adapting to modern business landscapes. The session will include perspectives from family law firms where parents and children work together, as well as those who have taken separate paths. This session will explore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ How to transition leadership effectively ■ The legal and strategic considerations of succession planning ■ Sustaining growth while preserving the family’s professional legacy 	<p>Isidro NIÑEROLA TORRES <i>(Dawson Cornwell)</i> <i>London, United Kingdom</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>

9.00 am – 12.30 pm

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<p>International Arbitration</p> <p>■</p> <p>Room Mueble 2</p>	<p>Arbitration Costs - security for costs and impoverished parties</p> <p>This panel will discuss the potential effects of impecuniosity on the validity and operability of arbitration agreements and will further look at security for costs as a solution for claimants to deal with cost risks. The discussion will compare different arbitration rules and statutory frameworks and highlight recent case law and current trends from various jurisdictions.</p>	<p>Veit OEHLBERGER (<i>Dorda Rechtsanwälte GmbH</i>) <i>Vienna, Austria</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>
<p>Information Technology Law / Intellectual Property / Privacy and Rights of the Digital Person</p> <p>■</p> <p>Room Joya 1</p>	<p>Navigating the Cloud: Legal and regulatory perspectives on Data and IP in Cloud Services</p> <p>This session explores the legal and regulatory dimensions of cloud services, with a focus on the protection and circulation of data in the era of cloud computing and big data. Key topics include the technological and regulatory frameworks governing cloud services, the evolution of intellectual property rights in relation to cloud-based environments, and the challenges of data management, analysis, and protection. Particular attention will be given to the responsibilities of cloud service providers, including liability issues, privacy concerns under the GDPR, and compliance with emerging data protection laws. Cloud services pose significant data protection issues, including where data centers are located and the potential for cross-border data transfers, the disclosure of personal data to cloud service providers, contractual provisions for the protection of stored personal data, and the risk that data security breaches at cloud services companies can impact large numbers of clients and their consumers and employees' personal data.</p>	<p>Grant DAVIS-DENNY (<i>Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP</i>) <i>Los Angeles, CA, USA</i></p> <p>Nicola LATTANZI (<i>Eversheds-Sutherland SA</i>) <i>Milan, Italy</i></p> <p>Aparna VISWANATHAN (<i>Viswanathan & Co.</i>) <i>New Delhi, India</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>

