

# HCCH Monthly Update: April 2026

## Meetings & Events

From 30 March to 1 April, the **Experts' Group (EG) on Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs)** held its fifth meeting. Pursuant to its mandate, the EG continued to make progress in its study of the jurisdiction and applicable law issues raised by the cross-border use and transfers of CBDCs, including the desirability and feasibility of a possible future instrument on these issues, with particular attention to their use in payments with a cross-border or international element. More information is available [here](#).

From 15 to 17 April 2026, the ***High-Level Conference on the Universalisation of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and the Hague Conference on Private International Law*** was held in Dakar (Senegal). The conference convened ministers and senior officials from French-speaking States in Africa for a high-level discussion on the benefits and practicalities of strengthened engagement with the PCA and the HCCH. More information is available [here](#).

On 8 and 22 April 2026, the first and second meetings of the **Working Group on the operation of Article 33 of the 1996 Child Protection Convention** were held online, hosted by the Permanent Bureau. Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group worked on the development of a Model Form for requests under Article 33. More information is available [here](#) and [here](#).

## Upcoming events

The **14th International Forum on the electronic Apostille Programme** will take place on 12 and 13 May 2026 in Marrakesh, Morocco. The Forum will provide a unique international platform for governments, organisations, and the private sector to learn more about the benefits of the e-APP, to promote its effective implementation, and to discuss the latest developments in relation to the e-APP worldwide. Interested persons should register via [this form](#) no later than **Friday 1 May 2026, 5.00 p.m. (CEST)**. More information is available [here](#).

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