

THE SINGAPORE CONVENTION ON MEDIATION: WHAT COMES NEXT?

Overview

The United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, also known as the Singapore Convention on Mediation, was adopted by the UN General Assembly on 20 December 2018. The Convention is the first UN treaty to be named after Singapore. It enables a cross-border mediated settlement agreement to be enforced or to be invoked to prove that a matter had already been resolved.

Singapore hosted the signing ceremony for the Singapore Convention on Mediation on 7 August 2019. 70 countries attended this event, with 46 countries signing the Convention that day. Another 24 countries attended the signing ceremony to show their support for the Convention. Since the signing ceremony, 7 other countries have signed the Convention, bringing the total number of signatories to 53. Six countries have ratified the Convention, and it has entered into force on 12 September 2020.

What were the negotiations that led to the Singapore Convention on Mediation like? What were some of the differences that needed to be bridged, that enabled a Convention to be agreed upon? This session will cover a sharing on the Convention and its negotiation process.

This webinar will also provide participants with an understanding of the different ways in which a party can make enforcement or invocation applications under the Singapore Convention on Mediation Act 2020 and its Rules, the requirements that a party must satisfy before the Court will consider approving an enforcement or invocation application, and the provisions that stipulate the grounds that the Court may consider in refusing such an application.

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Programme

Date:

Thursday, 22 October 2020

Venue:

Zoom Online

(Upon your successful registration, log-in details will be emailed to you a day prior to the event)

3.00pm: Webinar

4.00pm: Question & Answer

4.15pm: End of Event

Fee:

Early Bird: S\$15 (after GST)

(Early bird ends on Sunday, 18 Oct 2020, 11.59pm)

Standard Fee: \$20 (after GST)

CPD Details

Public CPD Point(s): 1

Practice Area: Alternative Dispute Resolution

Training Category: General

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Speakers



Natalie Y. Morris-Sharma (Ms)

Deputy Senior State Counsel, Attorney-General's Chambers

Ms. Natalie Y. Morris-Sharma is Deputy Senior State Counsel with the international law department of Singapore's Attorney-General's Chambers. She has participated in and led several bilateral and multilateral negotiations. Amongst others, she has chaired meetings and processes at the United Nations, including the negotiations that developed the Singapore Convention on Mediation. Natalie currently serves as rapporteur of the UNCITRAL Working Group on investor-State dispute settlement reform. She was actively involved in the Singapore Convention Signing Ceremony and Conference that was held in Singapore in August 2019.

Gloria Lim (Ms)

Director of the Legal Industry Division and Director of Legal Services, Ministry of Law

Ms. Gloria Lim is the Director of the Legal Industry Division of the Ministry of Law, Singapore. She is also concurrently the Director of Legal Services of the Legal Services Regulatory Authority. In her role as Director of the Legal Industry Division, Gloria oversees the policy formulation, development and implementation of initiatives to develop Singapore's legal sector, including Singapore's international dispute resolution regime. For the three years that the Singapore Convention on Mediation (SCM) was negotiated at UNCITRAL, Gloria and her team worked closely with the Singapore delegations that represented Singapore for the Working Group II sessions on the proposed text for the Convention. She was also actively involved in the overall planning and execution of the signing of the SCM in August 2019, in her capacity as Deputy Chair of the SCM Organising Committee and Chair of the Singapore Convention Week and Conference Sub-Committee, as well as the recent digital celebration on 12 September 2020 that marked the entry into force of the Convention.



Sharon S M Ong (Ms)

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Ms. Sharon S M Ong is the Director-General of the International & Advisory Group of the Ministry of Law. She was Singapore's representative to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law ("UNCITRAL") Working Group II (Dispute Settlement), which successfully concluded its work on the Singapore Convention on Mediation. She oversees the work of the Policy Advisory Division, which includes driving law reforms and developing legislation such as the Singapore Convention on Mediation Act 2020 and its Rules, and the Mediation Act 2017, to advance Singapore's legal framework. She also oversees the work of the International Legal Division, which was responsible for the lobbying efforts to secure support for the Singapore Convention. Sharon was actively involved in the overall planning and execution of both the Singapore Convention Signing Ceremony and Conference in August 2019, as well as the digital celebration on 12 September 2020 to commemorate the Singapore Convention's entry into force.



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