9.00 am – 12.30 pm			
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Administrative and Regulatory Law  Room Construcción	The impact of Artificial Intelligence in Public settings The session aims to explore the impact and implications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in administrative activities, with a particular focus on legal, ethical, and operational aspects. During the event, we will discuss the following main topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ AI in the Administrative Sector (Analysis of the practical applications of AI in public administrations, including the automation of decision-making processes, data management, and the digitization of services); ■ Legal and Regulatory Aspects (Study of existing regulations and new legislative proposals concerning the use of AI in the administrative field, with a focus on challenges related to privacy, data protection, and legal liability) ■ Ethical Implications (Exploration of the ethical issues arising from the adoption of AI, such as the risk of algorithmic discrimination, transparency in automated decision-making processes, and equity in access to public services); ■ Risks and Opportunities for Lawyers practicing in the Administrative Law field; ■ Future Perspectives: Predictions on the future of AI in public administrations, including public-private collaboration scenarios and the evolution of regulation at the European and international levels. 	Marco MARIANI <i>(Studio Legale Associato Cattede Mariani)</i> <i>Florence, Italy</i>	Roberto DI CILLO <i>(Di Cillo Advocacia)</i> <i>Sao Paulo, Brazil</i> Andrea Isabel MIRANDA MIJANGOS <i>(Ecija Law Firm)</i> <i>Guatemala City, Guatemala</i> François MOYSE <i>(Moyse & Associates)</i> <i>Luxembourg, Luxembourg</i> Claude NICATI <i>(Etude Nvle)</i> <i>Neuchatel, Switzerland</i> Katarina OSKARSSON <i>(Advokatfirman Allians)</i> <i>Stockholm, Sweden</i> Joaquín PALMA CRUZAT <i>(Palma Abogados)</i> <i>Santiago, Chile</i> Rosa Isabel PEÑA SASTRE <i>(Lex Administrativa Abogacia)</i> <i>Barcelona, Spain</i>
Art Law  Room Comercio	The challenges of settling international cultural heritage disputes! The art market, as an international sector where art is frequently an investment, is directly confronted with the challenges of dispute resolution, of which there are many. This workshop will explore, through concrete examples and case studies, the different national approaches and practices in dispute resolution. It will look at the different methods of dispute resolution and international legal instruments, as well as the role of institutions such as UNESCO, WIPO and the Court of Arbitration for Art (CAfA) in the management of cultural disputes, in particular those relating to the protection and restitution of cultural heritage.	Judith BOUCHARDEAU <i>(Borghese Associés)</i> <i>Paris, France</i>	Sarah CONLEY ODENKIRK <i>(Artconverge)</i> <i>Los Angeles, CA, USA</i> Antonio Mario PRIDA PEON DEL VALLE <i>(Curtis, Mallet - Prevost, Colt & Mosle, S.C.)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> Judith PROWDA <i>(Stropheus Art Law)</i> <i>New York, NY, USA</i> Jorge A. SANCHEZ CORDERO <i>(Notaria Pública 153)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> Anna VILADÁS JENÉ <i>(Gómez-Acebo & Pombo Abogados)</i> <i>Barcelona, Spain</i>
Future of the Lawyer / Management of Law Firms  Room Joya 2	Challenges for managing partners in a new age This round table will discuss the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Environmental sustainability ■ Social responsibility (incl. diversity and inclusion, neurodivergence, pro bono work) ■ Impact of political landscape on law firm management/policy ■ Certification processes ■ Pricing and procurement ■ Onboarding of partners ■ Talent retention: wellbeing, mentorship ■ Remuneration ■ Technology in the legal profession (AI): impact on skills development of juniors ■ Branding: strategy, distinguishing your firm from other firms, online visibility (social media) ■ How to remain competitive, competition of accountancy firms with legal branche 	Marie Laure DE JONG <i>(Akd Benelux Law Firm)</i> <i>Rotterdam, Netherlands</i> Anibal SABATER <i>(Chaffetz Lindsey LLP)</i> <i>New York, NY, USA</i>	Speakers to be confirmed

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm			
Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
<p>Wellness Committee Session</p> <p>Room Joya 2</p>		<p>Marco IMPERIALE (<i>Better Ipsum</i>) Bologna, Italy</p>	
2.00 pm – 5.30 pm			
<p>AI Task Force Session</p> <p>Room Guadalajara 4</p>	<p>AI Consolidation This session will focus on:</p> <p>Part 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Presentation of a standard AI policy that can be used by law firms ■ Impact of the AI Act – and other regulations on AI – on the use of AI by lawyers ■ Survey of international case law on the use of AI by lawyers and judges <p>Part 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ AI Agents ■ Use of AI to improve safety ■ Deepfakes and their impact on journalism, economy, and political debate 	<p>Massimo STERPI (<i>Studio Legale Gianni & Origoni</i>) Rome, Italy</p> <p>Coordinators : Sarah CONLEY ODENKIRK (<i>Artconverge</i>) Los Angeles, CA, USA</p> <p>Marita DARGALLO NIETO (<i>Barrilero Y Asociados</i>) Barcelona, Spain</p> <p>Benedetta PARISE (<i>Parise Studio Legale - Treviso</i>) Kansas City Castelfranco Veneto, Italy</p> <p>Silvestre TANDEAU DE MARSAC (<i>FTMS Avocats</i>) Paris, France</p> <p>Yonca Fatma YÜCEL (<i>Istanbul Gedik University Law Faculty</i>) Ankara, Türkiye</p>	<p>Jérémy BENSOUSSAN (<i>Alain Bensoussan Avocats Lexing</i>) Paris, France</p> <p>Hélène CARVALLO (<i>Carvallo Family Law</i>) New York, NY, USA</p> <p>Ian DE FREITAS (<i>Farrer & Co.</i>) London, United Kingdom</p> <p>Dazza GREENWOOD Ian McDOUGALL (<i>Lexisnexis</i>) London, United Kingdom</p> <p>Satoshi NAGANO (<i>Uryu&Itoga</i>) Tokyo, Japan</p> <p>Nuhad PONCE KURI (<i>Ponce Kuri, S.C.</i>) Mexico City, Mexico</p>
<p>UIA-IROL Session</p> <p>Room Moda</p>	<p>Overview of UIA-IROL Activities and Open Debate</p>	<p>Martin PRADEL (<i>Talma</i>) Paris, France</p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>

