

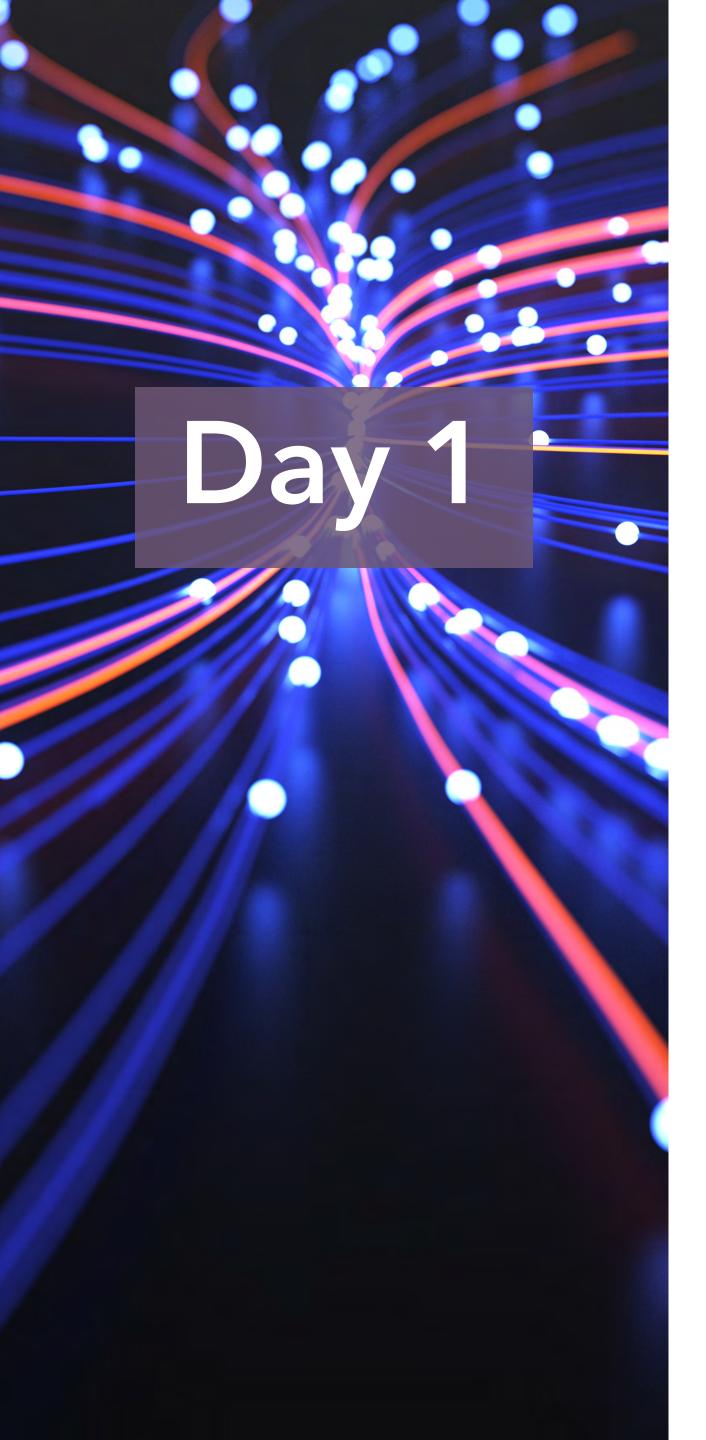
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Inside the Singapore Courts, including Singapore's eLitigation system and Heritage Gallery

Welcome remarks on behalf of Singapore as host:

Ms Indranee Rajah SC, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance and Second Minister for National Development, Singapore

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### Thursday 11 March



### **Opening session**

#### **Full live session**

### **Opening remarks:**

Lord John Thomas (Chairman, Steering Group) and Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon

### **SIFoCC Progress Report**

Mr Justice Robin Knowles and Grace Karrass (Head of Secretariat)

### Report of First SIFoCC International Working Group -

Working presumptions on international best practice in case management:

Chief Justice James Allsop and
Sir Peter Gross
(Working Group co-chairs)

