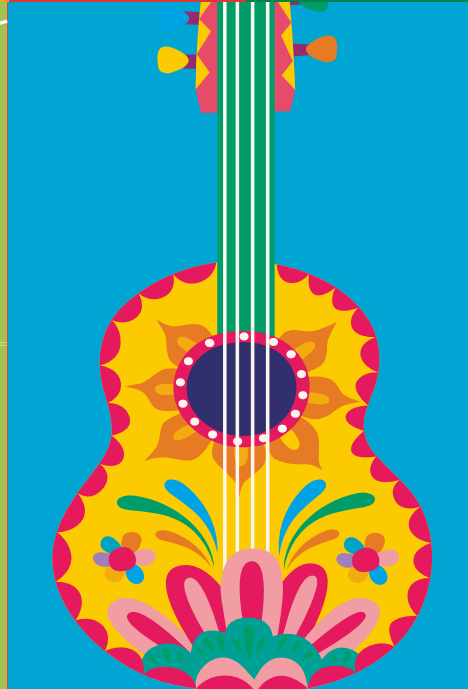
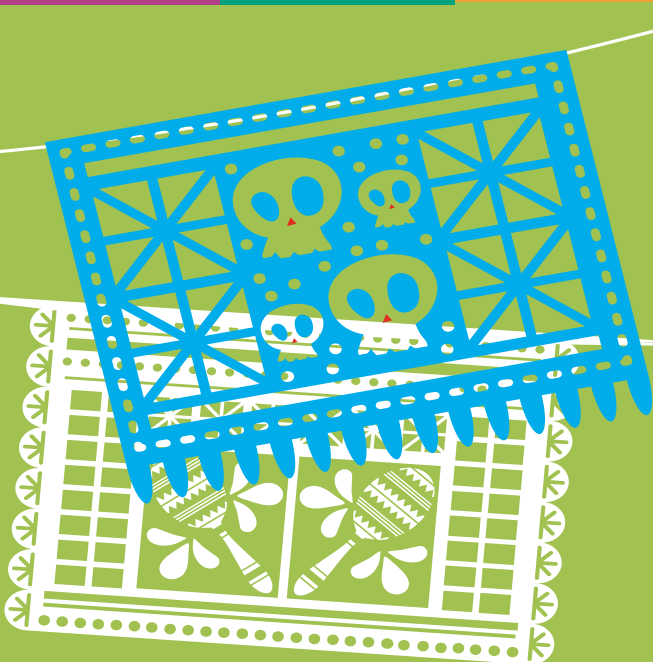
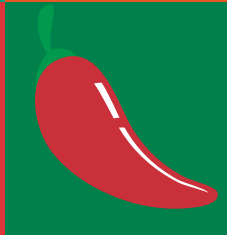
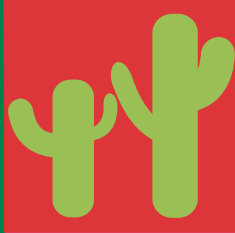
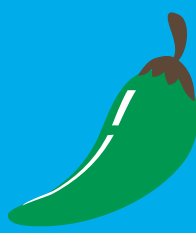
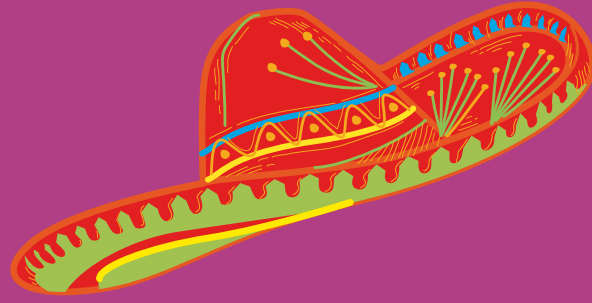




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Welcome to the 2025 UIA Congress in Guadalajara, the capital city of the State of Jalisco, Mexico.

Thank you to the individual members of the Mexican Organising Committee and to the leaders of the three Mexican Bar Associations, Ilustre y Nacional Colegio de Abogados

de México, Barra Mexicana (Colegio de Abogados) and Asociación Nacional de Abogados de Empresa, for their generous and enthusiastic support.

The Congress venue that we have selected, the Expo Guadalajara Convention Centre, in line with the UIA Sustainability Guidelines, is certified for sustainability purposes as a carbon neutral/environmentally friendly convention centre, with a waste management policy in place, using eco-friendly products and food, with a water usage and lighting and energy policy focused on reducing consumption. The convention centre is located within walking distance from hotels and easily is accessible by public transport.

This will make Guadalajara 2025 the first sustainable compliant Congress in the history of the UIA!

In our era of complexity and change, both Main Themes deal with the challenges and developments in relation to two of the most topical and critical issues of interest to international legal business consultants and litigators. The first main theme on “FDI dispute resolution” will explore the various dispute resolution options available, including mediation, as provided by international agreements and applicable BITs, and faced with the new kinds of issues giving raise to disputes (such as energy transition, sanctions, and environmental and technological issues). The second main theme on Agrifood, Sustainability and International Trade will deal with the multiple legal aspects involved in transforming agri-food systems to make them more sustainable, resilient, inclusive, equitable and healthy, in a changing climate and environment.

In addition you will be able to choose amongst a variety of some 45 different working sessions covering all the areas of the law, with speakers and participants from over 80 countries.

I look forward to welcoming you to Guadalajara for an unforgettable experience!

Carlo Mastellone
UIA President



Dear colleagues and friends of the UIA,

It is an honor to address you as President of the 69th Congress of the UIA. We warmly invite you to join us in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 29 October to 2 November 2025. The UIA Congress is a unique opportunity for lawyers from around the world to meet,

exchange ideas and strengthen ties. In a globalized world, spending time with colleagues from different cultures, committed to law and justice, is a valuable experience.

Mexico and Guadalajara offer an unrivaled setting. Guadalajara, the second largest city in Mexico, is a living testimony to the blend of modernity and tradition that characterizes our nation. Guadalajara is the heart of Mexico's emblematic traditions. The «mariachi», a musical symbol of our country and declared Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, originated here. It is also the birthplace of tequila

and charrería (Mexican livestock herding). Much of what is associated with Mexico — mariachi, tequila, traditional hats and Jarabe Tapatio dance — originated in Jalisco.

Guadalajara's cuisine is another of its great attractions. From the tortas ahogadas («drowned» sandwiches) and tacos, to the haute fusion cuisine, each meal is a delight for the senses. Guadalajara is a key technological development center in Latin America. It is home to important technology companies such as IBM, Oracle, Cisco, Toshiba, Intel, HP, and Dell. Jalisco represents 40% of the IT industry in Mexico. The city has modern infrastructures for a productive and pleasant stay.

This congress will allow participants to attend high-level conferences and workshops on the most relevant international law topics. It will be an opportunity to learn from experts and share knowledge. Guadalajara offers unforgettable experiences. See you in Mexico, Guadalajara awaits you!

Arturo Pueblita Fernández
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UIA General Assembly

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Coffee break

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Lunch break

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm














































Coffee break

6:00 pm

Opening Ceremony

7:00 pm

Informal Evening

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Some names and meetings or activities have not yet been inserted in this programme, as the UIA did not receive confirmations in time for printing. We invite you to regularly consult the portal of the Guadalajara Congress on the UIA Website to find out about the changes and additions made in the Congress programme. The final programme will be distributed to participants at the Congress venue, and will include all updates and logistical information.

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

The table on page 42 summarises the meetings where simultaneous translation will be provided, according to the information available as of the time of printing. Upon your arrival at the Congress, please consult the final programme to check whether simultaneous translation is being provided in other languages or for other meetings.

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The UIA will not provide shuttle services from the airport or from the train station. Guadalajara international airport is located 19 km from Expo Guadalajara. It takes around 45 minutes to go from the airport to the Congress venue by taxi depending on traffic conditions.

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**The session will take place
on Thursday, 30 October at 9.00 am.**



WELCOME TO OUR FIRST-TIME PARTICIPANTS!

Are you a new participant at the UIA Congress? We always take care of first-timers at UIA congresses. The UIA organizers will welcome you during a Get-Together **Breakfast on Friday, 31 October, from 8:00am to 9:00am.**

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NEXT GEN NETWORK SESSION

Family businesses—including law firms—face unique challenges when it comes to succession. Beyond legal and financial structuring, the transition of leadership requires balancing tradition with innovation, ensuring long-term stability while adapting to modern business landscapes. The session will include perspectives from family law firms where parents and children work together, as well as those who have taken separate paths.

**The session will take place
on Friday, 31 October at 9.00 am.**

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UIA supports law-firm managers in their strategic, financial and human resources challenges. During the congress, a special session dedicated to UIAdvance members on the topic “Navigating Legal Frontiers: Current Challenges and Opportunities in an International legal network”.

**The session will take place
on Friday, 31 October at 5.30 pm.**



NETWORKING DAY

The opening day of the Congress is the opportunity to meet with your colleagues again within the particularly warm atmosphere that characterises UIA!

The day will begin with the **UIA General Assembly** while the afternoon will be dedicated to our **specialised forums**. These activities will take place at ExpoGuadalajara.

This year, you will be able to select from 11 forums based on language and region. The **language forums** will facilitate discussion of important legal topics by participants in a language they share. As part of the **regional forums**, participants will be able to exchange their different points of view on a common issue and consider the many judicial ways to address it based on their country's laws. With expert coordinators from around the world, these discussions are sure to be lively and informative!

The afternoon will also feature the popular **Networking session**.

The day will continue with the **Opening Ceremony** at the Teatro Degollado.

9.30 am – 11.30 pm

UIA General Assembly

Meeting reserved exclusively for UIA members

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

French-Speaking Lawyers' Forum

German-Speaking Lawyers' Forum

Portuguese-Speaking Lawyers' Forum

Spanish-Speaking Lawyers' Forum

Arabic-Speaking Lawyers' Forum

Common Law Forum

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Asian Lawyers' Forum

African Lawyers' Forum

Forum of Lawyers from Central and Eastern European Countries

Latin American Lawyers' Forum

Italian Speaking Lawyers' Forum

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

UIA Networking

ROOM JOYA 2

One of the reasons for attending a global Congress is to network – to meet people who might be useful for one's own law practice and to make oneself known to others and, why not, create organic links.

Speed Dating for Law Firms, first introduced at the Macau Congress in 2013, at the initiative of Fred Kan, is a unique programme offering such an opportunity.

All participants interested in connecting with law firms outside their own jurisdiction each get 3 minutes on stage to introduce themselves and their firm. Like-minded lawyers are able to meet at the session to explore opportunities for co-operation..