2.00 pm – 5.30 pm			
Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
<p>Next Gen Network Session - Students' Debate</p> <p>Room Mueble 1</p>		<p>Isidro NIÑEROLA TORRES (Dawson Cornwell) London, United Kingdom</p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>
<p>International Arbitration / Litigation</p> <p>Room Mueble 2</p>	<p>Arbitration v Litigation – which is better to resolve a foreign dispute / Dispute resolution options and outcomes in the context of Foreign Dispute Resolution</p> <p>Arbitration v Litigation – which is better to resolve a foreign dispute</p> <p>A debate style panel consisting of litigation and arbitration practitioners focusing on a specific foreign dispute resolution topical issue and the pros/cons of litigation and arbitration in resolving it.</p> <p>Dispute resolution options and outcomes in the context of Foreign Dispute Resolution</p> <p>The session will debate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The impact of Sanctions on litigation/ADR and unforeseen consequences ■ The impact of Tariffs on litigation/ADR and unforeseen consequences ■ General Rule of Law and the impact of its erosion in several jurisdictions on litigation and ADR ■ Alternative dispute resolution models in the context of foreign dispute resolution 	<p>Paul CONVERY (William Fry) Dublin, Ireland</p> <p>Veit OEHLBERGER (Dorda Rechtsanwälte Gmbh) Vienna, Austria</p>	<p>Jesús GRANADOS SÁNCHEZ (Jg Lex Abogados) Marbella, Spain</p> <p>John McELROY (Fieldfisher) London, United Kingdom</p> <p>Janice F. MULLIGAN (Mulligan, Banham & Findley) San Diego, CA, USA</p>

2.00 pm – 5.30 pm

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
<p style="text-align: center;">Agrifood Law / International Sale of Goods</p> <p style="text-align: center;">■</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Room Joya 1</p>	<p>Ag trade: Navigating uncertainty policy shifts and relevant Import and Export Regulations</p> <p>Agricultural trade is evolving due to changing policies, regulations, and global market conditions. The Ukraine War and Middle East Crisis have already impacted the sector, and the U.S. is shifting its trade policy, influenced by Trump’s “America First” agenda and its aggressive tariff stance. This may lead to a reassessment of trade agreements, affecting not only U.S.-Mexico-Canada agricultural trade but also European and Latin American exports to the U.S.</p> <p>This environment of uncertainty will make it difficult for farmers and exporters worldwide to plan, as trade policies could change rapidly due to political shifts. The session will explore the challenges and opportunities of navigating uncertainties, including the impact of evolving trade agreements, tariffs, and import-export regulations on international agricultural markets. It will also address the complexities of compliance with diverse and often conflicting regulatory frameworks governing the movement of agricultural goods across borders. In the context of international agricultural sales, the session will address the topic of the parties responsibilities for customs duties and charges and how to allocate these risks through contractual clauses and/or the use of Incoterms. Through a comprehensive analysis of current trade trends and policy developments, the presentation aims to provide insights into strategies that stakeholders in the agricultural trade industry can adopt to mitigate risks and capitalize on emerging opportunities in an increasingly volatile global market.</p>	<p>Mariaelena GIORCELLI <i>(Bortolotti, Mathis & Associati)</i> <i>Turin, Italy</i></p> <p>Diego SALUZZO <i>(Grande Stevens Studio Legale)</i> <i>Turin, Italy</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>

