

HCCH Monthly Update: May 2021

Conventions & Instruments

On 24 May 2021, **Niger** deposited its instrument of accession to the **HCCH 1993 Adoption Convention**. With the accession of Niger, the Adoption Convention now has 104 Contracting Parties. It will enter into force for Niger on 1 September 2021. More information is available [here](#).

Meetings & Events

On 4 May 2021, the HCCH participated in the **virtual launch of the book Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts**, published by Oxford University Press. The recording of the event is available [here](#).

From 3 to 6 May 2021, the **Experts' Group on the e-APP and New Technologies** met via videoconference. The Group discussed the current use of the electronic Apostille Programme (e-APP), and future solutions. It endorsed a set of key principles and good practices for Contracting Parties in the implementation of the e-APP, and invited the PB to develop an online forum to facilitate intersessional discussion and information sharing, including in relation to best practices, between meetings of the Special Commission and the International Forum on the e-APP. More information is available [here](#).

On 10 and 11 May 2021, the **Administrative Cooperation Working Group on the 2007 Child Support Convention** met via videoconference. The Group continued its work as a forum for discussion of issues pertaining to administrative cooperation, making significant progress on a Draft Statistical Report under the 2007 Child Support Convention. More information is available [here](#).

From 18 to 22 May 2021, the HCCH co-organised a **virtual seminar for judges on adoption and the protection of the rights of children and adolescents**, in collaboration with the Judiciary Council and the Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion of Ecuador. More information on the HCCH 1993 Adoption Convention is available [here](#).

Publications & Documentation

On 21 May 2021, the HCCH and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) launched a **questionnaire on the intersection of private international law and intellectual property**. The Questionnaire is open for consultation to a wide audience, including Member States of both Organisations, other intergovernmental organisations, non-governmental organisations, practitioners, in-house counsel, academics and other private individuals. Responses will be received until 30 June 2021, after which they will be compiled and analysed, with the results to be submitted to the HCCH's Council on General Affairs and Policy (CGAP) ahead of its 2022 meeting. More information is available [here](#).

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