

# HCCH Monthly Update: February 2023

## Conventions & Instruments

On 1 February 2023, the **1980 Child Abduction Convention** entered into force for **Botswana**. The Convention currently has 103 Contracting Parties. More information is available [here](#).

On 17 February 2023, **Azerbaijan** deposited its instrument of accession to the **1965 Service and 2007 Child Support Conventions**. The 1965 Service Convention, which now has 80 Contracting Parties, will enter into force for Azerbaijan on 1 September 2023, subject to the Article 28 procedure. As for the 2007 Child Support Convention, with the accession of Azerbaijan 46 States and the European Union are now bound by it. It will enter into force for Azerbaijan on 28 February 2024. More information is available [here](#).

## Meetings & Events

On 7 and 8 February 2023, the Permanent Bureau of the HCCH co-organised the **Regional Conference “The HCCH and the relevance of its work for Southern Africa”**, together with Finland and South Africa, with the participation of Namibia and Tanzania, as well as other Southern African Development Community States, and hosted by the University of Pretoria (South Africa). More information is available [here](#).

From 13 to 15 February 2023, the **International Transfer of Maintenance Funds Experts’ Group** met for the fourth time. Pursuant to its mandate, the Experts’ Group continued its work discussing good practices in relation to the cross-border transfer of maintenance payments, with a view to identifying solutions that are cost-effective, transparent, prompt, efficient and accessible. More information is available [here](#).

From 13 to 17 February 2023, the **Working Group on Matters Related to Jurisdiction in Transnational Civil or Commercial Litigation** met for the fourth time. Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group made further progress on the development of draft provisions for a possible future instrument on parallel

litigation in civil or commercial matters. More information is available [here](#).

## **Upcoming Events**

Registrations are open for the conference “The HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention: Cornerstones - Prospects - Outlook”, which will be held in person on 9-10 June 2023 at the University of Bonn in Germany. More information is available [here](#).

## **Vacancies**

Applications are now open for three- to six-month legal internships for the period from July to December 2023. The deadline for the submission of applications is 31 March 2023 (18:00 CEST). More information is available [here](#).

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