

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER

- Opening Ceremony

THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER

- Main theme 1:
Present and Future of Foreign
Investment Dispute Resolution
- International Bar Leaders' Senate
- Informal reception

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER

- Main theme 2:
Agrifood, Sustainability
and International Trade
- Gala dinner

SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

- Closing ceremony

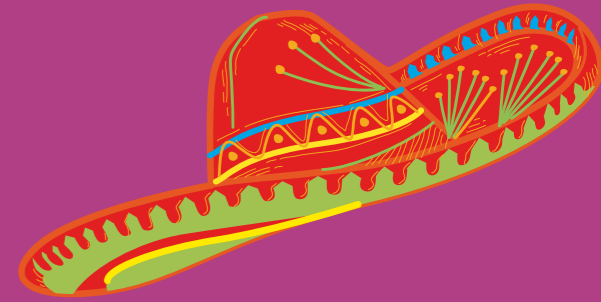
SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

- General excursion

The Congress will be held at Expo Guadalajara.



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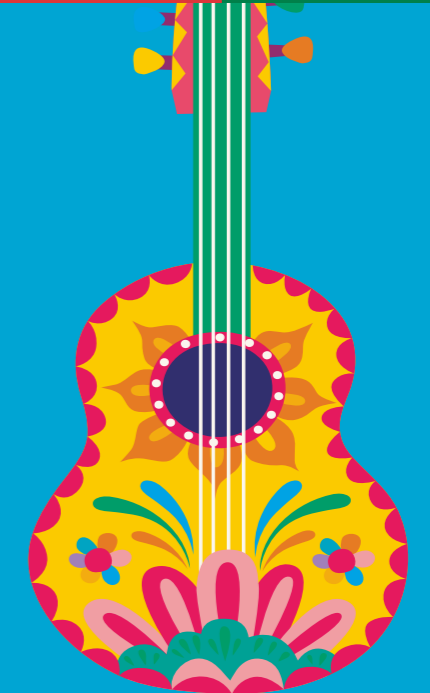
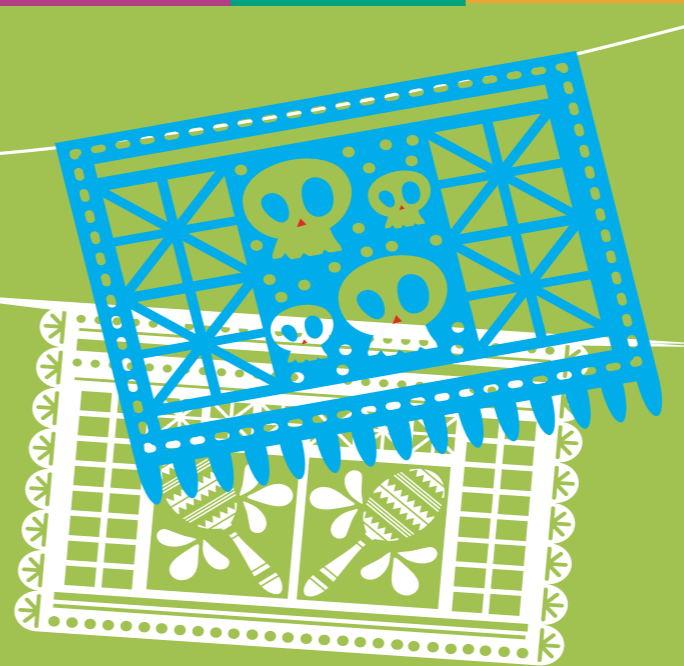


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Welcome to the 2025 UIA Congress in Guadalajara, the capital city of the State of Jalisco, Mexico.

Thank you to the individual members of the Mexican Organising Committee and to the leaders of the three Mexican Bar Associations, Ilustre y Nacional Colegio de Abogados de México, Barra Mexicana (Colegio de Abogados) and Asociación Nacional de Abogados de Empresa, for their generous and enthusiastic support.

The Congress venue that we have selected, the Expo Guadalajara Convention Centre, in line with the UIA Sustainability Guidelines, is certified for sustainability purposes as a carbon neutral/environmentally friendly Convention Centre, with a waste management policy in place, using eco-friendly products and food, with a water usage and lighting and energy policy focused on reducing consumption. The Convention Centre is located within walking distance from hotels and easily is accessible by public transport.

This will make Guadalajara 2025 the first sustainable compliant Congress in the history of the UIA!

