

# HCCH Monthly Update: March 2026

## Membership

On 4 March 2026, **Guatemala** deposited its instrument of acceptance of the Statute, becoming the **93<sup>rd</sup> Member** of the HCCH. More information is available [here](#).

## Conventions & Instruments

On 1 March 2026, the **2019 Judgments Convention** entered into force for **Albania** and **Montenegro**. At present, 33 HCCH Members are either bound by the 2019 Judgments Convention or a Contracting Party for which the Convention has not entered into force yet (Andorra). More information is available [here](#) (for Albania) and [here](#) (for Montenegro).

On 1 March 2026, the **2005 Choice of Court Convention** entered into force for **Monaco**. At present, 38 States and the European Union are bound by the 2005 Choice of Court Convention. More information is available [here](#).

## Meetings & Events

From 3 to 6 March 2026, the **Council on General Affairs and Policy (CGAP) of the HCCH** met in The Hague. The meeting was attended by 560 participants joining both in person and online. During the meeting, the Members of the HCCH reviewed progress made to date and agreed on the work programme for the year ahead, taking important decisions on work relating to possible new legislative instruments, post-Convention work, and governance matters. More information is available [here](#).

From 9 to 11 March 2026, the **Regional Workshop on Sharing Experiences on the Effective Implementation of the 1993 Adoption Convention in Africa** was held in Cape Town, South Africa. More information is available [here](#).

On 24 March 2026, the first **meeting for Central Authorities on the operation of the 1965 Service, 1970 Evidence and 1980 Access to Justice Conventions** was held online, hosted by the PB of the HCCH.

## **Publications**

On 3 March 2026, the Permanent Bureau announced the publication of the ***HCCH 2025 Annual Report***. More information is available [here](#).

## **Upcoming events**

Registration is open for the **14th International Forum on the electronic Apostille Programme (e-APP)**, which will take place in hybrid format on 12 and 13 May 2026 in Marrakesh, Morocco. The registration deadline is Friday 1 May 2026, 5.00 p.m. (CEST). More information is available [here](#).

## **Vacancies**

Applications are now open for three- to six-month legal internships for the period from September 2026 to February 2027. The deadline for the submission of applications is 20 April 2026. More information is available [here](#).

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