Coordinator:

Fanny COTON (*Lexing*) Liège, Belgium

6.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Opening Ceremony at the Teatro Degollado

9.00 am – 12.30 pm

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Main Theme 1  Room Guadalajara 4	Present And Future Of Foreign Investment Dispute Resolution Join us in exploring the challenges and pitfalls of Foreign Investment dispute resolution! From the alternative ways presented (Investment Arbitration vs. Permanent Court; Dispute Boards or Mediation) to the coexistence of traditional forms of conflict with the irruption of new issues related to the times we live in (energy transition, sanctions, geopolitical tensions and financial uncertainty; environmental and technological issues). Discover how different methods, backed by bilateral treaties and international agreements, shape the foreign investment environment, seeking to ensure stability and legal security for all parties involved. Don't miss this opportunity to broaden your understanding of this exciting topic and strengthen your skills in international practice!	Coordinator: Urquiola DE PALACIO <i>(CIAM-CIAR)</i> <i>Madrid, Spain</i> Moderators: Urquiola DE PALACIO <i>(CIAM-CIAR)</i> <i>Madrid, Spain</i> Jenifer Valeria ALFARO BORGES <i>(Alphabeto Uruguay)</i> <i>Montevideo, Uruguay</i>	Keynote speakers: Gonzalo FLORES <i>(ICSID)</i> <i>Washington, DC, United States</i> Hugo ROMERO MARTÍNEZ <i>(RRH Consultores, S.C.)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> Speakers: José María ALONSO PUIG <i>(CIAM-CIAR)</i> <i>Madrid, Spain</i> José Luis ARAGÓN CARDIEL <i>(Cour Permanente D'arbitrage-CPA)</i> <i>The Hague, Netherlands</i> Joachim BILE-AKA <i>(Bile-Aka, Brizoua-Bi & Associés)</i> <i>Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire</i> Rebecca JAMES <i>(Linklaters)</i> <i>Singapore, Singapore</i> Anna JOUBIN-BRET <i>(CNUDCI)</i> <i>Vienna, Austria</i> Antonio Mario PRIDA PEON DEL VALLE <i>(Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, S.C.)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> Ann RUSSO <i>(Dispute Resolution Board Foundation-DRBF)</i> <i>Charlotte, NC, United States</i> Yulin FU <i>(BAC-BIAC)</i> <i>Beijing, China</i>
Collective Members' Forum  Room Moda	The role of Bar Associations in the recruitment, selection and evaluation of judges	Coordinators: Murray LEVIN <i>(Troutman Pepper Locke)</i> <i>Philadelphia, PA, USA</i> Rosa Isabel PEÑA SASTRE <i>(Lex Administrativa Abogacía)</i> <i>Barcelona, Spain</i>	
Women's Committee Session  Room Mueble 1	Women and Sustainable Development Can "sustainable development" be fully realized without the participation of women, respect for inclusion, parity and non-discrimination? We will address the different aspects of this subject as well as the challenges it raises using diversified and multidimensional approaches. We will examine, mainly, the social responsibility of companies and the effectiveness of their commitment in this field, but also the responsibility of states, the main actors in achieving sustainable development objectives, in establishing and implementing the mechanisms required in this regard at national and international level. We will also discuss the contribution of lawyers, bars and associations of lawyers as well as the UIA to this process.	President: Elisabeth ZAKHARIA SIOUFI <i>(Elisabeth Zakharia Siouf)</i> <i>Jdeidet El Met, Lebano</i>	Jenifer Valeria ALFARO BORGES <i>(Alphabeto Uruguay)</i> <i>Montevideo, Uruguay</i> Fanny COTON <i>(Lexing) Liège, Belgium</i> Ian DE FREITAS <i>(Farrer & Co.)</i> <i>London, United Kingdom</i> Sébastien GOULET <i>(Favarel & Associés)</i> <i>Marseilles, France</i> James GRENNAN <i>(A & L Goodbody)</i> <i>Dublin, Ireland</i> Jean-François HENROTTE <i>(Lexing) Liège, Belgium</i> Mariana HERRERO <i>(Galicia)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> Marco IMPERIALE <i>(Better Ipsum)</i> <i>Bologna, Italy</i> Carlo MASTELLONE <i>(Studio Legale Mastellone)</i> <i>Florence, Italy</i> Marie-Aimée PEYRON <i>(Conseil national des barreaux)</i> <i>Paris, France</i> Eliana SILVA DE MORAES <i>(Silva De Moraes Associés)</i> <i>Sao Paulo, Brazil</i>


9.00 am – 12.30 pm

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Banking and Financial Services Law  Room Mueble 2	Revolution in the payments landscape in the Digital Age Payment services play a fundamental role in our daily lives and for the economy. The payment services market has changed significantly in recent years. Electronic payments have been constantly growing. The trend towards digitalisation was accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to a surge in online transactions and contactless payments in shops. The digital transformation is triggering a revolution in the financial sector, especially in payments, which will bring innovation as well as benefits in terms of costs, convenience, accessibility, and inclusion for individuals and firms, but also risks (e.g. fraud). New providers, enabled by digital technologies, have entered the market. Fintech companies have sparked the latest wave of innovation, speeding up the evolution of the payment system that also plays to the strength of big tech. To advance digital payments, promote innovation and enhance safety and efficiency in the financial sector, central banks have multiple tools at their disposal. One prominent option is to issue a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). Another is to build Fast Payment Systems (FPS). Speakers will illustrate the most significant innovations in payments and their key impacts and implications on users, banks and other payment service providers, regulators, and the overall structure of the payments market, as well as the major public-private partnerships in payment systems.	Barbara BANDIERA <i>Vimercate, Italy</i>	Joachim BILE-AKA <i>(Bile-Aka, Brizoua-Bi & Associés)</i> <i>Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire</i> Aboubacar FALL <i>(Af Legal)</i> <i>Dakar, Senegal</i> Olivier NICOD <i>(Walder Wyss SA)</i> <i>Lausanne, Switzerland</i> Silvestre TANDEAU DE MARSAC <i>(FTMS Avocats)</i> <i>Paris, France</i> Donald VENKATAPEN <i>(Venkatapen Boutique Lawyers)</i> <i>Luxembourg, Luxembourg</i> Yonca Fatma YÜCEL <i>(Istanbul Gedik University Law Faculty)</i> <i>Ankara, Türkiye</i> Serges Martin ZANGUE <i>(Zangue And Partners)</i> <i>Douala, Cameroon</i> Tarik ZOUHAIR <i>(Cabinet Zouhair)</i> <i>Casablanca, Morocco</i>
Sports Law  Room Joya 1	Recent Critical Issues on Sport Law in Mexico and in the World This session will focus upon recent critical issues on sport law. In order to avoid cheat, fraud and unfairness in sport, many challenges have been attempted in various areas. Anti-doping activities are one of the examples. Investigations and new rules against the bidding activities for the large-scale international sport events have become much more serious. Governance systems have been drastically developed in many sport organizations. Analysis and discussions from the various angles are expected.	Yoshihisa HAYAKAWA <i>(Uryu & Itoga)</i> <i>Tokyo, Japan</i>	Ricardo DE BUEN RODRIGUEZ <i>(De Buen Rodriguez Abogados S.C.)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> Aboubacar FALL <i>(Af Legal)</i> <i>Dakar, Senegal</i> Edgardo MUÑOZ LÓPEZ <i>(Universidad Panamericana)</i> <i>Guadalajara, Mexico</i> Shoichi SUGIYAMA <i>(Field-R Law Offices)</i> <i>Tokyo, Japan</i> Fernando VEIGA GOMES <i>(Abreu Advogados)</i> <i>Lisbon, Portugal</i>

9.00 am – 12.30 pm

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Agrifood Law / Animal Law / Environment and Sustainable Development Law  Room Construcción	Sustainable Use of the Oceans <p>The importance of the oceans to human health and well-being cannot be overstated. Covering 70% of the planet, the oceans provide livelihoods and resources to more than 3 billion people. Blue foods – those that are harvested from oceans, rivers, and lakes – have the potential to help feed a population expected to reach 10 billion in 2050. Recognizing its significance, UN Sustainable Development Goal 14 is to “Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.”</p> <p>However, due to human activities, the oceans and the creatures who live in them are in peril. Unsustainable exploitation, climate change, and environmental degradation are immediate threats that require international collaboration and cooperation.</p> <p>This presentation will look at key legal and policy issues relevant to the sustainable use of the oceans. The panel of experts will consider the current “state of the blue food industry” – from local economic impacts to international trade agreements. Presentations will include proposed laws and policies needed to create equitable and sustainable conditions for all global stakeholders; how science and technology can mitigate the environmental impacts of climate change, illegal fishing, overfishing, and pollution; and how to prevent the further loss of species that is impacting the biodiversity of the oceans.</p>	Yolanda EISENSTEIN <i>Santa Fe, NM, USA</i> Luis Fernando MACÍAS GÓMEZ <i>Bogota, Colombia</i> Coordinatrice: Yolanda EISENSTEIN <i>Santa Fe, NM, USA</i>	Bryce BARTHULY <i>(Cuny Graduate Center)</i> <i>New York, NY, USA</i> Meganne NATALI <i>Cagnes-sur-mer, France</i> Carlos RAMIREZ <i>(Reese LLP)</i> <i>New York, NY, USA</i> Michael REESE <i>(Reese LLP)</i> <i>New York, NY, USA</i> Jim Karani RIUNGU <i>(Lawyers For Animal Protection In Africa)</i> <i>Nairobi, Kenya</i>
Fashion Law / Intellectual Property  Room Comercio	Tradition Meets Innovation: IP Tools for Safeguarding Heritage and Excellence, with a Special Focus on the Fashion Industry <p>This session delves into the diverse intellectual property tools designed to safeguard traditional excellence and cultural heritage, with a special focus on the fashion industry and artisanal craftsmanship. Topics include the new EU Regulation on Geographical Indications for craft products, certification marks, “Made In” designation as an indicator of quality and origin and other IP frameworks that protect authenticity and provenance.</p> <p>The discussion will also address the increasingly relevant issue of cultural appropriation, exploring how IP law can balance innovation with respect for traditional knowledge and heritage. Participants will gain practical insights into navigating the interplay between tradition and innovation, ensuring that both creative industries and cultural identities are respected and preserved.</p>	Nicola LATTANZI <i>(Eversheds-Sutherland SA)</i> <i>Milan, Italy</i> Joana WHYTE <i>(Telles Advogados)</i> <i>Porto, Portugal</i> Coordinatrice : Marita DARGALLO NIETO <i>(Barrilero Y Asociados)</i> <i>Barcelona, Spain</i>	Speakers to be confirmed

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Private International Law  Room Joya 2	The Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements of 2005 In a less uniform and more protectionist global legal environment, choosing the right forum to resolve disputes will be crucial. Knowing the international conventions, such as the 2005 Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements, which provide legal certainty, will facilitate the work: what is its scope of application, what requirements the choice of forum agreement must meet, what are the benefits of relying on it, what is its relationship with other conventions, etc. Mexico City being one of the first countries to be a member of this Convention, currently applicable in more than 30 countries, in this session, we will clear up these doubts for international lawyers.	Francisco RAMOS ROMEU <i>(Rya Abogados Scp)</i> <i>Barcelona, Spain</i>	Nadine DOSSOU-SAKPONOU <i>(Cabinet Robert Dossou)</i> <i>Cotonou, Benin</i> Irene GRASSI <i>(Cocuzza)</i> <i>Bologna, Italy</i> Katharina KLINGEL <i>(Brödermann Jahn)</i> <i>Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft MbH)</i> <i>Hambourg, Germany</i> Stephan KORTE <i>(Kanzlei Korte)</i> <i>Frankfurt, Germany</i> Paolo LOMBARDI <i>(Studio Legale Elexi)</i> <i>Turin, Italy</i> Alberto PASINO <i>(Studio Legale Zunarelli E Associati)</i> <i>Trieste, Italy</i> Catherine PEULVÉ <i>(CP Law)</i> <i>Paris, France</i>

2.00 pm – 5.30 pm

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
International Bar Leaders' Senate  Room Guadalajara 4	The Role of Bar Associations in Protecting the Rule of Law and the Independence of the Judiciary The Rule of law and the independence of the Judiciary are constantly threatened by political interference in the judiciary and the gradual weakening of institutions in various regions of the world. At the same time, society requires greater awareness of its legal rights to defend these fundamental principles. In this context, bar associations play a crucial role, not only as representatives of the legal community but also as key actors in the protection and strengthening of justice and democratic order.	President of the International Bar Leaders' Senate: Carlo MASTELLONE <i>UIA President</i> Vice-Presidents of the International Bar Leaders' Senate: Luc DESHAIES <i>(Gowling Wlg)</i> <i>Montreal, Canada</i> Nuhad PONCE KURI <i>(Ponce Kuri, S.C.)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> Lisa SAVITT <i>(Benchmark International Adr, LLC)</i> <i>Vienna, Austria</i>	Speakers to be confirmed
	The European Convention on the Profession of Lawyer On 12 March 2025, the Committee of Ministers adopted the Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of the Profession of Lawyer. This marks the successful conclusion of over two years of hard work of both the CDCJ and the CJ-AV. The next step, for the Convention to take effect, is official opening for signature by the Council of Europe member States scheduled to take place on 13 May 2025 during the ministerial conference in Luxembourg. The Council of Europe will encourage member states to support the Convention and in spite of the short time leading up to the signing ceremony. It is hoped that as many states as possible will be able to sign it on this occasion.	Secretary General of the International Bar Leaders' Senate: Alain GROSJEAN <i>(Bonn & Schmitt) Luxembourg</i>	
	Initiatives and projects of Law Societies and Bar Associations for the protection of lawyers at risk (report of the meeting of the International Bar Leaders' Senate in London in June 2025) Many Bars Associations and Law Societies around the world are undertaking international initiatives and projects for the protection of lawyers at risk or under threat or being persecuted by governments or other governmental or judicial authorities for discharging their legal duties and responsibilities or pursuing their profession. How can the UIA help bring all these initiatives together to find synergies between them?		
Bankruptcy Law  Room Moda	International coordination in transnational insolvency cases. Global reforms: challenges for states and practising lawyers Participants will analyse how state actors, international organisations and practitioners in different countries' legal systems interact and coordinate when an insolvent business entity has assets and/or debts in multiple jurisdictions. We will analyse international legislative reforms and national legal mechanisms that guarantee access to justice and efficiency in the resolution of such cases, with their different particularities in an ever-changing global world.	President: Alberto ROMÁN PALENCIA <i>(Román Y Castañeda Abogados)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i>	Speakers to be confirmed


