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Enhancing the Global Circulation of Judgments with the HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention

- 10:15 CET **Programme open and practical information**
- 10:20 CET **Welcome from the HCCH**
Christophe Bernasconi
Secretary General, HCCH
- 10:30 CET **Keynote speech**
The Honourable David Goddard KC
Chair of Commission I at the 22nd Diplomatic Session leading to the adoption of the 2019 Judgments Convention
- 10:55 CET **Session I – The Policy Perspective**
This session discusses the policy reasons why States should join the 2019 Judgments Convention and highlights the features of the Convention in contributing to international trade and business, as well as in enhancing access to justice.
- Moderator: Melissa Ford**
Secretary, HCCH
- Marcos Dotta**
Director of International Law Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay
- Andreas Stein**
Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission
- Maxine Cristiano**
Head of Private International Law & International Criminal Justice Branch, Ministry of Justice, United Kingdom
- Raquel Vargas Jaubert**
International Legal Cooperation Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Costa Rica
- Joseph N. Khawam**
Legislative Director, Law Reform Institute, United States of America

12:15 CET

Views from stakeholders

This session contains talks and presentations from various international or regional stakeholders.

World Bank Group

Raman Maroz, *Team Lead, Dispute Resolution (B-READY)*

Daniela Dyer Melhado, *Legal Analyst, Dispute Resolution (B-READY)*

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

Yoshihisa Hayakawa, *Convenor, Strengthening Economic Legal Infrastructure (SELI), Economic Committee; Professor of Private International Law at Rikkyo University*

International Union of Judicial Officers (UIHJ)

Jos Uitdehaag, *1st Vice-President*

Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC)

Zlaty Mihailova, *Senior Capacity Building Expert and Consultant*

break

13:00 CET

Session II – The Legal and Practical Perspective

This session discusses the practical operation and the impact of the 2019 Judgments Convention on judiciaries and on business and, by extension, practitioners.

Moderator: Francisco Garcimartin

Consultant, Linklaters; Professor of Law, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain

M.F.J.N. (Tijn) van Osch

Judge, Arnhem-Leeuwarden Court of Appeal, the Netherlands; International Association of Judges

Roberta Chan

Partner, Baker McKenzie, Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China

Marcelo De Nardi

Judge, Regional Federal Court for the Fourth Region, Porto Alegre; Professor, Unisinos – Desafie o Amanhã, Brazil

Cara North

Special Counsel, Corrs Chambers Westgarth in Melbourne, Australia

14:15 CET

Closing remarks

Geneviève Saumier

Dean of Faculty of Law, Université de Montréal, Canada

14:30 CET

End of the event

