



**11th International Forum on the electronic Apostille Program (e-APP)
16-18 October 2019
Fortaleza, Brazil**

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Wednesday 16 October 2019

15:00 to 18:00: **Registration**

19:00 **Welcome Reception**

20:00 **Opening Session**

- HCCH
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Brazilian National Council of Justice
- Association of Notaries and Registers of Brazil

Thursday 17 October 2019

10:00 **HCCH Presentation: *The Essentials***

For over a decade, the e-APP has modernised the operation of the Apostille Convention for users and authorities alike. This introductory presentation will ensure that participants have a common understanding of the fundamental components of the e-APP, the broader context of the Convention, and key outcomes of previous editions of the Forum.

10:30 **Expert Panel I: *A Global Movement***

In this opening panel, participants will hear from experts representing jurisdictions which have recently implemented the e-APP. The discussion will explore regional trends and, in particular, how the versatility of the e-APP allows it to continue to thrive in many different regions across the globe.

11:15 Expert Panel I Q&A

11:30 *Coffee break*

11:45 **Expert Panel II: *The Implementation Journey***

This panel will provide a snapshot of the processes undertaken by authorities when preparing for e-APP implementation. Panellists will focus on preliminary considerations and concrete steps, drawing from examples where Contracting Parties have conducted comprehensive studies or sought to overhaul their national procedures to ensure an effective roll-out of e-APP services.

12:30 Expert Panel II: Q&A

- 12:45 *Group photo*
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 **Expert Panel III: *Specific Novelties and Challenges***
The experts represented in this panel will be invited to examine some of the more novel e-APP practices among Contracting Parties. The panel will also discuss some of the specific challenges that have arisen in both the context of the e-APP and the operation of the Convention more broadly, with a view to laying the foundations for the next meeting of the Special Commission.
- 14:45 Expert Panel III: Q&A
- 15:15 *Coffee Break*
- 15:30 **Expert Panel IV: *The Road Ahead***
This panel of experts will present how current and envisaged technological developments including distributed ledger technologies, can transform the current procedures for issuing, recording and verifying Apostilles. It will also explore the desirability and feasibility of other potential developments such as a universal e-Register and exportable “model” e-Apostille system. Ultimately this panel will seek to demonstrate that notwithstanding new technologies, the Apostille Convention will maintain its relevance for many years to come.
- 16:15 Expert Panel IV: Q&A
- 16:30 **HCCH Presentation: *Wrap-Up of Day One***
- 17:00 Free time
- 20:00 *Official Dinner (?)*

Friday 18 October 2019

- 10:00 **Official Launch of the Brazilian e-APP Platform**
- 12:15 *Lunch*
- Parallel Sessions:
- 13:15 **Congresso ANOREG**
(for domestic participants)
- 14:15 **Conclusions and Recommendations of the 11th e-APP Forum**
(for international participants)
- 16:00 **Closing Session**