2.00 pm – 5.30 pm

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Foreign Investment / Tax Law  Room Mueble 1	Foreign Direct Investments and Incentives: Are Allowances and Special Tax Regimes effective tools to promote investments? <p>Proactive measures are used to attract investment and human capital that can contribute to sustainable and inclusive development. Investment facilitation includes a transparent and predictable regulatory environment, efficient administrative procedures and it can take many forms, like tax allowances, special tax regimes, financial, and in-kind benefits, as well as regulatory incentives. Our roster of panellists will discuss about these instruments and provide fresh perspectives driving the promotion and success of foreign investments in today's global landscape.</p>	Hernán ANDRADA <i>(Santurio, Andrada & Noël)</i> <i>Buenos Aires, Argentina</i> Riccardo Giorgio CAJOLA <i>(Cajola & Associati)</i> <i>Milan, Italy</i>	Martí ADROER <i>(Cuatrecasas)</i> <i>Barcelona, Spain</i> Slawomir LUCZAK <i>(Soltysinski Kawecki & Szlezak)</i> <i>Warsaw, Poland</i> Jose Antonio MIGUEL NETO <i>(Miguel Neto Advogados)</i> <i>Sao Paulo, Brazil</i> Lourdes PÉREZ-LUQUE MARICALVA <i>(Toda & Nel-Lo)</i> <i>Madrid, Spain</i> Domingo RUIZ LÓPEZ <i>(Ruiz Consultores, S.C.)</i> <i>Guadalajara, Mexico</i>
Criminal Law / International Criminal Defence  Room Mueble 2	The defence of persons accused of international crimes before national and international criminal courts <p>The aim of this working session is to facilitate exchanges of experiences between lawyers who have defended people accused of international crimes (crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide) before international criminal tribunals (ICTs) and before national criminal courts, and to examine what such a defence entails in practice.</p> <p>What are the challenges for lawyers (legal, ethical, financial, security-related)? What support can or cannot lawyers receive? What differences and commonalities are there in practice when lawyers practice before ICTs or at national level in such cases? And so on.</p> <p>Given the current geopolitical context, this topic will provide an opportunity to discuss the fundamental role played by lawyers in the defence of persons accused of international crimes, the challenges that lawyers may encounter, both at national and international level, in ensuring an effective and strong defence throughout proceedings, and the means and solutions that can be used or could be used to overcome such challenges.</p>	Véronique MOISSINAC MASSENAT <i>Paris, France</i> Héleyn UNAC <i>(Human Rights Vigilance)</i> <i>Montpellier, France</i>	Speakers to be confirmed


2.00 pm – 5.30 pm

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Insurance Law / Transport Law  Room Joya 1	<p>Sustainability and Risk Management in Food Transportation: Challenges, Opportunities, and Insurance Strategies</p> <p>This session delves into the intricate relationship between agrifood sustainability, transportation dynamics, and the insurance challenges shaping the global food supply chain. By focusing on the emerging opportunities and obstacles in implementing sustainable transport practices and the critical role of insurance in mitigating associated risks, this session brings together academics, in-house counsel and lawyers from different jurisdictions to explore key issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The growing influence of sustainability standards on transport and insurance contracts, and their role in shaping global supply chains; ■ The legal implications of ensuring sustainability in the transportation of perishable goods, particularly under stringent environmental regulations; ■ Risk management strategies and liability concerns in cold chain logistics; ■ The role of force majeure and climate change in increasing vulnerabilities for food transportation systems; ■ The transformative potential of emerging technologies in enhancing efficiency and transparency in sustainable food transportation and insurance. <p>This session offers a unique opportunity for exchanging ideas and exploring innovative strategies to enhance resilience and advance sustainability throughout global food supply chains.</p>	<p>Sébastien GOULET (Favarel & Associes) Marseille, France</p> <p>Anna MONTESANO (Studio Legale Zunarelli E Associati) Bologna, Italy</p>	<p>Christopher B. KENDE (Hill Betts & Nash) New York, NY, USA</p> <p>Nicoline KUHMEN (Kuhmen And Partners Law Firm) Yaoundé, Cameroon</p> <p>Alberto PASINO (Studio Legale Zunarelli E Associati) Trieste, Italy</p> <p>Elena del Rosario ROBLES SAHAGUN Mexico City, Mexico</p> <p>Marcus SCHRIEFERS (GVW Graf Von Westphalen) Stuttgart, Germany</p>
Future of the Lawyer  Room Comercio	<p>Navigating the Future of the Legal Profession: Lawyers in a Changing World</p> <p>The panel will gather French, English, and Spanish-speaking practitioners from around the world and across legal sectors to discuss pressing challenges the legal profession faces across geographic regions and fields of practice (e.g., challenges of the cross-border and international practice of law, lawyers' roles in cross-border investment, the legal profession in the face of political change and judicial reform, upholding Independence amid political interference (pressure on judicial independence, lawfare, threats to lawyers' safety, access to justice and strengthening professional ethics and accountability). The panellists will also be encouraged to share their insightful perspectives on the changes our profession faces and what we should do to remain relevant, competitive, and impactful in a rapidly evolving landscape.</p>	<p>Coordinatrice: Silvia MARROQUIN (Chaffetz Lindsey LLP) New York, NY, USA</p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>


2.00 pm – 5.30 pm



Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Information Technology Law / Litigation / Privacy and Rights of the Digital Person  Room Construcción	Data Without Borders: A Comparative Look at Cross-Border Data Transfer Laws And Their Impacts on Litigation <p>The EU, the United States, and other jurisdictions have adopted laws regulating the export of personal data, the disclosure of personal data, and consumers and employees' access to personal data. This session will explore how various jurisdictions approach cross-border data transfers and data access rights, how they impact litigation, and what litigators and data protection lawyers can do to address the challenges and opportunities that these data protection laws present.</p> <p>The first of the two panels will discuss the similarities and differences among the EU, US, and other jurisdictions on regulating the flow of personal data across borders and will provide practical advice such as the best mix of safeguards (whether standard contractual clauses, binding corporate rules, codes of conduct, or certification mechanisms) to ensure that cross-border data transfers comply with applicable law.</p> <p>The second panel will examine how these cross-border data transfer restrictions, other data protection requirements and general documentation restrictions are impacting access to information in litigation. For example, restrictions on cross-border data transfers and on disclosing personal data to opposing parties can make it more difficult to obtain needed discovery in litigation.</p>	Paul CONVERY <i>(William Fry)</i> <i>Dublin, Ireland</i> Grant DAVIS-DENNY <i>(Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP)</i> <i>Los Angeles, CA, USA</i> Aparna VISWANATHAN <i>(Viswanathan & Co.)</i> <i>New Delhi, India</i>	Jérémy BENSOUSSAN <i>(Alain Bensoussan Avocats Lexing)</i> <i>Paris, France</i> Ian DE FREITAS <i>(Farrer & Co.)</i> <i>London, United Kingdom</i>

4 pm – 5.30 pm

LGBTQI+ Committee Session  Room Joya 2	The legal recognition of homosexuality in different jurisdictions over the last few years: a twin-track approach. Should the LGBT community be concerned? <p>The legal recognition of homosexuality has become increasingly polarized worldwide, characterized by a 'twin-track' approach. Progressive countries, particularly in Western Europe and parts of the Americas, have made significant advancements in LGBTQI+ rights, legalizing same-sex marriage and enacting anti-discrimination policies that promote inclusivity. Conversely, other nations impose severe penalties on homosexuality and maintain discriminatory legislation, often driven by cultural, religious, or political ideologies, leading to heightened anti-LGBTQI+ sentiment and violence against those in the community.</p> <p>This contrasting progress raises important questions about the future of LGBTQI+ rights globally. While advancements in certain regions offer hope for broader acceptance, regression in others creates anxiety among LGBTQI+ individuals in less progressive environments. Addressing these concerns necessitates international dialogue, support for human rights, and increased awareness of the struggles faced by the LGBTQI+ community. Continued vigilance and advocacy are crucial to protect existing rights and strive for equality in every part of the world.</p>	Dirk NUYTS <i>(Dirk Nuyts Legal)</i> <i>Zoug, Switzerland</i>	Speakers to be confirmed
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9.00 am – 12.30 pm

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Main Theme 2  Room Guadalajara 4	Agrifood, Sustainability and International trade Part 1: Agrifood and Sustainability We will discuss agrifood and sustainability, with emphasis on health, environmental and sustainable development related topics such as water-food, land use, food wastes, climate change, carbon footprint, pesticides, fertilizers, genetically modify organisms (seeds). Instead of intensive, dehumanized agriculture, how can we best protect local communities, cultures, and know-how?	Coordinator: Héctor HERRERA ORDOÑEZ <i>(Herrera Y Sato, S.C.)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i>	Dr. Marco ALEMÁN <i>(WIPO)</i> <i>Genf, Switzerland</i> Ricardo BARBOSA ASCENSIO <i>(Secretaría De Trabajo y Previsión Social)</i> <i>Guadalajara, Mexico</i> Fernando CANO <i>(Consejo Regulador del Tequila)</i> <i>Guadalajara, Mexico</i> Dr. Jorge CASTRO <i>(WTO)</i> <i>Genf, Switzerland</i> Motoyasu HIROSE <i>(Uryu & Itoga)</i> <i>Tokyo, Japan</i> Susanne MARGOSSIAN <i>(UP INTERNATIONAL SA)</i> <i>Geneva, Switzerland</i> Tania A. MARTÍNEZ <i>(Demos Global Group S.L.)</i> <i>Miami, FL, USA</i> Dr. Santiago NIETO CASTILLO <i>(Mexican Institute of Intellectual Property - IMPI)</i> <i>Querétaro, Mexico</i> Mauricio SORIANO <i>(Pernod Ricard)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> Alex TALLON <i>(Miles Legal)</i> <i>Brussels, Belgium</i> Pedro TENT ALONSO <i>(Garrigues)</i> <i>Valencia, Spain</i>
	Part 2: Agrifood and International Trade We will discuss the current situation of agrifood and sustainability and the possible scenarios and trends in light of free trade agreements such as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada (CETA); the proposal of a Transatlantic Free Trade Agreement covering Europe and North America (TAFTA); and the United States, Mexico City, Canada, Agreement (USMCA) to be revised in 2025 before the agreed date if 2026.		