2.00 pm – 5.30 pm			
Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
<p>Immigration and Nationality Law / Labour Law</p> <p>Room Construcción</p>	<p>The Rise of International Trading Blocs: Balancing Labour and Immigration Advice in an Increasingly Glocalised World</p> <p>The 21st Century dawned with the world racing toward what seemed to be everlasting globalisation fuelled by accelerating technology. However, with the onset of the Great Recession, a slow global economic recovery, and the shockwaves of the COVID-19 pandemic, many countries are embracing, at least de facto, glocalization: the simultaneous growth of worldwide and local initiatives. Global markets are expanding through technology, while protectionism and trade barriers are on the rise.</p> <p>With the rise of outsourcing and, its heir, remote work, technology is creating a global labour market for businesses that seek the best and brightest talent. Yet, services that cross international borders can incur sizeable regulatory and transactional costs, costs that are ignored by employers at their increasing peril. At the same time, there still are services that must be provided in person, buttressing the demand for global immigration.</p> <p>In this glocalised world, labour and immigration counsel must coordinate advice to provide comprehensive employment advice to businesses, while anticipating the twin trends of advancing technology and protectionism on the march. This precarious advisory paradigm shall be the focus of this joint working session.</p>	<p>Clayton E. CARTWRIGHT JR (<i>The Cartwright Law Firm LLC</i>) Columbus, OH, USA</p> <p>Nathalie SUBILIA (<i>Reiser Avocats</i>) Geneva, Switzerland</p>	<p>Piergiorgio BONACOSSA (<i>Rp Legal & Tax Associazione Professionale</i>) Turin Italy</p> <p>Patricia BONITO PINTO (<i>Walder Wyss SA</i>) Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>Maria CASABLANCA (<i>KKTP</i>) Miami, FL, USA</p> <p>Ilda DE SOUSA (<i>Kingsley Napley LLP</i>) London, United Kingdom</p> <p>Hermie DE VOER (<i>Everaert Advocaten Immigration Lawyers</i>) Amsterdam, Netherlands</p> <p>Andrea HAULBERT (<i>Karl Waheed Avocats</i>) Paris, France</p> <p>Calin Viorel IUGA (<i>Iuga & Asociatii</i>) Cluj-Napoca, Romania</p> <p>Hervé LINDER (<i>Ernst & Linder LLC</i>) New York, NY, USA</p> <p>Adrián OJEDA CUEVAS (<i>Ojeda Ojeda Y Asociados</i>) Mexico City, Mexico</p> <p>Inge TE PAS (<i>Kroes Advocaten Immigration Lawyers</i>) Amsterdam, Netherlands</p> <p>Matthew WILLS (<i>Laura Devine Immigration Law</i>) London, United Kingdom</p>
<p>Media Laws</p> <p>Room Comercio</p>	<p>Tools available to ensure the Independence of the media</p> <p>The commission will examine the legislative and other tools used in various European countries, the United States, Central America, Africa and Asia to combat the threats on independent medias. This involves not only protecting journalists, but also ensuring that competition rules are respected, and all the means deployed to guarantee a pluralist and independent sector in the face of political, corporate, economic and foreign interference.</p>	<p>Thierry BONTINCK (<i>Daldewolf Scrl</i>) Brussels, Belgium</p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>
5.30 pm – 6.30 pm			
<p>UIAdvance session</p> <p>Room Construcción</p>	<p>Navigating Legal Frontiers: Current Challenges and Opportunities in an International legal network</p> <p>Join us for an insightful session where, together with some legal responsible of different companies and other colleagues will explore the dynamic landscape of international implications of the entrepreneurial activities. We'll discuss key challenges and emerging opportunities that shape the future of legal practice on a global scale and the support of a legal network.</p>	<p>Coordinator: Lourdes PÉREZ-LUQUE MARICALVA (<i>Herrera Y Sato, S.C.</i>) Madrid, Spain</p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>

