

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

	<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><b>III. Post-Convention work</b></p> <p>1. International Family &amp; 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
9.30 a.m.	<p><b>III. Post-Convention work (cont.)</b></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 &amp; Apostille</p> <p>a. Transnational Litigation Conventions <i>Prel. Doc. No 11A</i></p> <p>b. 1965 Service Convention</p> <p>i. Practical Handbook &amp; 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>

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

#### Thursday 6 March 2025 – *Members Only*

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. List of Observers <i>Prel. Doc. No 20</i></li> <li>3. Recommendations for future SG Recruitment Processes <i>Prel. Doc. No 26</i></li> <li>4. CGAP Chairmanship <i>C&amp;D Nos 41 and 61 of CGAP 2022 (see also C&amp;D No 43 of CGAP 2021)</i></li> </ul>
11.00 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Financial Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Draft Budget FY 2025-2026 <i>Prel. Doc. No 21</i></li> <li>b. Voluntary Contributions <i>Prel. Doc. No 22</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1.00 p.m.	<i>Lunch break – Informal Budget Meeting</i>
2.30 p.m.	<p><b>IV. Governance (cont.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Funding Models <i>Prel. Doc. No 23</i></li> <li>d. New Budget / Audit Cycle <i>Oral update</i></li> <li>6. Cooperation and Coordination with other Organisations <i>Members to discuss</i></li> </ul>
4.00 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
4.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 &amp; Reporting”).</i></li> <li>8. Representation &amp; Inclusiveness at the HCCH <i>Prel. Doc. No 24</i></li> <li>9. Resource Allocation <i>Prel. Doc. No 25</i></li> </ul>
6.00 p.m.	<i>End of Session</i>

### Friday 7 March 2025

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