9.00 am – 12.30 pm			
Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Family Law / Health Law  Room Moda	Health, Family Law : Protecting Lives And Bonds In A Transforming World / Family Formation: 'Evolving dynamics on Family Formation: Challenges and Opportunities' Health, Family Law : Protecting Lives And Bonds In A Transforming World The intersection between Health and Family law highlights the urgent need to rethink policies and strategies that safeguard human life, family unity and dignity in the face of global environmental crises and AI challenges. Climate change directly and indirectly impacts the health of populations and family dynamics, requiring an integrated approach that addresses the right to health, food security, housing and social well-being, particularly for vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly and women. We will analyse Judicial cases arising from Health Law and Family Law also related with the Climate Change such as : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Denial of Medical Treatment for Children Due to Religious Beliefs ■ Disputes Over End of Life – Medical Decisions ■ Medicines Access ■ Custody Disputes Involving Mental Health ■ Responsibility for Medical Expenses in Divorce ■ Assisted Reproduction and Embryo Disputes ■ Custody and Refusal of Psychological Treatment for Children ■ Health and Climate Change's Impact on Family Structure (malnutrition, waterborne diseases...) 	Carolina MARÍN PEDREÑO <i>(Dawson Cornwell Solicitors)</i> <i>London, United Kingdom</i> Elíana SILVA DE MORAES <i>(Silva De Moraes Associés)</i> <i>Sao Paulo, Brazil</i>	Stephanie CABALLERO <i>(The Surrogacy Law Center, Ap/c)</i> <i>Carlsbad, CA, USA</i> Vinciane GILLET <i>(Gillet-Lex)</i> <i>Brussels, Belgium</i> Pierre LACOIN <i>(1792 Avocats)</i> <i>Paris, France</i> Janice F. MULLIGAN <i>(Mulligan Law - Member of Lexing Network of international technology lawyers)</i> <i>San Diego, CA, USA</i> Sofia Arlet PEREZ ROMERO <i>(Cibeles Abogados Sc)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> Eugenio RIBÓN <i>(Ilustre Colegio De Abogados De Madrid)</i> <i>Madrid, Spain</i> Maritza RODRIGUEZ <i>(Rodríguez Law Firm LLC)</i> <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
	Family Formation: 'Evolving dynamics on Family Formation: Challenges and Opportunities' The ways in which individuals and groups establish and develop family structures is receiving different legislative approaches worldwide. The effects of the evolution of medicine in family law will be the basis of a key note presentation on International Surrogacy Arrangements from Mexico City. We will continue to learn about family formation, hearing from experts on surrogacy arrangements, fertility law including the enforcement of donor agreements.		
Next Gen Network Session  Room Mueble 1	Family Business Succession: Transition, Growth & Legacy Family businesses—including law firms—face unique challenges when it comes to succession. Beyond legal and financial structuring, the transition of leadership requires balancing tradition with innovation, ensuring long-term stability while adapting to modern business landscapes. The session will include perspectives from family law firms where parents and children work together, as well as those who have taken separate paths. This session will explore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ How to transition leadership effectively ■ The legal and strategic considerations of succession planning ■ Sustaining growth while preserving the family's professional legac 	Isidro NIÑEROLA TORRES <i>(Dawson Cornwell)</i> <i>London, United Kingdom</i>	Speakers to be confirmed

9.00 am – 12.30 pm			
Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
International Arbitration  Room Mueble 2	Arbitration Costs - security for costs and impoverished parties This panel will discuss the potential effects of impecuniosity on the validity and operability of arbitration agreements and will further look at security for costs as a solution for claimants to deal with cost risks. The discussion will compare different arbitration rules and statutory frameworks and highlight recent case law and current trends from various jurisdictions.	Veit OEHLBERGER <i>(Dorda Rechtsanwälte GmbH)</i> <i>Vienna, Austria</i>	Speakers to be confirmed
	Information Technology Law / Intellectual Property / Privacy and Rights of the Digital Person  Room Joya 1	Navigating the Cloud: Legal and regulatory perspectives on Data and IP in Cloud Services This session explores the legal and regulatory dimensions of cloud services, with a focus on the protection and circulation of data in the era of cloud computing and big data. Key topics include the technological and regulatory frameworks governing cloud services, the evolution of intellectual property rights in relation to cloud-based environments, and the challenges of data management, analysis, and protection. Particular attention will be given to the responsibilities of cloud service providers, including liability issues, privacy concerns under the GDPR, and compliance with emerging data protection laws. Cloud services pose significant data protection issues, including where data centers are located and the potential for cross-border data transfers, the disclosure of personal data to cloud service providers, contractual provisions for the protection of stored personal data, and the risk that data security breaches at cloud services companies can impact large numbers of clients and their consumers and employees' personal data.	Grant DAVIS-DENNY <i>(Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP)</i> <i>Los Angeles, CA, USA</i> Nicola LATTANZI <i>(Eversheds-Sutherland SA)</i> <i>Milan, Italy</i> Aparna VISWANATHAN <i>(Viswanathan & Co.)</i> <i>New Delhi, India</i>




9.00 am – 12.30 pm			
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Administrative and Regulatory Law  Room Construcción	The impact of Artificial Intelligence in Public settings The session aims to explore the impact and implications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in administrative activities, with a particular focus on legal, ethical, and operational aspects. During the event, we will discuss the following main topics: ■ AI in the Administrative Sector (Analysis of the practical applications of AI in public administrations, including the automation of decision-making processes, data management, and the digitization of services); ■ Legal and Regulatory Aspects (Study of existing regulations and new legislative proposals concerning the use of AI in the administrative field, with a focus on challenges related to privacy, data protection, and legal liability) ■ Ethical Implications (Exploration of the ethical issues arising from the adoption of AI, such as the risk of algorithmic discrimination, transparency in automated decision-making processes, and equity in access to public services); ■ Risks and Opportunities for Lawyers practicing in the Administrative Law field; ■ Future Perspectives: Predictions on the future of AI in public administrations, including public-private collaboration scenarios and the evolution of regulation at the European and international levels.	Marco MARIANI <i>(Studio Legale Associato Catte Mariani)</i> <i>Florence, Italy</i>	Roberto DI CILLO <i>(Di Cillo Advocacia)</i> <i>Sao Paulo, Brazil</i> Andrea Isabel MIRANDA MIJANGOS <i>(Ecija Law Firm)</i> <i>Guatemala City, Guatemala</i> François MOYSE <i>(Moyse & Associates)</i> <i>Luxembourg, Luxembourg</i> Claude NICATI <i>(Etude Nvle)</i> <i>Neuchatel, Switzerland</i> Katarina OSKARSSON <i>(Advokatfirman Allians)</i> <i>Stockholm, Sweden</i> Joaquín PALMA CRUZAT <i>(Palma Abogados)</i> <i>Santiago, Chile</i> Rosa Isabel PEÑA SASTRE <i>(Lex Administrativa Abogacía)</i> <i>Barcelona, Spain</i>
Art Law  Room Comercio	The challenges of settling international cultural heritage disputes! The art market, as an international sector where art is frequently an investment, is directly confronted with the challenges of dispute resolution, of which there are many. This workshop will explore, through concrete examples and case studies, the different national approaches and practices in dispute resolution. It will look at the different methods of dispute resolution and international legal instruments, as well as the role of institutions such as UNESCO, WIPO and the Court of Arbitration for Art (CAfA) in the management of cultural disputes, in particular those relating to the protection and restitution of cultural heritage.	Judith BOUCHARDEAU <i>(Borghese Associés)</i> <i>Paris, France</i>	Sarah CONLEY ODENKIRK <i>(Artconverge)</i> <i>Los Angeles, CA, USA</i> Antonio Mario PRIDA PEON DEL VALLE <i>(Curtis, Mallet - Prevost, Colt & Mosle, S.C.)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> Judith PROWDA <i>(Stropheus Art Law)</i> <i>New York, NY, USA</i> Jorge A. SANCHEZ CORDERO <i>(Notaria Pública 153)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> Anna VILADÁS JENÉ <i>(Gómez-Acebo & Pombo Abogados)</i> <i>Barcelona, Spain</i>
Future of the Lawyer / Management of Law Firms  Room Joya 2	Challenges for managing partners in a new age This round table will discuss the following topics: ■ Environmental sustainability ■ Social responsibility (incl. diversity and inclusion, neurodivergence, pro bono work) ■ Impact of political landscape on law firm management/policy ■ Certification processes ■ Pricing and procurement ■ Onboarding of partners ■ Talent retention: wellbeing, mentorship ■ Remuneration ■ Technology in the legal profession (AI): impact on skills development of juniors ■ Branding: strategy, distinguishing your firm from other firms, online visibility (social media) ■ How to remain competitive, competition of accountancy firms with legal branche	Marie Laure DE JONG <i>(Akd Benelux Law Firm)</i> <i>Rotterdam, Netherlands</i> Anibal SABATER <i>(Chaffetz Lindsey LLP)</i> <i>New York, NY, USA</i>	Speakers to be confirmed



2.00 pm – 3.30 pm			
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Litigation  Room Mueble 2	Complicated Clients and Acronyms – addressing the impact of EU, AML, OFAC, OFSI, IROL etc when acting for a designated client The panel of common law and civil law experts will discuss various obstacles that arise in multiple jurisdictions when working with clients where for any number of reasons the client is subject to or potentially subject to sanctions, other regulatory oversight or the client's workflow creates potential conflict issues.	Paul CONVERY <i>(William Fry)</i> <i>Dublin, Ireland</i>	Jesús GRANADOS SÁNCHEZ <i>(Jg Lex Abogados)</i> <i>Marbella, Spain</i> Janice F. MULLIGAN <i>(Mulligan Law - Member of Lexing Network of international technology lawyers)</i> <i>San Diego, CA, USA</i>
Wellness Committee Session  Room Joya 2	Legal Wellbeing today. Challenges, Choices, and Collective Action In this first official session following the launch of the Wellness Committee, we will explore the topic of legal wellbeing through a genuinely multidisciplinary lens, embracing a diversity of professionals and focus areas. Designed to be highly interactive, the session will feature a dynamic conversation with the audience to exchange ideas, gather feedback, and collectively envision future UIA initiatives and actions in this critical field.	Marco IMPERIALE <i>(Better Ipsum)</i> <i>Bologna, Italy</i>	James GRENNAN <i>(A & L Goodbody)</i> <i>Dublin, Ireland</i> Catherine PEULVÉ <i>(CP Law)</i> <i>Paris, France</i>
2.00 pm – 5.30 pm			
AI Task Force Session  Room Guadalajara 4	AI Consolidation This session will focus on: Part 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Presentation of a standard AI policy that can be used by law firms ■ Impact of the AI Act – and other regulations on AI – on the use of AI by lawyers ■ Survey of international case law on the use of AI by lawyers and judges Part 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ AI Agents ■ Use of AI to improve safety ■ Deepfakes and their impact on journalism, economy, and political debate 	Massimo STERPI <i>(Studio Legale Gianni & Origoni)</i> <i>Rome, Italy</i> Coordinators : Sarah CONLEY ODENKIRK <i>(Artconverge)</i> <i>Los Angeles, CA, USA</i> Marita DARGALLO NIETO <i>(Barrilero Y Asociados)</i> <i>Barcelona, Spain</i> Benedetta PARISE <i>(Parise Studio Legale - Treviso)</i> <i>Kansas City</i> <i>Castelfranco Veneto, Italy</i> Silvestre TANDEAU DE MARSAC <i>(FTMS Avocats)</i> <i>Paris, France</i> Yonca Fatma YÜCEL <i>(Istanbul Gedik University Law Faculty)</i> <i>Ankara, Türkiye</i>	Jérémy BENSOUSSAN <i>(Alain Bensoussan Avocats Lexing)</i> <i>Paris, France</i> Hélène CARVALLO <i>(Carvallo Family Law)</i> <i>New York, NY, USA</i> Ian DE FREITAS <i>(Farrer & Co.)</i> <i>London, United Kingdom</i> Dazza GREENWOOD Ian McDUGALL <i>(Lexisnexis)</i> <i>London, United Kingdom</i> Satoshi NAGANO <i>(Uryu&Itoga)</i> <i>Tokyo, Japan</i> Nuhad PONCE KURI <i>(Ponce Kuri, S.C.)</i> <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> Elisabeth ZAKHARIA SIOUFI <i>(Elisabeth Zakharia Siouf)</i> <i>Jdeidet El Met, Lebanon</i>
UIA-IROL Session  Room Moda	Overview of UIA-IROL Activities and Open Debate	Martin PRADEL <i>(Talma)</i> <i>Paris, France</i>	Speakers to be confirmed

2.00 pm – 5.30 pm			
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<p>Next Gen Network Session - Students' Debate</p> <p>Room Mueble 1</p>	Mandatory Bar Membership for the Practice of Law	<p>Isidro NIÑEROLA TORRES (Dawson Cornwell) London, United Kingdom</p>	Speakers to be confirmed