9.00 am – 10.30 am			
Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
<p>International Estate Planning / LGBTQIA+ Committee</p> <p>Room Mueble 2</p>	<p>Succession Planning of Diverse Forms of Families</p> <p>When family comes in all shapes and sizes, so should the succession plan. From patchwork clans to proud single parents and rainbow families, today's modern households need more than the cookie-cutter legal solutions of the past. In this joint session, experts from both the LGBTQIA+ and the International Estate Planning Commissions will discuss the estate planning toolkits available for diverse form of families, with special highlight to those living communities which are not recognised as families in their respective jurisdictions.</p>	<p>Carlos ANGLADA BARTHOLMAI (Monereo Meyer Abogados) Palma De Mallorca, Spain</p> <p>Dirk NUYTS (Dirk Nuyts Legal) Zoug, Switzerland</p> <p>Modérateur : Peter KUN (Kun & Partner) Budapest, Hungary</p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>
<p>UIA-ABA joint session with the support of the Business and Human Rights commission</p> <p>Room Joya 1</p>	<p>The United Nations At 80 : The State Of Play Of Business And Human Rights</p> <p>The world is at a flexion point regarding human rights. The United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPR) sought to apportion and impose responsibility on both private and public sectors. While certain of these and other soft law principles have made their way into hard law in some jurisdictions, other jurisdictions have seen resistance if not backlash. Meanwhile, various bar associations, such as the American Bar Association, have adopted policy that urges lawyers to advise clients on the UNGPR, and others have issued guidance and toolkits. The United Nations holds an annual conference in Geneva on business and human rights, and both private, public and non-profit entities participate in the United Nations Global Compact. This program, jointly sponsored by Business and Human Rights Commission and the UIA-ABA Joint Program, explores the current state of play among lawyers in implementing and promoting UN guidance in the day to day practice of law.</p>	<p>Steven M. RICHMAN (Clark Hill Plc) Princeton, NJ, USA</p> <p>Modératrice : Yolanda EISENSTEIN Santa Fe, NM, USA</p>	<p>Elena BORSACCHI (Studio Legale Associato Barbieri Borsacchi) Pisa, Italy</p> <p>Wendy TAUBE (Taube Law Lcc) Chicago, IL, USA</p> <p>Ashu THAKUR (Ashu Thakur & Associates Advocates & Solicitors) Mumbai, India</p> <p>Laurie WEBB DANIEL Atlanta, GA, USA</p>

9.00 am – 12.30 pm			
Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
<p>Contract Law / In-House Counsel / International Sale of Goods</p> <p>■</p> <p>Room Guadalajara 4</p>	<p>Lost in translation? Negotiating and interpreting international contracts: how to address and reconcile diverse legal and cultural approaches?</p> <p>The session will be a lively and enriching round table with international lawyers and in-house counsels providing their perspectives and guidance on how not to get lost in translation when negotiating and interpreting international contracts. We will discuss how the negotiation and interpretation of international contracts are influenced by the diverse legal cultures and negotiating approaches of the parties, as well as by the law applicable to the contract. The dos and don'ts of international contracting will be shared. Drawing from their extensive on-field experience, our speakers will exchange insights on how legal departments and law firms negotiate international contracts with partners in different jurisdictions and legal cultures. The session will also explore how the applicable law may influence the interpretation of contract provisions leading to different and sometimes unexpected outcomes. Questions will be raised and discussed with speakers and participants on whether the choice by the parties to apply UNIDROIT principles to the contract or the application international uniform law such as with regard to international sales contracts the Convention on International Sales of Goods or OHADA uniform sale law - may help to bridge a gap between different legal jurisdictions.</p>	<p>Mariaelena GIORCELLI <i>(Bortolotti, Mathis & Associati)</i> <i>Turin, Italy</i></p> <p>Arianna RIGHI <i>(Adm International Sarl)</i> <i>Rolle, Switzerland</i></p> <p>Michal ROSZAK <i>(Coliber Legal)</i> <i>Warsaw, Poland</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>
<p>Animal Law / Banking and Financial Services Law / Human Rights</p> <p>■</p> <p>Salon Moda</p>	<p>Tackling Climate Change: Lawyers Must Act Now for a Sustainable Future</p> <p>Humans are changing the planet. We are spewing pollutants into the atmosphere. We have destroyed roughly 1/5th of the arable land on Earth. We are running out of freshwater while the 20th century saw a fourfold increase in population. We are in the midst of the sixth mass extinction. Climate change is increasingly affecting ecosystems, with disruptive effects on the social well-being, economic development, and financial stability. The loss of biodiversity is producing severe consequences. The resulting effects on the climate have caused the loss of critical species, zoonotic diseases, and driven the mass mortality of plants and animals. Since 2008, over 376 million people - climate refugees - have been displaced because of environmental disasters. International climate finance is essential for developing countries to achieve their climate goals. Financial institutions can manage the risks and identify the opportunities linked to climate change as well as accelerate the transition to low-carbon economies. This session looks at the role of international law and policy in turning the tide on losses that cannot be recovered.</p>	<p>Barbara BANDIERA <i>Vimercate, Italy</i></p> <p>Yolanda EISENSTEIN <i>Santa Fe, NM, USA</i></p> <p>Gustavo SALAS RODRÍGUEZ <i>(Salas Y Salas, S.C.)</i> <i>Cancún, Mexico</i></p>	<p>Linda JULIEN <i>(CTI Capital Groupe INC)</i> <i>Montreal, Canada</i></p>
<p>Corporate Law and M&A Real Estate</p> <p>■</p> <p>Salon Mueble 1</p>		<p>Gerard H. James <i>(William Fry LLP)</i> <i>Dublin, Ireland</i></p> <p>Francisco Luis SOLER CABALLERO <i>(J&A Garrigues S.L.P)</i> <i>Valencia, Spain</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>