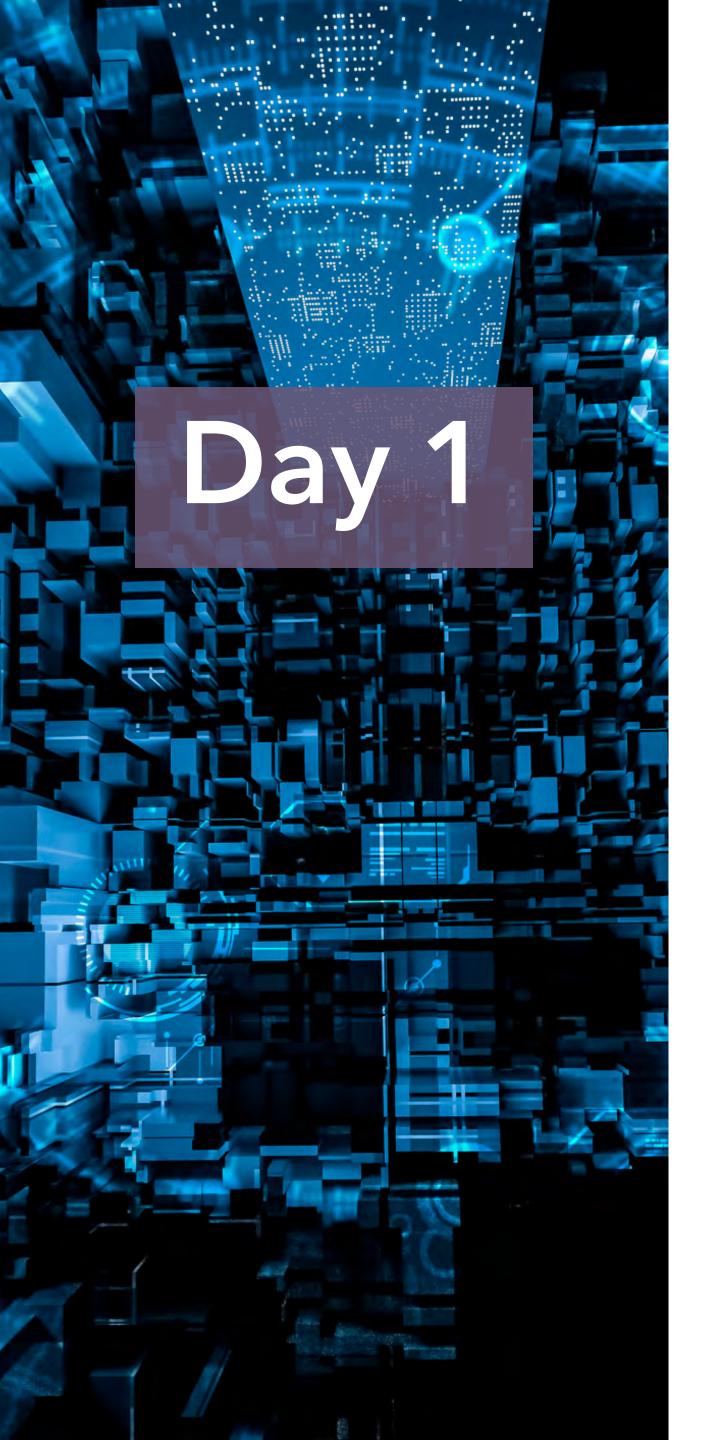
### Report of Second SIFoCC International Working Group -

Common themes in international enforcement of judgments (including the 2nd edition of the SIFoCC Multilateral Memorandum on Enforcement of Commercial Judgments for Money)

Justice Sir William Blair and Judge Francois Ancel (Working Group co-chairs)

### The SIFoCC Judicial Programme of Observation and Study

Chief Justice Hassan Jallow and Justice Zainab Alami



### Thursday 11 March



### Judicial roundtable discussion: Technology in a new world

#### **Full live session**

#### Objectives:

- To examine the use of technology as an enabler
- To consider issues arising from the use of technology - open justice, transparency and security, problems and opportunities presented by data, ethical and regulatory issues arising from artificial intelligence
- To prepare for the procedural, evidential and substantive questions that will face commercial courts in the age of technology in commerce e.g. understanding smart contracts, receiving evidence of what is on a blockchain, intervening in a contract that is self-executing