In our era of complexity and change, both main themes will deal with the challenges and developments in relation to two of the most topical and critical issues of interest to international legal business consultants and litigators. The first main theme on “FDI dispute resolution” will explore the various dispute resolution options available, including mediation, as provided by international agreements and applicable BITs, and faced with the new kinds of issues giving raise to disputes (such as energy transition, sanctions, and environmental and technological issues). The second main theme on “Agrifood, Sustainability and International Trade” will deal with the multiple legal aspects involved in transforming agrifood systems to make them more sustainable, resilient, inclusive, equitable and healthy, in a changing climate and environment.

In addition you will be able to choose amongst a variety of some 45 different working sessions covering all the areas of law, with speakers and participants from over 80 countries.

I look forward to welcoming you to Guadalajara for an unforgettable experience!

Carlo Mastellone
UIA President



Dear colleagues and friends of the UIA,

It is an honor to address you as President of the 69th UIA Congress. We warmly invite you to join us in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 29 October to 2 November 2025. The UIA Congress is a unique opportunity for lawyers from around

the world to meet, exchange ideas and strengthen ties. In a globalized world, spending time with colleagues from different cultures, committed to law and justice, is a valuable experience.

Mexico and Guadalajara offer an unrivaled setting. Guadalajara, the second biggest city in Mexico, is a living testimony to the blend of modernity and tradition that characterizes our nation. Guadalajara is the heart of Mexico’s emblematic traditions. The “mariachi”, a musical symbol of our country and declared Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, originated here. It is also the birthplace of tequila and charrería (Mexican livestock herding). Much of what is associated with Mexico — mariachi, tequila, traditional hats and Jarabe Tapatío dance — originated in Jalisco.

Guadalajara’s cuisine is another of its great attractions. From the *tortas ahogadas* (“drowned” sandwiches) and tacos, to the *haute fusion cuisine*, each meal is a delight for the senses. Guadalajara is a key technological development center in Latin America. It is home to important technology companies such as IBM, Oracle, Cisco, Toshiba, Intel, HP, and Dell. Jalisco represents 40% of the IT industry in Mexico. The city has modern infrastructures for a productive and pleasant stay.

This congress will allow participants to attend high-level conferences and workshops on the most relevant international law topics. It will be an opportunity to learn from experts and share knowledge. Guadalajara offers unforgettable experiences. See you in Mexico, Guadalajara awaits you!

Arturo Pueblita Fernández
President of the 69th UIA Congress



Present and Future of Foreign Investment Dispute Resolution

Join us in exploring the challenges and pitfalls of foreign investment dispute resolution! From the alternative ways presented (Investment Arbitration vs. Permanent Court; Dispute Boards or Mediation) to the coexistence of traditional forms of conflict with the irruption of new issues related to the times we live in (energy transition, sanctions, geopolitical tensions and financial uncertainty; environmental and technological issues). Discover how different methods, backed by bilateral treaties and international agreements, shape the foreign investment environment, seeking to ensure stability and legal security for all parties involved. Do not miss this opportunity to broaden your understanding of this exciting topic and strengthen your skills in international practice!

Agrifood, Sustainability and International trade

Are Agrifood, Sustainability and International trade incompatible? At a time when free-trade agreements are swarming (CETA, TAFTA, the T-MEC - USMCA treaty, whose revision negotiations are to begin in 2025), the agri-food industry racks up the blame. According to the World Health Organization, in 2024 it was in the dock, along with the tobacco and fossil fuel industries. The charge? 400.000 deaths a year, for the food magnates alone. At the same time, a turnover of \$3.6 trillion in 2020. Aggressive marketing strategies, over-powerful lobbies, unreasonable use of natural resources, devastation of our heritage, ... Big Food is highly disputed. In its defence, the current crisis makes the situation even more challenging. Nor can the prosecution ignore that the agri-food economy is a significant driver for growth. And that it has also the means to feed the entire world’s population.

That is why international brainstorming is urgently needed. Faced with marketing practices that force excessive and addictive consumption, how can we make quality fair trade products accessible? By developing binding standards and labels. Instead of intensive, dehumanised agriculture, how can we best protect local communities, cultures, and know-how? By using resilient agricultural systems, intellectual property, and an extensive use of designations of origin. The Law is undoubtedly a crucial tool for rationalising the agri-food market. All this, without undermining intelligent trade initiatives. In short, may the irreconcilable be reconciled. We will address relevant legal perspectives, to drive the agri-food transition towards a unique direction: sustainability. And this panel will not skirt around the issue: will it be enough to build a healthy globalisation?