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## Regional Conference

### “Harmonization of the Law: the Hague Conference, Unidroit and UNCITRAL”

September 10-11, 2012

Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon

## Agenda

### Day One: Monday, 10 September 2012

**9.00 –9.30 Registration**

**9.30 –10.30 Opening Session**

#### **Lebanese National Anthem**

- Prof. Hafiza El-Haddad, Dean, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Beirut Arab University
- Prof. Mohammad Y. Mattar, Executive Director, The Protection Project, The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies
- Prof. Amr Galal El Adawi, President, Beirut Arab University
- H.E. Mr. Shakib Kortbawi, Minister of Justice, Lebanon (Represented by Judge Prof. Sami Mansour, President of the Institute of Judicial Studies)

**10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break**

**11.00 – 12.30 Session 1. The Different Methodologies of Harmonization of the Law**

#### **Chairman: Prof. Ibrahim Najjar, Former Ministry of Justice – Lebanon**

- Dr. Frank Emmert, LL.M., Director, Center for International and Comparative Law, Project Director Egypt, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law  
*The Draft Common Frame of Reference (DCFR) as The Future Civil Code of Europe-Taking A Look At the Most Ambitious Legal Harmonization Project of Our Times*
- Dr. Kathleen Cavanaugh, Lecturer & LLM Programme Director, Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland  
*The Politics of Law*
- Mr. Nicolas Sauvage, Former Legal Officer, the Hague Conference on Private International Law, the Hague, the Netherlands  
*The Work of the Hague Conference on Private International Law in the Harmonization of the Law*

## General Discussion

12.30 – 1.00

Coffee Break

1.00 – 3.00

**Session 2. The Institutionalization of the Concept of Harmonization of the Law: From Dream to Reality**

**Chairman: Prof. Fayez Hage-Chahine, Dean of the Faculty of law and political science, Saint-Joseph University- Lebanon**

- Ms. Anna Veneziano, Deputy Secretary General, Unidroit, Rome, Italy  
*Hard Law v. Soft Law in International Commercial Transactions: the Examples of the Cape Town Convention and the Unidroit Principles*
- Dr. Abdullah A. Abdullah, Assistant Professor of Civil Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon  
*The Scope and Application of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) 1980 (Vienna Convention)*
- Dr. Fatma Bouraoui, Faculty Of Legal Political And Social Science Of Tunisia, Tunis, Tunisia  
*Obligations of the Harmonization of the Law Across the Maghreb Region: The Impact of National and International Standards*
- Prof. Mohammad Kassem, Professor of Civil Law, Faculty of Law, Alexandria University, Alexandria, Egypt  
*Contract Dissolution Through a Unilateral Act: UNIDROIT Principles and National Legislation*

## General Discussion

3.00 – 4.30

Lunch – BAU

4.30 – 6.00

**Session 3. New Trends and Future Developments in The Harmonization of the Law**

**Chairman: Judge Prof. Sami Mansour, President of the Institute of Judicial Studies, Lebanon**

- Mr. Jae Sung Lee, Legal Officer, International Trade Law Division, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations, Secretariat of UNCITRAL, Vienna, Austria  
*The Work of UNCITRAL in the Harmonization of the Law*
- Dr. Yehya Ikram Ibrahim Badr, Lecturer, Department of Private International Law, Faculty of Law, Alexandria University, Alexandria, Egypt  
*The Role of UNCITRAL in the Harmonization of Cross- Border Insolvency Rules*
- Dr. Faten Hawwa, Assistant Professor of Commercial Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon  
*The Liability of the Sea Carrier in Accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea – 1978 the “Hamburg rules”*
- Dr. Mohammad Mohsen Ibrahim Al Najjar, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Alexandria

University, Alexandria, Egypt

*Construction Contracts: A Comparative Study of the Egyptian Law, the UNCITRAL and the International Federation of Engineers and Consultants*

## General Discussion

### Day Two: Tuesday, 11 September 2012

**09.00 – 10.30** Inauguration of The Legal Clinic At The Faculty of Law and Political Science at Beirut Arab University

**10.30 – 11.00** Coffee Break

**11.00 – 12.30** Session 4. Harmonization Versus Confrontation

**Chairman: Dr. Abdallah H. Al Kailani, Minister Plenipotentiary, the General Secretariat of the Council of Arab Ministers or Justice, League of Arab States, Cairo, Egypt**

- Dr. Issam Saliba, Senior Foreign Law Specialist at the Law Library of the United States Congress, Washington DC, USA

*The Place of Sharia in The Legal Family*

- Dr. Jamal Abdelsattar, Assistant Professor of Islamic Law-Faculty of Law and Political Science, Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon

*The Role of Sharia in the Legal Family in Muslim Countries*

- Dr. Mohammad Aldosouki, Associate Professor of Public International Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon

*Reservations by Islamic Countries to International Conventions*

#### General discussion

**12.30 –1.00** Coffee Break

**1.00 – 3.00** Session 5. The Effect of The Globalization on Harmonization of The Law

**Chairman: Judge Dr. Fawzi Adham, President of Criminal Court in the Bekaa–Lebanon.**

- Mr. Siavash Sefidari, LLM Student in International Trade and Economic Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Tehran, Teheran, Iran

*WTO's Role in the Promotion of Economic Welfare: The Impact of International Regulations*

- Ms. Vahideh Rahmani, LLM Student in International Trade and Economic Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran

*WTO and Human Rights: The Road to a Healthy Environment*

- Mr. Nicolas Sauvage, Former legal Officer, the Hague Conference on Private International Law

*The United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), the Hague Conventions and Religious Legal Systems*

### **General Discussion**

**3.00 – 4.30**      **Lunch –BAU**

**4.30 – 5.30**      **Session 6. Unification of The Law as a Means of Integration**

***Chairman: Dr. Omar Hourri, Assistant Dean, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Director of Human Rights Centre – Beirut- Beirut Arab University***

- Dr. Ben Haj Hamouda Ajmi, Ajmi Bel Haj Hamouda Ferchiou & Associés Avocats & Conseils Juridiques, Tunis, Tunisia

*Harmonization of the Law of Contracts: A Necessary Tool for the Integration of the Law in the Maghreb Region*

- Dr. Omar Aljazy , Managing Partner, Aljazy & CO, Amman, Jordan

*The Adoption of the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration: A Step Towards Harmonization of Arab Laws*

- Dr. Silvia Zorzetto, Research Fellow, Department Legal Sciences Cesare Beccaria, University of Milan, Milan, Italy

*Reasonableness within UNIDROIT Principles: A Devise to Harmonize Common, Civil, and SHARIA Legal Traditions in International Commercial Contracts*

- *Dr. Hafiza El Haddad, Dean, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Beirut Arab University and Dr. Mohamed Mattar, Executive Director, The Protection Project, The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies*

*Final Recommendations*

### **General Discussion**