Chair: Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon (Singapore)

Pre-recorded contributions to be viewed in advance from:

**Professor Maxi Scherer**, Queen Mary University, London

Live introductory addresses:

Sir Geoffrey Vos MR (England and Wales)
Chief Justice Luiz Fux (Brazil)

Live roundtable discussion to include contributions from:

Justice Aedit Abdullah (Singapore)

Deputy Chief Judge Shen Honyu (People's Republic of China)

Registrar Chris Campbell-Holt (Kazakhstan)

Mr Justice Mark Horner (Northern Ireland)

Closing remarks: Mr. Justice L. Nageswara Rao (India)

**Break** 



### Thursday 11 March



# Judicial roundtable discussion: Commercial (third party) litigation funding

**Split live session** (Attendees are invited to either or both as convenient)

### First session Americas / Europe / Africa / Middle East

#### Objectives:

- To assess the present and prospective scale of use of commercial litigation funding, and its forms
- To reflect on the current models for regulation that are in use internationally
- To identify the issues that arise for the courts, and the role of the courts

Chair: Hon Loretta Preska (United States)

Pre-recorded contributions to be viewed in advance from:

Mr Edwin Tong SC, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law, Singapore

**Ms Susan Dunn,** Chair, the Association of Litigation Funders

Lord David Hope, Chief Justice (Abu Dhabi Global Markets Courts)

#### Written contribution in advance from:

Justice John Middleton (Australia) (Final Report "Integrity, Fairness and Efficiency -An Inquiry into Class Action Proceedings and Third-Party Litigation Funders", 2018)



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# Judicial roundtable discussion: Commercial (third party) litigation funding

**Split live session** (Attendees are invited to either or both as convenient)

### Second session Africa / Middle East / Asia / Australasia

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- To reflect on the current models for regulation that are in use internationally
- To identify the issues that arise for the courts, and the role of the courts

Chair: Chief Justice Tom Bathurst (New South Wales, Australia)

Pre-recorded contributions to be viewed in advance from:

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### Judicial roundtable discussion: Meeting the needs of court users

#### **Full live session**

#### Objectives:

- Responding to users given the economic consequences of the pandemic
- Identifying appropriate ways of courts keeping in touch with user needs
- Focusing on the importance of the rule of law to users

#### Co-chairs:

Chief Justice Emeritus Bart Katureebe (Uganda)

Justice Geoffrey Venning (New Zealand)

#### Live introductory addresses:

Chief Justice James Allsop(Australia Federal Courts)Dr Jan Tolkmitt, Federal Court, (Germany)

### Pre-recorded contributions to be viewed in advance from:

Mr Wong Taur-Jiun, Head of Legal and Sustainability, Rabobank Singapore Mr Shuva Mandal, General Counsel, Tata International

Mr Cavinder Bull SC, member of the Governing Board of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)

Mr Audley Sheppard QC, Chair, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

### Live roundtable discussion to include contributions from:

Sir Julian Flaux CHC (England and Wales)
Registrar Christopher Grout (Qatar)
Justice Kannan Ramesh (Singapore)
Justice Sir Richard Field (Dubai)



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Short final reflections on the present and future role for the world's commercial courts, and for SIFoCC