2.00 pm – 5.30 pm



Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Agrifood Law / International Sale of Goods  Room Joya 1	Ag trade: Navigating uncertainty policy shifts and relevant Import and Export Regulations Agricultural trade is evolving due to changing policies, regulations, and global market conditions. The Ukraine War and Middle East Crisis have already impacted the sector, and the U.S. is shifting its trade policy, influenced by Trump's "America First" agenda and its aggressive tariff stance. This may lead to a reassessment of trade agreements, affecting not only U.S.-Mexico-Canada agricultural trade but also European and Latin American exports to the U.S. This environment of uncertainty will make it difficult for farmers and exporters worldwide to plan, as trade policies could change rapidly due to political shifts. The session will explore the challenges and opportunities of navigating uncertainties, including the impact of evolving trade agreements, tariffs, and import-export regulations on international agricultural markets. It will also address the complexities of compliance with diverse and often conflicting regulatory frameworks governing the movement of agricultural goods across borders. In the context of international agricultural sales, the session will address the topic of the parties responsibilities for customs duties and charges and how to allocate these risks through contractual clauses and/or the use of Incoterms. Through a comprehensive analysis of current trade trends and policy developments, the presentation aims to provide insights into strategies that stakeholders in the agricultural trade industry can adopt to mitigate risks and capitalize on emerging opportunities in an increasingly volatile global market.	Mariaelena GIORCELLI <i>(Bortolotti, Mathis & Associati)</i> Turin, Italy	Speakers to be confirmed
	The Rise of International Trading Blocs: Balancing Labour and Immigration Advice in an Increasingly Glocalised World The 21 st Century dawned with the world racing toward what seemed to be everlasting globalisation fuelled by accelerating technology. However, with the onset of the Great Recession, a slow global economic recovery, and the shockwaves of the COVID-19 pandemic, many countries are embracing, at least <i>de facto</i> , glocalization: the simultaneous growth of worldwide and local initiatives. Global markets are expanding through technology, while protectionism and trade barriers are on the rise. With the rise of outsourcing and, its heir, remote work, technology is creating a global labour market for businesses that seek the best and brightest talent. Yet, services that cross international borders can incur sizeable regulatory and transactional costs, costs that are ignored by employers at their increasing peril. At the same time, there still are services that must be provided in person, buttressing the demand for global immigration. In this glocalised world, labour and immigration counsel must coordinate advice to provide comprehensive employment advice to businesses, while anticipating the twin trends of advancing technology and protectionism on the march. This precarious advisory paradigm shall be the focus of this joint working session.	Clayton E. CARTWRIGHT JR <i>(The Cartwright Law Firm LLC)</i> Columbus, OH, USA Nathalie SUBILIA <i>(Reiser Avocats)</i> Geneva, Switzerland	Piergiorgio BONACOSSA <i>(Rp Legal & Tax Associazione Professionale)</i> Turin Italy Patricia BONITO PINTO <i>(Walder Wyss SA)</i> Geneva, Switzerland Maria CASABLANCA <i>(KKTP)</i> Miami, FL, USA Ilda DE SOUSA <i>(Kingsley Napley LLP)</i> London, United Kingdom Hermie DE VOER <i>(Everaert Advocaten Immigration Lawyers)</i> Amsterdam, Netherlands Andreea HAULBERT <i>(Karl Waheed Avocats)</i> Paris, France Calin Viorel IUGA <i>(Iuga & Asociatii)</i> Cluj-Napoca, Romania Hervé LINDER <i>(Ernst & Linder LLC)</i> New York, NY, USA Zofia MATYJA <i>(Zofia Matyja Kancelaria Adwokacka)</i> Krakow, Poland Adrián OJEDA CUEVAS <i>(Ojeda Ojeda Y Asociados)</i> Mexico City, Mexico Matthew WILLS <i>(Laura Devine Immigration Law)</i> London, United Kingdom

2.00 pm – 5.30 pm			
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Media Laws  Room Comercio	The scope of lawyers' freedom of expression in the media and before the courts The Commission will examine the extent of protection afforded to lawyers' freedom of expression when they speak on behalf of a client in the media or in court in various European countries, the United States, Central America, Africa and Asia. Is this freedom of expression being strengthened? Is there a privilege that extends to external communications? Can this privilege be limited by the lawyer's code of conduct. By the law? By the interests of third parties?	Thierry BONTINCK <i>(Daldewolf Srl)</i> <i>Brussels, Belgium</i>	Speakers to be confirmed
4.00 pm – 5.30 pm			
International Arbitration / Litigation  Room Mueble 2	Arbitration v Litigation – which is better to resolve a foreign dispute A debate style panel consisting of litigation and arbitration practitioners focusing on a specific foreign dispute resolution topical issue and the pros/cons of litigation and arbitration in resolving it.	Paul CONVERY <i>(William Fry)</i> <i>Dublin, Ireland</i> Veit OEHLBERGER <i>(Dorda Rechtsanwälte Gmbh)</i> <i>Vienna, Austria</i>	John McELROY <i>(Fieldfisher)</i> <i>London, United Kingdom</i> Zofia MATYJA <i>(Zofia Matyja Kancelaria Adwokacka)</i> <i>Krakow, Poland</i>
5.30 pm – 6.30 pm			
UIAdvance session  Room Construcción	Navigating Legal Frontiers: Current Challenges and Opportunities in an International legal network Join us for an insightful session where, together with some legal responsible of different companies and other colleagues will explore the dynamic landscape of international implications of the entrepreneurial activities. We'll discuss key challenges and emerging opportunities that shape the future of legal practice on a global scale and the support of a legal network.	Coordinator: Lourdes PÉREZ-LUQUE MARICALVA <i>(Herrera Y Sato, S.C.)</i> <i>Madrid, Spain</i>	Speakers to be confirmed


9.00 am – 10.30 am			
Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
International Estate Planning / LGBTQIA+ Committee  Room Mueble 2	Succession Planning of Diverse Forms of Families When family comes in all shapes and sizes, so should the succession plan. From patchwork clans to proud single parents and rainbow families, today's modern households need more than the cookie-cutter legal solutions of the past. In this joint session, experts from both the LGBTQIA+ and the International Estate Planning Commissions will discuss the estate planning toolkits available for diverse form of families, with special highlight to those living communities which are not recognised as families in their respective jurisdictions.	Carlos ANGLADA BARTHOLMAI <i>(Monereo Meyer Abogados)</i> <i>Palma De Mallorca, Spain</i> Dirk NUYTS <i>(Dirk Nuyts Legal)</i> <i>Zoug, Switzerland</i> Modérateur : Peter KUN <i>(Kun & Partner)</i> <i>Budapest, Hungary</i>	Speakers to be confirmed
UIA-ABA joint session with the support of the Business and Human Rights commission  Room Joya 1	The United Nations At 80 : The State Of Play Of Business And Human Rights The world is at a flexion point regarding human rights. The United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGP) sought to apportion and impose responsibility on both private and public sectors. While certain of these and other soft law principles have made their way into hard law in some jurisdictions, other jurisdictions have seen resistance if not backlash. Meanwhile, various bar associations, such as the American Bar Association, have adopted policy that urges lawyers to advise clients on the UNGP, and others have issued guidance and toolkits. The United Nations holds an annual conference in Geneva on business and human rights, and both private, public and non-profit entities participate in the United Nations Global Compact. This program, jointly sponsored by Business and Human Rights Commission and the UIA-ABA Joint Program, explores the current state of play among lawyers in implementing and promoting UN guidance in the day to day practice of law.	Steven M. RICHMAN <i>(Clark Hill Plc)</i> <i>Princeton, NJ, USA</i> Modératrice : Yolanda EISENSTEIN <i>Santa Fe, NM, USA</i>	Elena BORSACCHI <i>(Studio Legale Associato Barbieri Borsacchi)</i> <i>Pisa, Italy</i> Wendy TAUBE <i>(Taube Law Lcc)</i> <i>Chicago, IL, USA</i> Ashu THAKUR <i>(Ashu Thakur & Associates Advocates & Solicitors)</i> <i>Mumbai, India</i> Laurie WEBB DANIEL <i>Atlanta, GA, USA</i>

9.00 am – 12.30 pm			
Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Contract Law / In-House Counsel / International Sale of Goods  Room Guadalajara 4	Lost in translation? Negotiating and interpreting international contracts: how to address and reconcile diverse legal and cultural approaches? The session will be a lively and enriching round table with international lawyers and in-house counsels providing their perspectives and guidance on how not to get lost in translation when negotiating and interpreting international contracts. We will discuss how the negotiation and interpretation of international contracts are influenced by the diverse legal cultures and negotiating approaches of the parties, as well as by the law applicable to the contract. The dos and don'ts of international contracting will be shared. Drawing from their extensive on-field experience, our speakers will exchange insights on how legal departments and law firms negotiate international contracts with partners in different jurisdictions and legal cultures. The session will also explore how the applicable law may influence the interpretation of contract provisions leading to different and sometimes unexpected outcomes. Questions will be raised and discussed with speakers and participants on whether the choice by the parties to apply UNIDROIT principles to the contract or the application international uniform law such as with regard to international sales contracts the Convention on International Sales of Goods or OHADA uniform sale law - may help to bridge a gap between different legal jurisdictions.	Mariaelena GIORCELLI <i>(Bortolotti, Mathis & Associati)</i> <i>Turin, Italy</i> Arianna RIGHI <i>(Adm International Sarl)</i> <i>Rolle, Switzerland</i> Michal ROSZAK <i>(Coliber Legal)</i> <i>Warsaw, Poland</i>	Speakers to be confirmed
Animal Law / Banking and Financial Services Law / Human Rights  Salon Moda	Tackling Climate Change: Lawyers Must Act Now for a Sustainable Future Humans are changing the planet. We are spewing pollutants into the atmosphere. We have destroyed roughly 1/5 th of the arable land on Earth. We are running out of freshwater while the 20 th century saw a fourfold increase in population. We are in the midst of the sixth mass extinction. Climate change is increasingly affecting ecosystems, with disruptive effects on the social well-being, economic development, and financial stability. The loss of biodiversity is producing severe consequences. The resulting effects on the climate have caused the loss of critical species, zoonotic diseases, and driven the mass mortality of plants and animals. Since 2008, over 376 million people - climate refugees - have been displaced because of environmental disasters. International climate finance is essential for developing countries to achieve their climate goals. Financial institutions can manage the risks and identify the opportunities linked to climate change as well as accelerate the transition to low-carbon economies. This session looks at the role of international law and policy in turning the tide on losses that cannot be recovered.	Barbara BANDIERA <i>Vimercate, Italy</i> Yolanda EISENSTEIN <i>Santa Fe, NM, USA</i> Gustavo SALAS RODRÍGUEZ <i>(Salas Y Salas, S.C.)</i> <i>Cancún, Mexico</i>	Linda JULIEN <i>(CTI Capital Groupe INC)</i> <i>Montreal, Canada</i> Koichi MURAKAMI <i>(AEON Bank Ltd.)</i> <i>Tokyo, Japan</i>
Corporate Law and M&A Real Estate  Salon Mueble 1	Through the Labyrinth: Corporate Structures and Real Estate Transactions in a Volatile Market This session will explore the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ How to structure a corporate real estate investments from an international law and regulatory perspective; ■ Different real estate investment vehicles. Pros and cons; ■ Specificities of due diligence in corporate real estate acquisitions; ■ Financing strategies for corporate real estate ventures; ■ Liability and risk management in corporate real estate development. 	Gerard H. James <i>(William Fry LLP)</i> <i>Dublin, Ireland</i> Francisco Luis SOLER CABALLERO <i>(J&A Garrigues S.L.P)</i> <i>Valencia, Spain</i>	Speakers to be confirmed



11.00 am – 12.30 pm

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International Estate Planning  Room Mueble 2	Inheritance of Digital Assets Who gets your Bitcoin when you're gone? As we hurtle into the digital age, inheritance isn't just about dividing heirlooms and bank accounts—it's also about passing on passwords, crypto keys, and your meme collection. In this session experts will explore how to make your digital afterlife as secure (and drama-free) as your real one.	Carlos ANGLADA BARTHOLMAI <i>(Monereo Meyer Abogados)</i> <i>Palma De Mallorca, Spain</i>	Speakers to be confirmed
Legal tech session with LexisNexis  Room Joya 1	Practical uses of AI The session will debate the following topics: ■ The Rule of Law & Populism; ■ Artificial Intelligence and the future of the legal profession; ■ Ethics and responsibility in legal practice in the AI era	Coordinateur : Ian MCDOUGALL <i>(Lexisnexis)</i> <i>London, United Kingdom</i>	




