

UNCITRAL's Working Group II Continues to Consider a Convention for the Enforcement of Mediation Settlements

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The next session of the UNCITRAL Working Group II that will continue to consider whether there should be a convention to enforce commercial cross-border mediation settlements will be in Vienna, Austria the week of September 19, 2016. On September 21, there will be a free evening program when 2 panels will answer questions relating to settlement agreements resulting from mediation. Panel 1 will address enforcing settlement agreement: International vs. Domestic Mediation – Security vs. Flexibility. The main questions will be: What are the characteristics of international mediation as opposed to domestic mediation? How are those characteristics relevant to the design of a cross-border enforcement instrument for mediated settlement agreements? Why is there a need for a specific instrument on cross-border enforcement of settlement agreements? How to reconcile the flexible nature of international mediation with formal requirements of enforcement procedure?

The second panel will be comprised of Users and Mediators. This panel offers an opportunity to pose pragmatic questions to distinguished practicing mediators and users on how mediation issues are handled in practice, including issues in relation to enforcement of settlement agreements as currently considered by UNCITRAL.

Anyone in Vienna at that time should find their way to the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Room 1 Wiedner Hauptstrasse 63, 1040 Vienna to be part of the program.