11.00 am – 12.30 pm			
Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
International Estate Planning  Room Mueble 2	Inheritance of Digital Assets Who gets your Bitcoin when you're gone? As we hurtle into the digital age, inheritance isn't just about dividing heirlooms and bank accounts—it's also about passing on passwords, crypto keys, and your meme collection. In this session experts will explore how to make your digital afterlife as secure (and drama-free) as your real one.	Carlos ANGLADA BARTHOLMAI <i>(Monereo Meyer Abogados)</i> <i>Palma De Mallorca, Spain</i>	Speakers to be confirmed
Legal tech session with LexisNexis  Room Joya 1	Practical uses of AI The session will debate the following topics: 1 ■ The Rule of Law & Populism; 2 ■ Artificial Intelligence and the future of the legal profession 3 ■ Ethics and responsibility in legal practice in the AI era	Coordinateur : Ian MCDOUGALL <i>(Lexisnexis)</i> <i>London, United Kingdom</i>	
			
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm			
Family Law  Room Guadalajara 4	Experts in Family Law Proceedings The influence of expert evidence in Family proceedings is crucial for the outcome of the case. Accountants, real estate valuers, child and adult psychologists and psychiatrists, drug and alcohol test results reports, therapists, counsellors, art valuers and foreign lawyers are some of the most common experts instructed jointly or by one of the parties in family proceedings. We will present on the instruction of experts, strategic instructions and the application of The Hague Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil and Commercial Matters. The most significant judgments from the last year and proposal for legislation on Family Law would be also be discussed by experts from different jurisdictions.	Carolina MARÍN PEDREÑO <i>(Dawson Cornwell Solicitors)</i> <i>London, United Kingdom</i>	Joaquín BAYO DELGADO <i>Sitges, Spain</i> Marie BERGER <i>(Brs Berger Recordon & De Saugy)</i> <i>Geneva, Switzerland</i> Gaëlle BONNET <i>Paris, France</i> Alfredo GUARINO <i>(Studio Legale Avv.Vincenzo Guarino)</i> <i>Naples, Italy</i> Mohamed HASSANEIN <i>(Elattar Law Firm)</i> <i>Cairo, Egypt</i> Zineb NACIRI BENNANI <i>Casablanca, Morocco</i> María Carmen VARELA ALVAREZ <i>(Carmen Varela Abogados De Familia, Slp)</i> <i>Barcelona, Spain</i>