2.00 pm – 4.00 pm			
Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Family Law  Room Guadalajara 4	Experts in Family Law Proceedings The influence of expert evidence in Family proceedings is crucial for the outcome of the case. Accountants, real estate valuers, child and adult psychologists and psychiatrists, drug and alcohol test results reports, therapists, counsellors, art valuers and foreign lawyers are some of the most common experts instructed jointly or by one of the parties in family proceedings. We will present on the instruction of experts, strategic instructions and the application of The Hague Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil and Commercial Matters. The most significant judgments from the last year and proposal for legislation on Family Law would be also be discussed by experts from different jurisdictions.	Carolina MARÍN PEDREÑO <i>(Dawson Cornwell Solicitors)</i> <i>London, United Kingdom</i>	Joaquín BAYO DELGADO <i>Sitges, Spain</i> Marie BERGER <i>(Brs Berger Recordon & De Saugy)</i> <i>Geneva, Switzerland</i> Gaëlle BONNET <i>Paris, France</i> Alfredo GUARINO <i>(Studio Legale Avv.Vincenzo Guarino)</i> <i>Naples, Italy</i> Mohamed HASSANEIN <i>(Elattar Law Firm)</i> <i>Cairo, Egypt</i> Zineb NACIRI BENNANI <i>Casablanca, Morocco</i> María Carmen VARELA ALVAREZ <i>(Carmen Varela Abogados De Familia, Slp)</i> <i>Barcelona, Spain</i>

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Criminal Law / Human Rights  Room Moda	<p>Contextualised justice: due process and the nature of the offence</p> <p>The idea that due process is not a monolithic concept, but rather that its application may vary in intensity according to the nature of the offence, is a complex and relevant issue.</p> <p>On the one hand, there is the fundamental principle that all persons deserve a fair trial and due process, regardless of the offence with which they are charged. However, it is also true that the seriousness of an offence and its potential consequences may justify a more rigorous application of due process. For example, in a capital case, the need to ensure that a miscarriage of justice does not occur is much greater than in a misdemeanor case. This may warrant a greater investment of resources and time to ensure a fair and thorough process.</p> <p>However, it is crucial to strike a balance. An excessively flexible application of due process could lead to discrimination and infringement of fundamental rights. Therefore, any adjustment in the intensity of due process must be based on objective and justified criteria, always respecting the fundamental principles of justice and human rights.</p>	<p>Véronique MOISSINAC MASSENAT <i>Paris, France</i></p> <p>Gustavo SALAS RODRÍGUEZ <i>(Salas Y Salas, S.C.)</i> <i>Cancún, Mexico</i></p>	<p>Julie HARINEN <i>Montreal, Canada</i></p> <p>Danièle ROY <i>(Roy, St. Jacques & Teolis)</i> <i>Montreal, Canada</i></p>
OHADA Law  Room Mueble 2	<p>Creation of a rotating conference to publicise OHADA case law</p> <p>This working session will examine whether it is possible to organise an annual conference in which developments in OHADA case law in each OHADA Member State are collected, discussed and then published. The focus will be on litigation and arbitration. The implementation of this project would make it possible to assess the level of maturity of OHADA law in each Member State and in the OHADA area as a whole. It would be useful for OHADA law practitioners and those subject to OHADA law. It would also provide an opportunity to promote OHADA law to a wider international audience. We would like all UIA members located in the OHADA area and those interested in OHADA law to take part in this working session in order to assess the feasibility of this project and to commit to participating in it over the next five years.</p>	<p>Martial AKAKPO <i>(Martial Akakpo & Associates)</i> <i>Lomé, Togo</i></p>	<p>Darly Aymar DJOFANG <i>(Cabinet Djofang & Partners)</i> <i>Douala, Cameroon</i></p> <p>Adama SORO <i>(Scpa Soro, Bako Et Associés)</i> <i>Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire</i></p> <p>Philomène TELO <i>(Ovk Law Firm)</i> <i>Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo</i></p>

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Mediation And Conflict Prevention  Room Mueble 1	<p>The Best Practices In Mediation: From The Mexican Experience To The International Experience</p> <p>Based on the Mexican experience, which for over three decades has had state legislations overseeing Mediation at the local level and for only two years a General Law of Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms that oversees Mediation at the national level, we will question whether it is necessary or desirable for national legislations to oversee Mediation and include provisions of local and federal application for the use of Mediation, and we will analyze through Comparative Law the essential elements that such legislations should have, including any provisions of the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Mediation.</p> <p>Based on the international experience of those countries that have signed the Singapore Convention on the Enforcement of International Settlement Agreements, we will question whether it is necessary or desirable for countries around the world to sign and ratify said Convention so that the Mediation Settlement Agreements entered into in third countries can be enforced locally.</p> <p>Based on the UIA Resolution on the Prevention and Settlement of Disputes and the Role of Lawyers which will be considered for ratification at the Guadalajara Congress, we will question whether it is necessary or desirable to adjust the national, federal and local legislation on Mediation, as well as to the Code of Ethics of the national bar associations and lawyers associations, for its implementation.</p> <p>Particularly, we will analyze the best known practices in the world regarding some appropriate mechanisms to resolve disputes which are still underdeveloped and unused in some jurisdictions, such as the collaborative approach and the reasoned negotiation, and we will analyze the functioning of mediation of administrative disputes involving the State which sooner or later shall lead to the development of the use of mediation to resolve disputes between investors and States.</p> <p>This will be an interactive round-table discussion between experienced mediators from different regions of the world, in which the attendees will be allowed to participate freely in English, Spanish, or French, as they wish.</p>	<p>Mohamed Lotfi EL AJERI <i>(El Ajeri Lawyers)</i> <i>Tunis, Tunisia</i></p>	<p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>

Saturday, 1 November- 4.45 pm

Human Rights and Climate Emergency; Business and Human Rights

International tribunals play a fundamental role in the face of the current challenges of the Rule of Law and the observance of human rights. They are key actors in ensuring peace and sustainable development. This panel will discuss the role of the International Tribunals in the face of the climate change crisis, the validity of human rights and sustainable development.

Coordinator:

Judge Eduardo FERRER MAC-GREGOR POISOT (*Former President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights*)

Speakers:

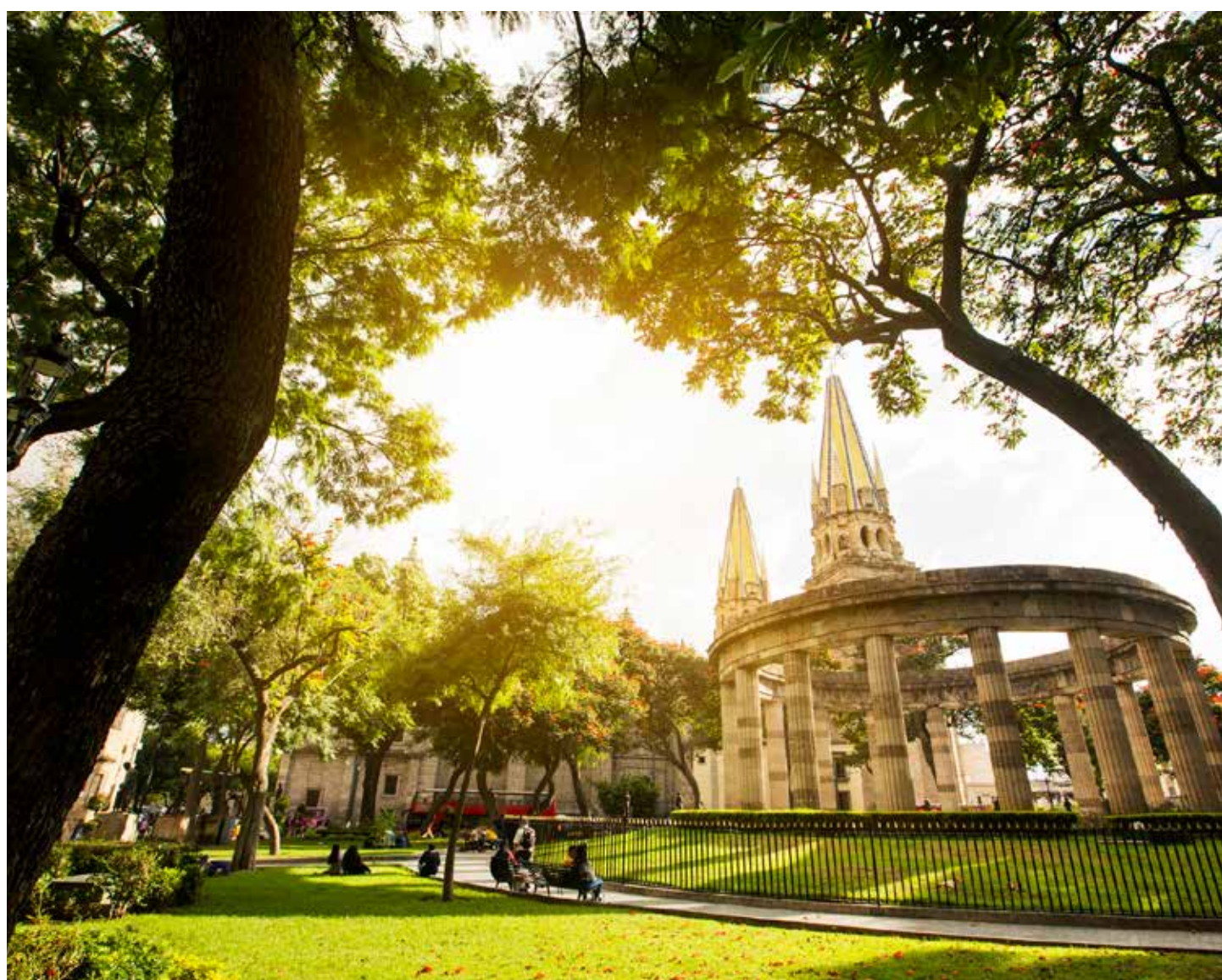
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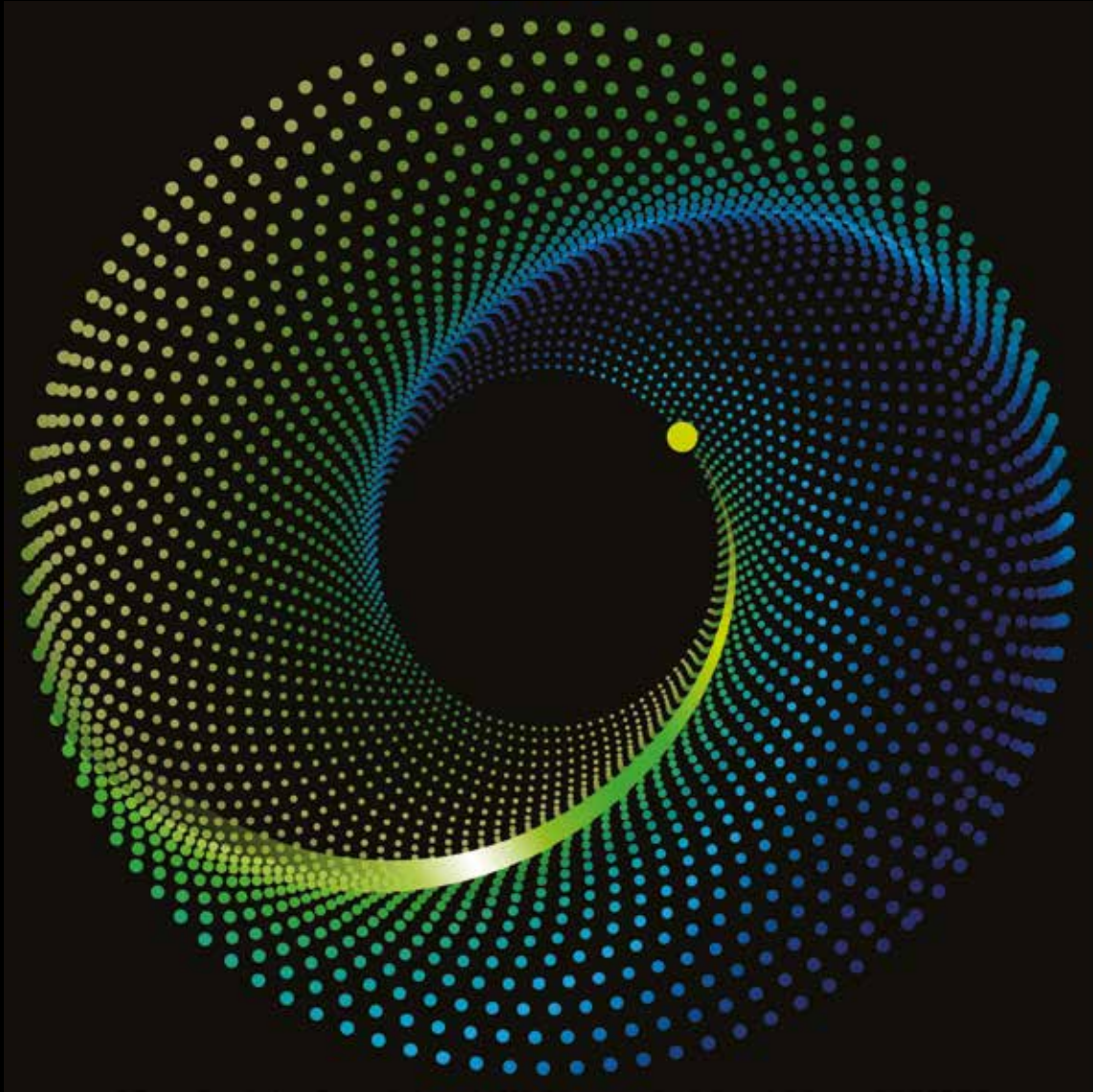
Judge José MARTÍN Y PÉREZ DE NANCLARES (*The Court of Justice of the European Union*)

