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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## DAY 1

MONDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2016 – HALL NO. 5, VIGYAN BHAWAN

10.30 - 11.30 : REGISTRATION

11.30 - 12.30 : LUNCH

### INAUGURAL SESSION: 50 YEARS OF UNCITRAL

13.10 - 13.20 : Welcome Address by **Dr Gaston Kenfack Douajni** *Chair of UNCITRAL*

13.20 - 13.30 : Address by Hon'ble **Mr Justice TS Thakur** *Chief Justice of India*

13.30 - 13.45 : Keynote Address by **Shri Pranab Mukherjee** *Hon'ble President of India*

13.45 - 13.50 : Vote of Thanks by **Fali Nariman** *Chairman, UNCCI*

13.50 : National Anthem

### SPECIAL ADDRESS

14.00 - 14.30 : PIVOTAL ROLE OF UNCITRAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW AND LESSONS FOR THE FUTURE

**H. E. Sheikha Haya Rasheed Al Khalifa** *Former President, 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly*

14.30 - 15.45 : SESSION 1: REDEFINING ARBITRABILITY: TO EXPAND OR NOT TO EXPAND

**CHAIR: Gourab Banerji** *Vice Chairman, UNCCI*

- **Ajay Thomas** *Former Director and Registrar, LCIA-India*
- **Lord Peter Goldsmith** *Co-Managing Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton*
- **Pui-Ki Emmanuelle Ta** *Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration*
- **Sophie Lamb** *Partner, Latham & Watkins*

15.45 - 16.45 : SESSION 2: 50 YEARS OF UNCITRAL: EXPERIENCE FROM THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

**CHAIR: Dr Shashi Tharoor** *Chairperson, Parliamentary Standing Committee for External Affairs*

- **Dr VD Sharma** *Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs*
- **João Ribeiro** *Head of UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific*

16.45 - 17.30 : TEA/COFFEE

19.30 - 21.30 : DINNER RECEPTION (by special invitation only)



# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## DAY 2

TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2016 – GRAND BALLROOM, THE LEELA NEW DELHI

- 10.00 - 10.30 : Keynote address by **Cherie Blair CBE**, QC *Founder and Chair, Omnia Strategy*
- 10.30 - 10.45 : Chief Guest's Address by **Shri MJ Akbar** *Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India*
- 10.45 - 12.00 : SESSION 3: TACKLING THE NEXT LEVEL: EMERGING LEGAL STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONIC COMMERCE ACROSS BORDERS
- CHAIR: Shreyas Jayasimha** *Advocate, Aarna Law*
- **Ashish Chandra** *General Counsel, Snapdeal*
  - **Jayantha Fernando** *Director & Legal Advisor at ICT Agency of Sri Lanka*
  - **Dr Alan Davidson** *Senior Lecturer, TC Beirne School of Law*
  - **Rachit Bahl** *Partner, AZB & Partners*
  - **Tahseen A Khan** *Vice Chair, UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business*
- 12.00 - 12.15 : TEA/COFFEE
- 12.15 - 13.30 : SESSION 4: CALL FOR CONSISTENCY: THE FUTURE OF CROSS-BORDER INSOLVENCY
- CHAIR: Dr TK Viswanathan** *Chairman, Bankruptcy Law Reforms Committee*
- **Sumant Batra** *Former President, INSOL*
  - **AS Chandhiok** *Former Additional Solicitor General of India*
  - **Christopher J Redmond** *Partner, Husch Blackwell LLP*
  - **Aniruddha Rajput** *Member, International Law Commission*
- 13.30 - 13.45 : Pre-lunch speaker: **Salman Khurshid** *Former External Affairs Minister*
- 13.45 - 14.45 : BUFFET LUNCH
- 14.45 - 16.00 : SESSION 5: INNOVATION AND REFORM FOR EFFICIENCY AND LEGITIMACY IN INVESTMENT ARBITRATION
- CHAIR: Timothy Lemay** *Principal Legal Officer, Secretariat of UNICTRAL*
- **Cesare Onestini** *Deputy Head of the EU Delegation of India*
  - **Salim Moollan** *QC Essex Court Chambers*
  - **George Pothan** *Consultant, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India*
  - **Dr Chester Brown** *Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney*
  - **Olga Boltenko** *Counsel, CMS Hasche Sigle, Hong Kong*
- 16.00 - 16.30 : CONCLUDING SESSION: THE FUTURE OF UNCITRAL
- **Sujata Mehta** *Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India*
  - **Timothy Lemay** *Principal Legal Officer, Secretariat of UNCITRAL*
  - **Adwaita Sharma** *Secretary, UNCCI*
- 16.30 - 17.00 : TEA/COFFEE
- 17.00 : END OF CONFERENCE





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