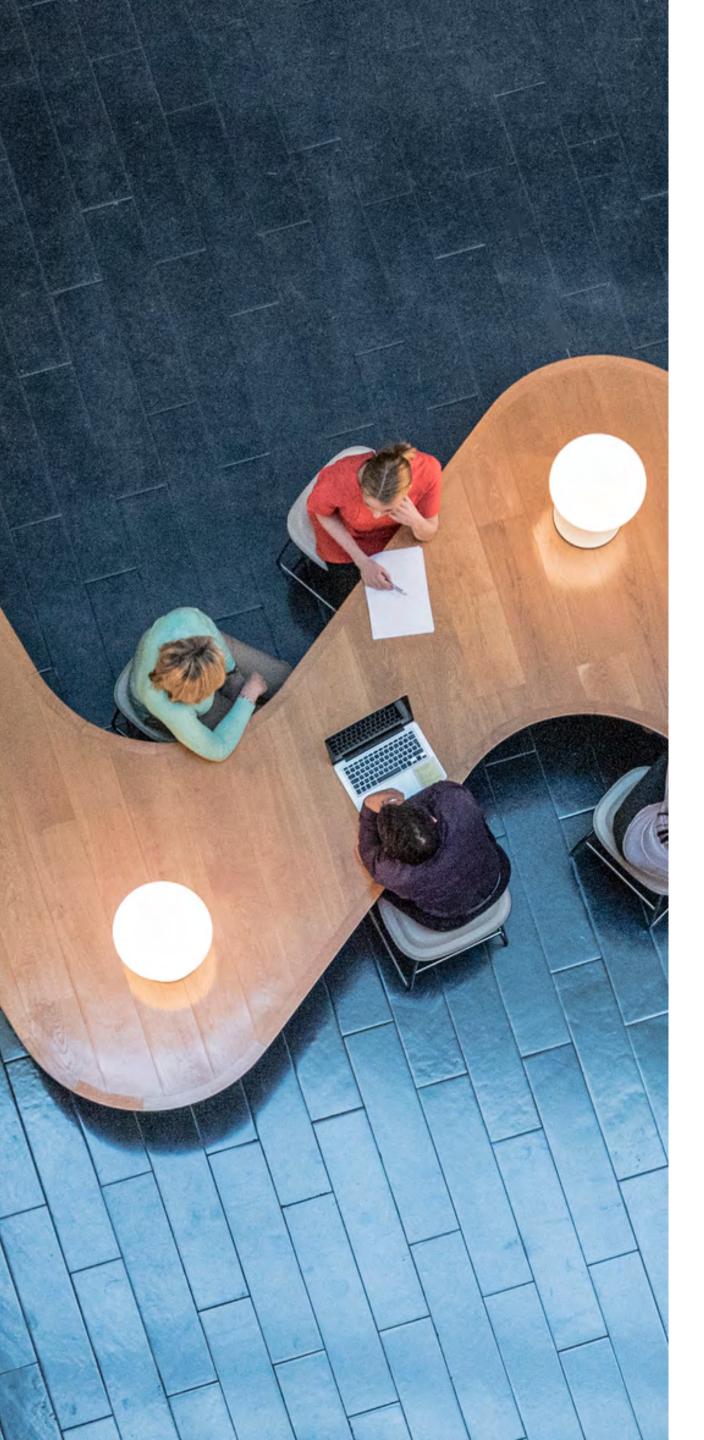
#### **Full live session**

Justice Madiyar Balken (Kazakhstan)
Presiding Judge S.K. Yeon (South Korea)
Chief Justice Andrew Cheung
(Hong Kong SAR)
Judge Fabienne Schaller (France)
Judge Nallini Pathmanathan (Malaysia)
Mr Justice Prateek Jalan (India)

Closing address:
Lord Chief Justice Ian Burnett
(England and Wales)

Agreed actions, forward look and details of next meeting: Lord John Thomas

Closing remarks: Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon and Lord Thomas



### Forum discussions

These will take place through written contributions in a chat-style forum. Live for the duration of 11-12 March.

1. Arbitration and the courts: Getting the best from both

### Objectives:

- Achieving transparency for users in what courts and arbitration have to offer as forms of dispute resolution
- Developing the best models for court involvement where the parties have chosen arbitration
- Exploring the potential for the courts to contribute to the development of ethical rules in international arbitration

- Achieving greater consistency internationally in the enforcement of arbitration awards under the New York Convention
- Exploring the challenges faced by courts and in arbitral tribunals during the COVID-19 pandemic, and distilling common learning points applicable to both litigation and arbitration

#### 2. Cross-border insolvency

### Objectives:

- Summarising current developments internationally
- Evaluating the current priority of the subject

### 3. Technology updates

An opportunity to share and discuss technological developments and updates from member courts

Forum discussion can be reached through portal (as per page 2)