Judge Rodrigo MUDROVITSCH (*Vice president of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights*)

Judge Juan Manuel GÓMEZ ROBLEDO VERDUZCO (*Internacional Court of Justice*) (*to be confirmed*)

Judge Socorro FLORES LIERA (*International Criminal Court*) (*to be confirmed*)





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Simultaneous Interpretation

Session	Date	English	French	Spanish
UIA General Assembly	29 October	■	■	■
Opening Ceremony	29 October	■	■	■
Main Theme 1 Present and Future of Foreign Investment Dispute Resolution	30 October	■	■	■
Collective Members' Forum	30 October	■	■	■
Women's Committee	30 October	■	■	■
Banking and Financial Services Law	30 October	■	■	■
International Bar Leaders' Senate	30 October	■	■	■
Foreign Investment / Tax Law	30 October	■	■	■
Bankruptcy Law	30 October	■	■	■
Criminal Law / International Criminal Defence	30 October	■	■	■
Main Theme 2 Agrifood, Sustainability and International Trade	31 October	■	■	■
Family Law / Health Law	31 October	■	■	■
NextGen Network	31 October	■	■	■
International Arbitration	31 October	■	■	■
AI Task Force	31 October	■	■	■
UIA-IROL Session	31 October	■	■	■
Litigation	31 October	■	■	■
NextGen Network – Students' Debate	31 October	■	■	■
International Arbitration / Litigation	31 October	■	■	■
Contract Law / In-house counsel / International sale of Goods	1 November	■	■	■
Animal Law / Banking and Financial Services / Human Rights	1 November	■	■	■
Corporate and M&A / Real Estate	1 November	■	■	■
International Estate Planning / LGBTQIA+ Committee	1 November	■	■	■
International Estate Planning	1 November	■	■	■
Family Law	1 November	■	■	■
Criminal Law / Human Rights	1 November	■	■	■
Mediation and Conflict Prevention	1 November	■	■	■
OHADA Law	1 November	■	■	■
Special session - Human Rights and Climate Emergency; Business and Human Rights	1 November	■	■	■
Closing Ceremony	1 November	■	■	■



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- **10 copies** of the UIA Magazine, the Juriste,
- **10 copies** of the UIA Membership Directory.

Social Activities

All participants are requested to mark the activities in which they wish to participate on the registration form, whether or not they are included in the Congress registration fees.

For optional activities that are not included in the registration fee, registration will not be confirmed until full payment is received.

Please note that participation to the social activities is strictly reserved to Congress participants and their accompanying persons.

OPENING CEREMONY ■ 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Welcome Cocktail ■ 8.30 pm - 10.00 pm

Wednesday, 29 October

Teatro Degollado



The opening ceremony of the congress will take place at the one of the best-preserved theaters in Latin America, Teatro Degollado, icon of Mexican cultural

heritage and emblematic site of artistic excellence.

In the spirit of the UIA tradition, several key officials will welcome the participants and wish them successful sessions. During the opening ceremony, the 2025 UIA Rule of Law Award in cooperation with LexisNexis will be delivered to an individual or an organisation who actively contributes to the advancement of the rule of law within the legal community. The fourth edition of the UIA/LexisNexis LegalTech Inspiration Award will also be presented during the Opening Ceremony.

The ceremony will be followed by a welcome cocktail at the Supremo Tribunal De Justicia Del Estado De Jalisco, where you will be able to meet your friends and colleagues.

INFORMAL RECEPTION

Thursday, 30 October ■ 7.00 pm

Cortijo Los Fernández

Cortijo Los Fernandez is a one of a kind venue for social, tourist and business events. This beautiful property has hosted all different types of events for over 25 years, creating a reputation as a place that promises unforgettable memories and legendary events.



The Venue is home to over 20,000 square meters of wooded gardens filled with flowering plants and a peaceful man-made lake for guests to enjoy. The gardens, surrounded by three different terraces, including a unique Catalan dome embodying the Hacienda style architecture of Old Mexico, will host the dinner and dancing, as well as some local artisans exhibit and fair games.

This is your chance to make the most of your evening and spend some relaxing time together!

GALA DINNER

Friday, 31 October ■ 8.30 pm

Cabañas Cultural Institute



Cabañas Cultural Institute was one of the oldest and largest orphanage and hospital complexes in the Americas. Now turned into a museum, the main hall hosts the magnum opus frescoes of muralist painter José Clemente Orozco. The place was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997.

Price of the Gala Dinner: €200 per person



The number of participants is limited; therefore registrations will be confirmed in order of receipt.

Please note that table reservations are only possible for sponsorship purposes. For more information, please contact us.

CLOSING CEREMONY AND COCKTAIL

Saturday, 1 November ■ 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm

The transfer of the presidency from Carlo Mastellone to President-Elect Fernando Hernández Gómez will be a key moment of the closing ceremony. The latter will also offer a summary of the scientific work undertaken at the Congress.

During the closing ceremony, the Commission of the Year and National Committee of the Year Awards will be delivered for the excellent work performed during the past year. The ceremony will be followed by a cocktail.

GENERAL EXCURSION

Sunday, 2 November ■ Full day

Visit of Tequila

Do not miss the opportunity to visit the charming town of Tequila! The day will start with a visit of the characteristic blue agave fields that stretch across the hills all around the region.

We will then move to the town to visit the Cultural Center and the Mundo Cuervo distillery, one of the world's most famous producers of Tequila.

The visit includes a round-trip private transfer from Guadalajara, a tour guide for every 40 pax and lunch in the charming setting of the Gran Salon near the distillery.

Price of the general excursion: €120 per person

The hotels selected by the UIA are located at a short distance from Expo Guadalajara (Congress venue).

You can book your accommodation online at: www.uia-guadalajara.bnetwork.com

The rates we offer are specially negotiated for the UIA Congress. Breakfast is included in the room rate of all the hotels on offer.

Given the limited number of rooms and the fact that preferential rates cannot be guaranteed beyond the number of rooms booked for the UIA, we recommend that you make your hotel reservation as soon as possible with our partner Bnetwork.

Please note that the UIA does not organise a shuttle service between the hotels and the congress venue.

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18 min by car

HILTON GUADALAJARA MIDTOWN 4*

Location: Midtown, 6 km from the Congress venue,

15 min by car

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS GUADALAJARA EXPO 3*

Location: 900 m from the Congress venue,

13 min walking or 4 min by car

Price per night and per room, inclusive of VAT (10%) and breakfast, exclusive of city tax

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Pre-Congress and post-Congress activities

Reservations for pre-Congress and post-Congress tours should be made directly through AlicoTours (operations@alicocom.mx). If you would like more travel options, please contact Alico Tours directly.

Pre-Congress Tour: Mexico City And Surroundings (4 days / 3 night) from Saturday 25 to Tuesday 28 October 2025

Day 1 : 25 OCTOBER 2025 (SAT) | TRANSFER IN MEXICO CITY AIRPORT

Arrival to International Airport in Mexico City Benito Juárez, assistance and transfer to your hotel (meals not included).

Night in Mexico City:

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<https://www.barcelo.com/>

Day 2: 26 OCTOBER 2025 (SUN) | CITY TOUR and Folkloric Ballet

After breakfast at the hotel, you will leave to visit at the Anthropological Museum (Main show rooms, the museum closes on Monday), Chapultepec Castle and Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo House Studio Museum (the museum closes on Monday).

You will also see the famous Ballet Folkloric de México in Bellas Artes Palace (only available on Sundays).

Lunch and dinner not included. At the end we will come back to your hotel .

Night in Mexico City:

BARCELÓ MÉXICO REFORMA 4* LOCAL NORM

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Day 3: 27 OCTOBER 2025 (MON) | TEOTIHUACAN HALF DAY (42km 1h)

After breakfast at the hotel, departure to Teotihuacan, an archaeological site which is among the most important pre-Hispanic ruins.

Lunch and Dinner not included

Night in Mexico City:

BARCELÓ MÉXICO REFORMA 4* LOCAL NORM

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Day 4: 28 OCTOBER 2025 (TUE) | FRIDA & DIEGO «Passion & Art»

Breakfast at the hotel, then visit of Museo Casa Azul (Frida Kahlo's Blue House). Departure to International Airport in Mexico City Benito Juárez, according to the flight schedule.

Lunch & dinner are not included.

Overnight not included.

Prices quoted per person in Us American Dollars

MINIMUM: 4 PASSENGERS TRAVELING TOGETHER

PRICE PER PERSON:

\$1,252 USD (IN DOUBLE ROOM)

\$1,754 USD (IN SINGLE ROOM)

These prices include: Transfers provided in the program in air conditioned minivan recent model (1 transfer round trip), accommodation in a double or single room in a 4 * hotel Local Norm, with breakfast 3 nights in Mexico City, visits and entrances to the sites on the program and English-speaking guide during transfers and excursions

These prices do not include: International or Domestic flights, lunch or dinners, drinks, visa expenses, tips, personal expenses, extraordinary expenses derived from items outside the agency's responsibility such as: strikes, train or plane delays, bad weather conditions, etc., assistance / repatriation insurance (mandatory) and cancellation / luggage insurance (optional).

The above prices have been established based on a minimum of 4 participants traveling together. Alico tours reserves the right to review the rates or cancel the tour in case of not reaching this minimum.

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Post-Congress Tour: Mini-Route Package Guadalajara –Yucatán (4 days / 3 night) from Monday 3 to Thursday 6 November

Day 1: 03 NOVEMBER 2025 (MON) GUADALAJARA AIRPORT – FLIGHT TO- CANCÚN – CHICHÉN ITZÁ

Transfer to airport in Guadalajara to take flight to Cancún.

Arrival to Cancún, assistance and transfer to your hotel in Chichén Itzá.

Meals not included.

Night in Chichén Itzá: HACIENDA CHICHÉN 4* LOCAL NORM, Standard Room. <https://www.haciendachichen.com/>

Day 2: 04 NOVEMBER 2025 (TUE) CHICHÉN ITZÁ – MÉRIDA

Breakfast at the hotel

Continue to Mérida, on the route visit Chichén Itzá archaeological site.

Visit a Cenote and time for swim.

Arrive to Mérida and City tour sightseeing.

Lunch and Dinner not included

At the end we will come back to your hotel

Night in Mérida:

HYATT REGENCY MÉRIDA 4* LOCAL NORM, Standard Room.

<https://www.hyatt.com/>

Day 3: 05 NOVEMBER 2025 (WED) MÉRIDA - CANCÚN

Breakfast at the hotel

Continue to Izamal and Valladolid, Magical Towns.

Lunch and Dinner not included

Arrive to Cancún and transfer to the hotel

Night in Cancún:

ALOFT CANCÚN 4* LOCAL NORM, Standard Room.

Hotel is not on the beach. <https://www.marriott.com/>

Day 4: 06 NOVEMBER 2025 (THU) CANCÚN AIRPORT – OUT

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to airport in Cancún to take flight to back home.

Prices quoted per person in Us American Dollars

MINIMUM: 4 PASSENGERS TRAVELING TOGETHER

PRICE PER PERSON:

\$794 USD (IN DOUBLE ROOM)

\$1,056 USD (IN SINGLE ROOM)

These prices include: Transfers provided in the program in air conditioned Minivan recent model, accommodation in a double or single room in a 4 * hotel with 1 night in Chichén Itzá & 1 night in Mérida, 1 night in Cancún, visits and entrances to the sites on the program, English-speaking guide during transfers and visits.

