



## 11<sup>th</sup> International Forum on the electronic Apostille Program (e-APP)

16-18 October 2019

*Hotel Gran Marquise, Fortaleza, Brazil*

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

#### **Wednesday 16 October 2019**

15:00      **Registration**

19:00      **Opening Session**

- **Minister Humberto Martins**  
*National Corregidor of Justice*
- **Dr Christophe Bernasconi**  
*Secretary General, Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)*
- **Judge Washington Luiz Bezerra de Araújo**  
*President of the Court of Justice of the State of Ceará*
- **Minister André Veras Guimarães**  
*Director for Security and Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil*
- **Dr Cláudio Marçal Freire**  
*President, Association of Notaries and Registrars of Brazil*
- **Dr Arion Cavalheiro Junior**  
*President, National Association of Registrars of Natural Persons of Brazil*
- **Dr José Elcio Batista**  
*Chief Secretary of the Civil Office, State of Ceará*
- **Dr Paulo Roberto Gaiger Ferreira**  
*President, Notarial College of Brazil – Federal Council*

***The Opening Session will be followed by a welcome reception.***

## **Thursday 17 October 2019**

### **10:00 HCCH Presentation: *The Essentials***

*For over a decade, the e-APP has modernised the operation of the Apostille Convention for users and authorities alike. This introductory presentation will ensure that participants have a common understanding of the fundamental components of the e-APP, the broader context of the Convention, and key outcomes of previous editions of the Forum.*

*Presenter:*

- **Brody Warren**  
*Legal Officer, HCCH*

### **10:30 Expert Panel I: *A Global Movement***

*In this opening panel, participants will hear from experts representing jurisdictions which have recently implemented the e-APP. The discussion will explore regional trends and, in particular, how the versatility of the e-APP allows it to continue to thrive in many different regions across the globe.*

*Moderator:*

- **Christophe Bernasconi**  
*Secretary General, HCCH*

*Panellists:*

- **Julie Remy (Belgium)**  
*Head of Legalisation, Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, External Trade & Development Cooperation*
- **Silvia Rivera Aguilar (Bolivia)**  
*Director General of Institutional Coordination and Legalisation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
- **Neil Frank R. Ferrer (Philippines)**  
*Assistant Secretary, Office of Consular Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs*

**11:15** Expert Panel I Q&A

**11:30** Coffee break

### **11:45 Expert Panel II: *The Implementation Journey***

*This panel will provide a snapshot of the processes undertaken by authorities when preparing for e-APP implementation. Panellists will focus on preliminary considerations and concrete steps, drawing from examples where Contracting Parties have conducted comprehensive studies or sought to overhaul their national procedures to ensure an effective roll-out of e-APP services.*

*Moderator:*

- **Marcelo Martins Berthe (Brazil)**  
*Judge of the Court of Justice of the State of São Paulo*

*Panellists:*

- **Christelle Hilpert (France)**  
*Head of the Office for Union Law, Private International Law & Judicial Assistance, Civil Affairs & Seals Directorate, Ministry of Justice*
- **Teófilo Rosario Martínez (Dominican Republic)**  
*Director de la Dirección de Legalización de Documentos*
- **Azharuddin (Indonesia)**  
*Deputy Director for International Law, Directorate of Central Authority & International Law, Directorate General of Legal Administrative Affairs, Ministry of Law and Human Rights*

**12:30** Expert Panel II: Q&A

**12:45** Group photo

**13:00** Lunch break

**14:00 Expert Panel III: Specific Novelties and Challenges**

*The experts represented in this panel will be invited to examine some of the more novel e-APP practices among Contracting Parties. The panel will also discuss some of the specific challenges that have arisen in both the context of the e-APP and the operation of the Convention more broadly, with a view to laying the foundations for the next meeting of the Special Commission.*

*Moderator:*

- **William P. Fritzlen (United States of America)**  
*Supervisory Attorney, Overseas Citizen Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of Legal Affairs, Department of State*

*Panellists:*

- **Lorraine Chan (China)**  
*Deputy Principal Government Counsel (International Organisations & Cooperation), Department of Justice, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region*
- **Edeltraud Messner (Austria)**  
*Head of Legalisation Office, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration & International Affairs*
- **Amparo de la Cruz Tamayo Rodriguez (Colombia)**  
*Advisor, Internal Working Group on Apostilles and Legalisations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

**14:45 Expert Panel III: Q&A**

**15:15 Coffee Break**

**15:30 Expert Panel IV: The Road Ahead**

*This panel of experts will present how current and envisaged technological developments including distributed ledger technologies, can transform the current procedures for issuing, recording and verifying Apostilles. It will also explore the desirability and feasibility of other potential developments such as a universal e-Register and exportable “model” e-Apostille system. Ultimately this panel will seek to demonstrate that notwithstanding new technologies, the Apostille Convention will maintain its relevance for many years to come.*

*Moderator:*

- **João Ribeiro-Bidaoui**  
*First Secretary, HCCH*

*Panellists:*

- **Laura Pace (Argentina)**  
*Director for Technical Consular Affairs, Consular Affairs Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship*
- **Hyung-Goo Kang (Republic of Korea)**  
*Professor, Department of Finance, School of Business, Hanyang University*
- **Selesitina Faamoe (New Zealand)**  
*Team Leader, Births, Deaths, Marriages and Citizenship, Department of Internal Affairs*

**16:15 Expert Panel IV: Q&A**

**16:30 Wrap-Up of the Day**

*Presenters:*

- **Ignacio Goicoechea**  
*Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, HCCH*
- **Gustavo Mônaco**  
*Professor of Private International Law, University of São Paulo*

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**20:00 Official Dinner at “Espaço Coco Bambu por Toca”, Av. Virgílio Távora, 511, Meireles, Fortaleza**  
*Transport will be provided to the venue and returning to the Hotel Gran Marquise afterwards.*

## **Friday 18 October 2019**

### **10:00 Official Launch of the Brazilian e-APP Platform**

*Presenters:*

- **Hércules Alexandre da Costa Benício (Brazil)**  
*Head of the 1st Notary Office, Civil Registry and Protests of the Federal District*
- **Karine Maria Famer Rocha Boselli (Brazil)**  
*Head of the 18<sup>th</sup> Civil Registry Office of Natural Person of the Sub-district of Ipiranga / São Paulo*
- **Bráulio Gusmão (Brazil)**  
*Assistant Judge of the CNJ Presidency*

### **12:00 Closing Session**

- **Minister Dias Toffoli**  
*President of the Supreme Court and of the National Council of Justice, Brazil*
- **Dr Christophe Bernasconi**  
*Secretary General, HCCH*

**12:15 Lunch break**

**Parallel Sessions:**

**13:15 Congresso ANOREG**  
(for Brazilian notaries and registrars)

**14:15 Conclusions and Recommendations of the 11<sup>th</sup> e-APP Forum**  
(for international participants)

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