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SPEAKERS BIO



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John D. Gregory is a Canadian legal consultant with a particular interest in electronic communications. Before his retirement in 2016, he spent over 30 years as policy counsel to the Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario, Canada, where he developed legislation and regulations on e-commerce, defamation, alternative dispute resolution, and private international law conventions. He holds a B.A. and LL.B. from the University of Toronto, an LL.M. (Business Law) from York University (Osgoode Hall) and an M.Sc. (Econ.) from the London School of Economics.



Luca Castellani
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Luca Castellani is a legal officer in the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). After graduating in law in the University of Torino, he received a doctoral degree in comparative law from the University of Trieste and a master in international law from New York University.

He joined the Office of Legal Affairs of the secretariat of the United Nations in 2001 and the UNCITRAL secretariat in 2004. As secretary of UNCITRAL Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce), he oversaw preparation of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records, which is the first commercial law text explicitly enabling the use of distributed ledger technologies as well as a smart contract and fintech facilitator. He also contributed to drafting the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific, which is the first international agreement in its field. He writes on international trade law and comparative law, dealing with sale of goods, electronic commerce and paperless trade facilitation and trade law reform in developing countries.



Soo Hyun Kim
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Ms. Soo Hyun Kim is currently managing capacity building projects on cross-border paperless trade and trade facilitation in the age of pandemics; and supporting the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific. Previously she worked in the Investment and Enterprise Development Section with research focus on foreign direct investment (FDI) and national and international investment regimes and their impact on sustainable development. She also worked to promote public-private sector dialogue by organizing the Asia-Pacific Business Forum (APBF) and supporting the ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN). Prior to this, she worked at the United Nations Secretariat in New York; local government (United Kingdom); and a higher education institution (United Kingdom). She holds master's degree in business administration (specialisation in financial management) from TiasNimbas Business School (Netherlands) and library and information science from Loughborough University (United Kingdom).



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Jonathan Koh has over 30 years of experience in providing solutions in trade arena and hands-on experience in many trade facilitation / Single Window projects in various part of the world. He had been involved in over 30 trade facilitation / single window programmes globally, including serving as project director for several national trade facilitation / single window projects. He was also involved in many regional connectivity projects; as an expert resource for the ASEAN Single Window, as well as implementation of the regional connectivity programme connecting the four Pacific Alliance countries. He served as the Project Director for the Single Window implementation projects in Kenya and Qatar. In 2016, he was lead consultant to the Government of Hong Kong SAR advising on their next generation Single Window. He was also lead consultant to the Government of Greece, and helped developed their National Trade Facilitation Strategy and Roadmap.