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Environmental tax or Resort fee in Cancún hotel is not included and these taxes need to be paid at check in at the hotel by guests. Taxes revisable until confirmation, they change without notice.

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Registration Information

HOW TO REGISTER?

Register online at gdl.uianet.org

When you connect to the UIA website, do not forget to fill in your username (membership number or email address) and your password in «My Space». A confirmation by email will be sent by the UIA for each registration received with the full payment of the registration fees. In the event you do not receive our email within 7 days, please contact us to find out the status of your registration.

Your registration will only be confirmed after the full payment of the registration fees.

Members of the legal profession cannot be registered as accompanying persons for the Congress. Accompanying persons are not authorized to attend scientific sessions. To be able to participate in social activities, accompanying persons need to have registered and paid the corresponding registration fees. They will be given a special badge.

REGISTRATION FEES

Congress Participant Individual Registration	Registration Fees		
	Until 31 July 2025	From 1 st August to 14 September 2025	From 15 September 2025 onwards
UIA MEMBER			
Standard (categories 1 and 2 as per the UIA list)*	€ 1,950	€ 2,200	€ 2,400
Young lawyer (< 35 years)** (categories 1 and 2 as per the UIA list)*	€ 1,350	€ 1,500	€ 1,700
Emerging country (categories 3 and 4 as per the UIA list)*	€ 1 050	€ 1,200	€ 1,400
Young lawyer (< 35 years)** from an emerging country (categories 3 and 4 as per the UIA list)*	€ 900	€ 1,000	€ 1,200
One-day registration (valid only for one day) Specify the day: <input type="checkbox"/> 29/10 <input type="checkbox"/> 30/10 <input type="checkbox"/> 31/10 <input type="checkbox"/> 1/11	€ 600		€ 800
NON MEMBER			
Standard (categories 1 and 2 as per the UIA list)*	€ 2,400	€ 2,650	€ 2,850
Young lawyer (< 35 years)** (categories 1 and 2 as per the UIA list)*	€ 1,700	€ 1,850	€ 2,050
Emerging country (categories 3 and 4 as per the UIA list)*	€ 1,350	€ 1,500	€ 1,700
Young lawyer (< 35 years)** from an emerging country (categories 3 and 4 as per the UIA list)*	€ 1,150	€ 1,250	€ 1,450
One-day registration (valid only for one day) Specify the day: <input type="checkbox"/> 29/10 <input type="checkbox"/> 30/10 <input type="checkbox"/> 31/10 <input type="checkbox"/> 1/11	€ 700		€ 900
SPECIAL RATES (please submit appropriate credentials)	Until 31 July 2025		From 1 st August onwards
Full-time academic, judge and government lawyer***	€ 1,000		€ 1,200
In-house counsel****	€ 1,500		€ 1,700
Law student*****	€ 300		
Latin American Lawyers	€ 1,350		
ACCOMPANYING PERSONS' REGISTRATION*****			
Lunches & Evening package (opening, informal evening, closing)	€ 550 €		

Registration fees include*:

- Opening ceremony at the Teatro Degollado and welcome cocktail at the Supremo Tribunal De Justicia on 29 October
- Language and regional forums on 29 October, except for accompanying persons
- Working sessions (main themes, commission session and special sessions) on 30 and 31 October and 1 November, except for accompanying persons
- Lunches and coffee breaks on 30 and 31 October and 1 November
- Informal reception at Cortijo Los Fernandez on 30 October, except for law students
- Closing ceremony and cocktail on 1 November
- Congress bag (for Congress participants only)
- Access to the exhibition area

All the participants are requested to mention the activities in which they wish to participate, whether or not they are included in the congress registration fees.

For activities that are not included in the registration fees, no registration shall be made until the full payment for the concerned activity has been received.

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(***) This registration is for judges, government lawyers and for academics that are non-lawyers only.

(****) To register as an in-house lawyer, please provide your full professional details.

(*****) This registration is reserved for students under 30 years old and does not provide access to the informal evening.

(******) This registration does not provide access to working sessions.

All registrations received by the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA) along with the full payment of fees corresponding to the events selected will be confirmed in writing. A registration number will be assigned to each participant, which will be required during registration at Expo Guadalajara for handing over the Congress documents.

Please note that any registration not paid within 30 days will be automatically cancelled.

Participation in UIA activities is conditional upon adherence to and compliance with the UIA Code of Conduct. Failing this, the UIA reserves the right to refuse registration for the said activity.

In the event of a breach of the said Code, the UIA may exclude a participant from an activity, after having invited him/her to present his/her explanations orally. Such exclusion shall not entail reimbursement of the registration fee.

The UIA reserves the right to cancel or postpone the Congress to a later date, change the Congress venue and/or programme, make any corrections or modifications in the information published in the Congress programme and cancel any invitation to participate in the Congress, at any time and at their discretion, without having to provide any reasons.

Neither the UIA, nor any of its managers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be held responsible for any loss or damage, of any nature, suffered (directly or indirectly) by a Congress delegate, accompanying person or a third party following any cancellations, changes, postponements or modifications.

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The contractual relationship between the UIA and each participant (Congress delegate or accompanying person) in relation to the Congress are governed exclusively by French law. All dispute arising therefrom shall be resolved exclusively by the courts of Paris, France.

For accommodation for the Congress, the contractual relationship will be established directly between Bnetwork and each participant.

FORMALITIES

It is the responsibility of Congress participants to ensure compliance with police, customs and health formalities for their journey. Congress participants unable to take part in the Congress because of their inability to take a flight or any other means of transportation due to being unable to provide the documents required (passport, visa, vaccination certificate, etc.) cannot claim any reimbursement.

FORCE MAJEURE

"Force majeure" means any event external to the parties, of both an unforeseeable and insurmountable nature, that prevents either the client or the participants, or the agency or service providers involved in organizing the Congress, from executing all or part of the obligations provided for in the present agreement. By express agreement, such will be the case in the event of a strike affecting the means of transport, hotel staff, air traffic controllers, an insurrection, a riot or any prohibition whatever decreed by Governmental or public authorities. It is expressly agreed that for the parties, a case of force majeure would suspend the execution of their reciprocal obligations. At the same time, each of the parties shall be responsible for all the expenses incumbent upon them, resulting from the case of force majeure.

HEALTH

The UIA declines any liability in case of any health problems that may lead to complications or be aggravated during any part of the stay: pregnancy, cardio-vascular problems, any allergies, special diets, any disorders under treatment and not yet resolved on the day the Congress starts, psychological, mental or depressive illness, etc. (Non-exhaustive list).

DATA PROTECTION POLICY

Personal data collected is processed by the Union Internationale des Avocats, in its capacity as data controller. The data is used to manage registrations for events organised by the Union Internationale des Avocats.

In accordance with the applicable regulations, you have the right to access, rectify and delete your personal data, as well as the right to data portability. You may also withdraw your consent to the processing of your personal data at any time or request that such processing be restricted.

Finally, you have the right to specify instructions concerning the fate of your data in the event of your demise.

CANCELLATION TERMS

Cancellation of Registration for the Congress / Gala Dinner / General Excursion

All cancellations will be subject to a 20% processing fee and must be sent in writing to the UIA (uiacentre@uianet.org) no later than 30 September 2025. There will be no refunds for cancellations received after this date, not even for cancellations due to medical reasons.

The UIA strongly advises participants to take out a cancellation insurance. Participants who have paid the total registration fee and who are unable to attend the Congress personally may send a colleague as a substitute after informing the UIA. A €50 processing fee will be charged.

All refunds will be paid after the Congress.

INVITATION LETTERS

If you require an official invitation letter in order to obtain a visa, please:

- Register for the Congress and pay the registration fees as early as possible and no later than 7 September 2025 to ensure there is enough time to obtain a visa;

- Submit your request for an invitation letter no later than 7 September 2025. Invitation letters cannot be guaranteed after this date.

Applying for your visa

Once you have your invitation letter, you will need to apply for your visa. You are urged to contact the nearest Mexican embassy or consulate as early as possible to determine where you should apply. You should also ask how long completing the visa process normally takes.

Registration refunds due to visa refusal / lack of answer from the Embassy

If you are refused a visa and you applied for your visa before 7 September 2025, we will refund your registration fees minus €50 to cover administrative costs. To be considered for a registration refund, please:

- Submit proof of a visa refusal to the UIA (uiacentre@uianet.org) before the Congress;

- Submit a stamped copy of your visa application form (showing that you applied before 7 September 2025) before the Congress.

If your visa is issued after the Congress date or if you do not have proof of a visa refusal, you will not be entitled to a refund.

If you apply for a visa but are unable to get an appointment with the Mexican embassy, or if you get an appointment but you have no answer to your visa application in time to get your visa for the Congress, we will refund your registration fees minus €50 to cover administrative costs. To be considered for a registration refund, please notify the UIA (uiacentre@uianet.org) sending proof of transmission of your file to the Embassy no later than 22 October 2025.

ASSISTANCE / REPATRIATION INSURANCE (at your own expense)

With regard to your participation in the Congress, we recommend that you purchase an insurance policy providing hospitalization and medical expenses coverage.

For your information, insurance may be included if you pay with some credit cards (please check with your bank to obtain details about such coverage).

The UIA declines all liability in case a Congress participant fails to purchase such an insurance policy.

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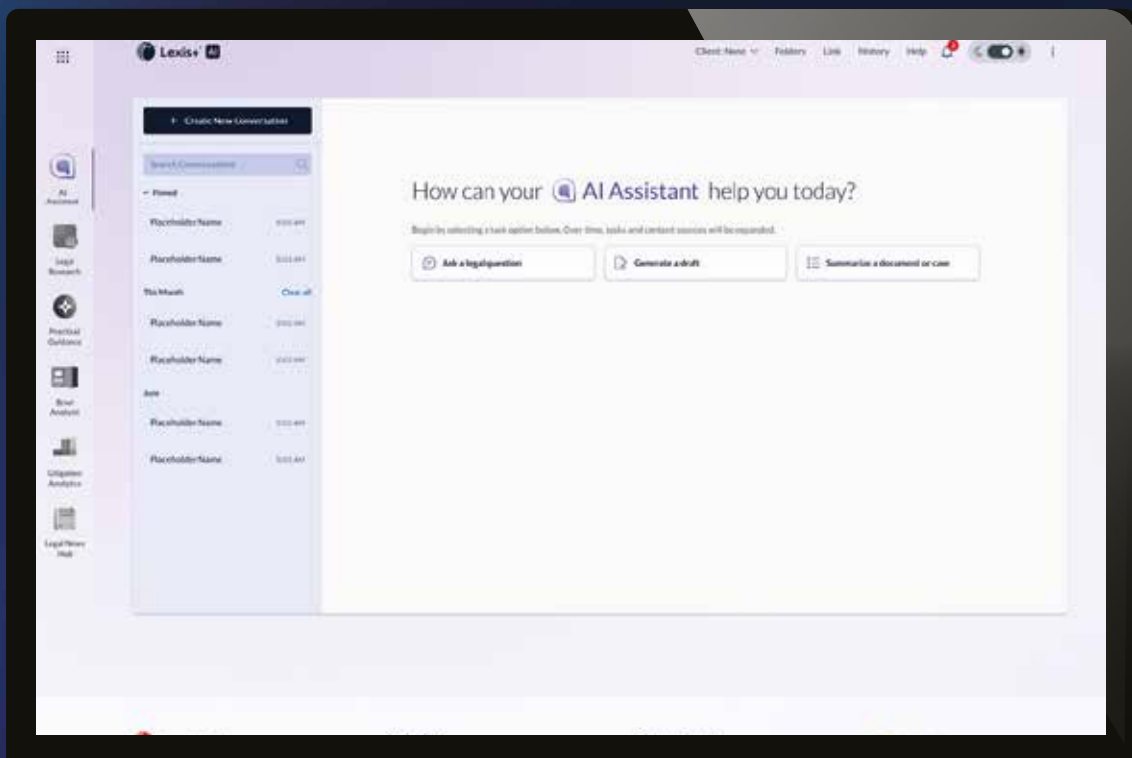


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