The University of Western Australia is proud to be hosting the UNCITRAL Asia and Pacific Day, in honour of the birthday of UNCITRAL (United Nations Commission on International Trade Law). Our Law School – the only law school in Australia selected to celebrate the birthday of UNCITRAL – will be marking this special occasion with the following two separate events:

**Public Lecture**

“UNCITRAL nearing 50: Challenges and Perspectives for Uniform Commercial Law Reform” - Mr Luca Castellani, UNCITRAL Legal Officer

Mr Luca Castellani of UNCITRAL will discuss the work of UNCITRAL seen, in particular, from the perspective of his experience as founding head of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific. Why are uniform law and UNCITRAL important for Australia? How does commercial law reform relate to fighting poverty and promoting peace and stability? Why official development assistance often neglects programs aimed at reforming commercial law despite support for furthering the rule of law? These are some of the thought-provoking issues that will be dealt with in this lecture. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear first-hand about commercial law reform. Pro-Vice Chancellor Kent Anderson will deliver the opening address.

11am, Thursday, 10 December

G.06, Moot Court
Law School
UWA Crawley Campus

Cost: Free (no registration required)
Symposium

“New Uniform Laws for Western Australia: Arbitration, Sales and Electronic Transactions”

UNCITRAL Asia & Pacific Day Symposium (CPD event - ethics and substantive law - fee and registration required)

The seminar will take place in the afternoon between 3:00pm to 5.30pm at the UWA CBA office. In this seminar Mr Luca Castellani (UNCITRAL), Dr Lisa Spagnolo (Monash) and Professors Gabriel Moens (Curtin) and Camilla Baasch Andersen (UWA) will share their insights with invited practitioners and the judiciary on new developments shaped by UNCITRAL. The opening address will be delivered by Andrea Gleason, Director of the WA State Office of DFAT. Attendants at this event are also invited to participate in a Dean's Drinks event immediately following the symposium.

*Full attendance at the evening symposium entitles a legal practitioner to 1.5 legal Continuing Professional Development points in Competency Area 3, Ethics and Professional Responsibility (0.5) and Competency Area 4, Substantive Law (1).

3pm-5.30pm, Thursday, 10 December

UWA City Premises
WA Trustees Building
Level 2, 133 St Georges Tce

Cost: $165 (GST inclusive)