

Council on General Affairs and Policy (CGAP)

4-7 March 2025

9.30 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. (CET)

DRAFT AGENDA

*The draft agenda will be treated with some flexibility
and may need to be modified in the light of ongoing discussions.*

| Tuesday 4 March 2025 | |
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| Time | Item |
| 9.30 a.m. | I. Opening <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Remarks from the Chair2. Adoption of the Agenda3. Practical announcements4. The Year in Review, by the Secretary General |
| | II. Work relating to possible new legislative instruments <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Parentage / Surrogacy <i>Prel. Docs Nos 1A, 1B</i> |
| 11.15 a.m. | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11.45 a.m. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Jurisdiction <i>Prel. Docs Nos 2A, 2B</i> |
| 1.00 p.m. | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| 2.30 p.m. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) <i>Prel. Doc. No 3</i>4. Digital Tokens <i>Prel. Doc. No 4</i>5. Digital Economy <i>Prel. Doc. No 5</i>6. Carbon Markets <i>Prel. Doc. No 6</i> |

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| | <p>7. Restructuring and Insolvency <i>Oral update</i></p> <p>8. Intellectual Property <i>Oral update</i></p> <p>9. New Proposals (if any)</p> |
| 4.00 p.m. | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 4.30 p.m. | <p>III. Post-Convention work</p> <p>1. International Family & Child Protection Law</p> <p>a. Forum on Domestic Violence and the operation of Article 13(1)(b) of the 1980 Child Abduction Convention <i>Prel. Doc. No 8A</i></p> <p>b. 1980 Child Abduction and 1996 Child Protection Conventions</p> <p>i. Recent developments <i>Oral update</i></p> <p>ii. Informal brainstorming sessions <i>Prel. Doc. No 8B</i></p> <p>c. 2007 Child Support Convention (incl. iSupport) and its Protocol <i>Prel. Docs Nos 9A (with oral update), 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E, 9F</i></p> |
| 6.30 p.m. | <i>Secretary General's Reception in the foyer of the Academy building</i> |

Wednesday 5 March 2025

| Time | Item |
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| 9.30 a.m. | <p>III. Post-Convention work (cont.)</p> <p>d. The "Malta Process"</p> <p>i. Malta V – Report <i>Prel. Doc. No 10</i></p> <p>ii. Working Party on Mediation <i>Oral update</i></p> <p>e. 2000 Protection of Adults Convention <i>Oral update</i></p> <p>f. International Hague Network of Judges (IHNJ) <i>Oral update</i></p> <p>g. 1993 Adoption Convention <i>Prel. Docs Nos 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D</i></p> <p>2. Transnational Litigation & Apostille</p> <p>a. Transnational Litigation Conventions <i>Prel. Doc. No 11A</i></p> <p>b. 1965 Service Convention</p> <p>i. Practical Handbook & Guidelines for Model Forms <i>Oral Update</i></p> <p>ii. Country Profile (submitted for approval) <i>Prel. Doc. No 11C</i></p> |
| 11.00 a.m. | <i>Coffee break</i> |

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| 11.15 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. 1970 Evidence Convention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Practical Handbook (submitted for approval) <i>Prel. Doc. No 11B</i> ii. Country Profile (submitted for approval) <i>Prel. Doc. No 11C</i> d. 1961 Apostille Convention (incl. e-APP) <i>Prel. Doc. No 12</i> |
| 12.00 p.m. | <i>Ceremony for signatures of HCCH Conventions and deposits of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession.</i> |
| | III. Post-Convention work (cont.) |
| 1.00 p.m. | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| 2.30 p.m. | III. Post-Convention work (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. International Commercial, Digital & Financial Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2006 Securities Convention and digital developments in respect of securities markets <i>Prel. Doc. No 13A</i> b. 1985 Trusts Convention <i>Prel. Doc. No 13B</i> c. 2015 Choice of Law Principles <i>Prel. Doc. No 13C</i> 4. Electronic Country Profiles for key HCCH Conventions <i>Prel. Doc. No 14</i> |
| 4.00 p.m. | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 4.30 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Planning for future meetings of Special Commissions <i>Prel. Doc. No 15</i> 6. Statistics on HCCH Core Conventions <i>Prel. Doc. No 16</i> 7. Post-Convention assistance <i>Prel. Doc. No 17</i> 8. ROLAC and ROAP Reports <i>Prel. Docs. Nos 18A, 18B</i> 9. Cooperation between UNCITRAL, UNIDROIT, and the HCCH <i>Prel. Doc. No 19 & Info. Doc. No 1</i> |
| 6.00 p.m. | <i>End of Session</i> |

Thursday 6 March 2025 – *Members Only*

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| 9.30 a.m. | IV. Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposal for the establishment of a Regional Office for Africa <i>Prel. Doc. No 18C</i> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. List of Observers <i>Prel. Doc. No 20</i> 3. Recommendations for future SG Recruitment Processes <i>Prel. Doc. No 26</i> 4. CGAP Chairmanship <i>C&D Nos 41 and 61 of CGAP 2022 (see also C&D No 43 of CGAP 2021)</i> |
| 11.00 a.m. | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11.30 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Financial Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Draft Budget FY 2025-2026 <i>Prel. Doc. No 21</i> b. Voluntary Contributions <i>Prel. Doc. No 22</i> |
| 1.00 p.m. | <i>Lunch break – Informal Budget Meeting</i> |
| 2.30 p.m. | <p>IV. Governance (cont.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Funding Models <i>Prel. Doc. No 23</i> d. New Budget / Audit Cycle <i>Prel. Doc. No 27, with oral update</i> 6. Cooperation and Coordination with other Organisations <i>Members to discuss</i> |
| 4.00 p.m. | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 4.30 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Implementation Status of the Strategic Plan 2023-2028 <i>PB and Members to report (see the “Guiding Principles” underlying the Strategic Plan, stressing that “[i]mplementing the strategic goals of the Organisation [...] is a joint responsibility of the Members and the Permanent Bureau”, as well as the comments under “Progress & Reporting”).</i> 8. Representation & Inclusiveness at the HCCH <i>Prel. Doc. No 24</i> 9. Resource Allocation <i>Prel. Doc. No 25</i> |
| 6.00 p.m. | <i>End of Session</i> |

Friday 7 March 2025

| Time | Item |
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| 9.30 a.m. | V. Conclusions & Decisions |
| 11.00 a.m. | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11.30 a.m. | V. Conclusions & Decisions (cont.) |
| 1.00 p.m. | <i>End of meeting</i> |