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
<p>Criminal Law / Human Rights</p> <p>■</p> <p>Room Moda</p>	<p>Contextualised justice: due process and the nature of the offence</p> <p>The idea that due process is not a monolithic concept, but rather that its application may vary in intensity according to the nature of the offence, is a complex and relevant issue.</p> <p>On the one hand, there is the fundamental principle that all persons deserve a fair trial and due process, regardless of the offence with which they are charged. However, it is also true that the seriousness of an offence and its potential consequences may justify a more rigorous application of due process.</p> <p>For example, in a capital case, the need to ensure that a miscarriage of justice does not occur is much greater than in a misdemeanor case. This may warrant a greater investment of resources and time to ensure a fair and thorough process.</p> <p>However, it is crucial to strike a balance. An excessively flexible application of due process could lead to discrimination and infringement of fundamental rights. Therefore, any adjustment in the intensity of due process must be based on objective and justified criteria, always respecting the fundamental principles of justice and human rights.</p>	<p>Véronique MOISSINAC MASSENAT <i>Paris, France</i></p> <p>Gustavo SALAS RODRÍGUEZ <i>(Salas Y Salas, S.C.)</i> <i>Cancún, Mexico</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>
<p>Mediation And Conflict Prevention</p> <p>■</p> <p>Room Mueble 1</p>		<p>Mohamed Lotfi EL AJERI <i>(El Ajeri Lawyers)</i> <i>Tunis, Tunisia</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>
<p>OHADA Law</p> <p>■</p> <p>Room Mueble 2</p>	<p>Creation of a rotating conference to publicise OHADA case law</p> <p>This working session will examine whether it is possible to organise an annual conference in which developments in OHADA case law in each OHADA Member State are collected, discussed and then published. The focus will be on litigation and arbitration. The implementation of this project would make it possible to assess the level of maturity of OHADA law in each Member State and in the OHADA area as a whole. It would be useful for OHADA law practitioners and those subject to OHADA law. It would also provide an opportunity to promote OHADA law to a wider international audience. We would like all UIA members located in the OHADA area and those interested in OHADA law to take part in this working session in order to assess the feasibility of this project and to commit to participating in it over the next five years.</p>	<p>Martial AKAKPO <i>(Martial Akakpo & Associates)</i> <i>Lome, Togo</i></p>	<p>Darly Aymar DJOFANG <i>(Cabinet Djofang & Partners)</i> <i>Douala, Cameroon</i></p> <p>Adama SORO <i>(Scpa Soro, Bako Et Associés)</i> <i>Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire</i></p> <p>Philomène TELO <i>(Ovk Law Firm)</i> <i>Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo</i></p>

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Session	Date	English	French	Spanish
UIA General Assembly	29 October	■	■	■
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Main Theme 1 Present and Future of Foreign Investment Dispute Resolution	30 October	■	■	■
Collective Members' Forum	30 October	■	■	■
Women's Committee	30 October	■	■	■
Banking and Financial Services Law	30 October	■	■	■
International Bar Leaders' Senate	30 October	■	■	■
Foreign Investment / Tax Law	30 October	■	■	■
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Criminal Law / International Criminal Defence	30 October	■	■	■
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Family Law / Health Law	31 October	■	■	■
NextGen Network	31 October	■	■	■
International Arbitration	31 October	■	■	■
AI Task Force	31 October	■	■	■
UIA-IROL Session	31 October	■	■	■
NextGen Network – Students' Debate	31 October	■	■	■
International Arbitration / Litigation	31 October	■	■	■
Contract Law / In-house counsel / International sale of Goods	1 November	■	■	■
Animal Law / Banking and Financial Services / Human Rights	1 November	■	■	■
Corporate and M&A / Real Estate	1 November	■	■	■
International Estate Planning / LGBTQIA+ Committee	1 November	■	■	■
International Estate Planning	1 November	■	■	■
Family Law	1 November	■	■	■
Criminal Law / Human Rights	1 November	■	■	■
Mediation and Conflict Prevention	1 November	■	■	■
OHADA Law	1 November	■	■	■
Closing Ceremony	1 November	■	■	■



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THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER

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Present and Future of Foreign
Investment Dispute Resolution
- International Bar Leaders' Senate
- Informal reception

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER

- Main theme 2:
Agrifood, Sustainability
and International Trade
- Gala dinner

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- General excursion

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