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Message from the President



José MARQUEÑO DE LLANO
UINL President 2017-2019

The UINL legislature that includes the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 draws to an end with the Congress in Jakarta. The activities carried out during this period by the different bodies of the Union are summarised in the following pages. In accordance with the priorities set at the beginning of the legislature, UINL's policy has revolved around the following principles:

1. The notarial public act is the basis of preventive legal certainty. The notarised public act is not only a fundamental element in the self-regulation of private interests, but also a fundamental factor in the service provided to society and in the general interest. This is because the notarised act is the result of a complex procedure whereby the State provides it with specific effects. Indeed, a number of preconditions have to be fulfilled for its authorization, guaranteeing its formal and also material truth.

2. The notarial act is a formal document in so far as form is a guarantee of **essence**. It therefore has to be open to all new technological advances as **tools** to make it more efficient, provided that the essence of the notary's work, legality **control** and its effects are respected, since the notary's final, personal decision is an act of public authority.

3. The notarial function is a public function as its activity is aimed at authorising public documents, which does not prevent it from being further developed professionally in terms of organisation. This is a function carried out by State delegation and within the framework of its sovereignty and, therefore, it has to fulfil public and general interests.

4. Notaries are public officers appointed by the State, to whom the latter delegates its power. What they do is **valid**, because of this delegation. The State selects notaries for their personal qualifications and has the duty to select the «best»; and, since the notarial function has an important legal basis, as notaries contribute to development of the law, notaries must be the best jurists. Hence the importance of the **training** of appointed notaries and all notaries throughout their professional lives.

5. The social function of the notariat is a priority, as it is a public function. It consists in enhancing the protection of people or groups who are either vulnerable or worthy of special protection and in anti-discrimination policies.

6. Collaboration with public authorities is also an essential part of the notarial public function and has to occur through the duty of assistance when required, such as in the fight against organized crime and money laundering.

7. International organisations are the natural partners of an international entity such as UINL. The world notariat can be promoted more efficiently through information, collaboration and joint work with these organisations.

8. Bodies, commissions and working groups must operate autonomously and, at the same time, in perfect coordination with each another. They exchange knowledge and experiences to pursue the common policy and general interest of the notariat. Regardless of concrete specificities and with due respect for them, they overcome any barriers, either geographical or of another nature, in the common interest.

9. Compliance with the statutes and tasks of each of the bodies of the Union is a fundamental rule of any organisation, as are the principles of internal **democracy** and **transparency** underlying their workings. It is also worth highlighting the important decisions of the General Meeting, the supreme body, in its ordinary sessions, as well as in its extraordinary session, which, in difficult circumstances, met and adopted, with a two thirds majority, a decision that resolved the delicate problem of the legal situation of the Union.

10. The active involvement of notariats in the life of the Union and the involvement of the latter in the problems of the Notariats is essential for an efficient policy to pursue the purposes of our organisation. Added to this, co-operation and joint work with CNUE and the smooth relations between the two organisations have led to positive results in the pursuit of common objectives.

In conclusion, I only have to sincerely acknowledge the work accomplished in this legislature by the notariats that have been directly involved in the policy of the Union and the notaries who have worked for a better Notariat. I would, of course, like to thank the Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and the Presidents of commissions and working groups, as well as their members: without their work and personal sacrifice, it would not have been possible to successfully bring this legislature to an end. And my thanks and personal affection to the Director of the Secretariat and its members, as well as the external consultants, for their efficient, discreet and continued work that goes beyond mere administrative work, as I have witnessed directly, for the many shared hours of work.

And all this to have a more efficient, better coordinated and organised Union, in order to successfully achieve its goals.

Message from the Secretary



**Pedro CARRIÓN GARCÍA
DE PARADA**

UINL Secretary 2017-2019

This report is a brief summary of the activities carried out by the Union during the 2017-2019 legislature and summarises the work of all those who contributed to the advancements made in the course of this legislature.

These are the main milestones of these three years:

- 1.** The crucial role of the Notary as a public authority was stressed before International organisations. Notaries are indeed a key element in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing and the Union has been reorganized to this end, by setting up an ad hoc working group and hiring an expert. The attained objectives are described in the following pages.
- 2.** The social function fulfilled by the notary through the protection of vulnerable persons was made more visible. To this end, UINL took action both vis-à-vis international organisations, such as the United Nations, UNICEF and FAO and specific countries in Southeast Europe and Africa. All this was possible thanks to the intense work of the Human Rights Commission and the «Partnership with International Organisations» Working Group.
- 3.** Regarding companies, in close cooperation with CNUE, the role played by Notaries has been upheld before competent agencies, such as UNCITRAL, having full respect for system neutrality and the legal traditions of each country.
- 4.** On the initiative of the Authentic Act Working Group, and again in cooperation with CNUE, the notarised public document, its added value and who notaries are and what they do have been clearly defined.
- 5.** The use of new technologies (artificial intelligence and Blockchain) as a tool at the best service of the notarial function has been studied.
- 6.** Contacts with other public authorities directly involved in the defence of the Law has been sought, such as the judiciary, leading to the first joint conference.

7. Common training programmes have been promoted among notaries, both for entry into the profession and the exercise of the function, and greater content was given to the World Notariat University that has been extended throughout the year.

8. At the internal organisational level, the statutory and regulatory powers of the different bodies of the Union have been strengthened, and the participation of Vice Presidents in the development of the Union's policy enhanced.

9. Collaboration and coordination between UINL Commissions and Working Groups has also been enhanced by promoting intercontinental meetings and seeking greater participation and involvement of those attending the different meetings of the bodies of the Union.

10. UINL has been given a better and more modern image through a new website, which serves as a showcase to the world and as a working and communication tool between the different Commissions and Working Groups.

11. Thanks to the generosity of the Italian Notariat, UINL has new and improved headquarters.

12. A digital archive is being set up with all the information available to the Union, in order to facilitate future reactions and actions.

13. The meetings of the bodies of the Union have been held in four continents: Europe, Africa, America and Asia.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the work of all those who made possible the smooth course of this legislature.

UINL in 5 questions

What is it

The International Union of Notaries (UINL) is an international, non-governmental organisation established since 1948.

Who are its members

Today, UINL counts 89 Member Notariats represented by the National Chamber of Notaries of 89 countries that share the same vision of the notary, the notarial act and function.

They conceive notaries as public officers who exercise a public function, as a liberal profession, delegated by the State that appoints them. Their mission is to confer authenticity to legal acts and contracts, supervising legality, acting in an independent and impartial manner and providing due legal advice.

Notarial services include all legal activities in non-contentious matters, essential to prevent future disputes. The notary accompanies individuals, from birth to death, in the most important moments of their lives.

Why it exists

UINL aims to promote, co-ordinate and develop the function and activities of notaries throughout the world. It ensures their dignity and independence with a view to providing a better service to users and society in general.

Its internal policy focuses on assuring the highest standard authentic acts and therefore in the proper fulfilment of the function of notaries.

Its external policy aims at transferring expertise to and sharing experiences with International Organisations and Governments. The goal of this cooperation is to improve regulatory frameworks that affect citizens and companies worldwide, by facilitating the following: identification of individuals; access to land tenure; the protection of vulnerable people; gender equality; the protection of private property; the fight against terrorist financing and money laundering; and, in general, the fulfilment of the social function of notaries and legal and economic transactions.

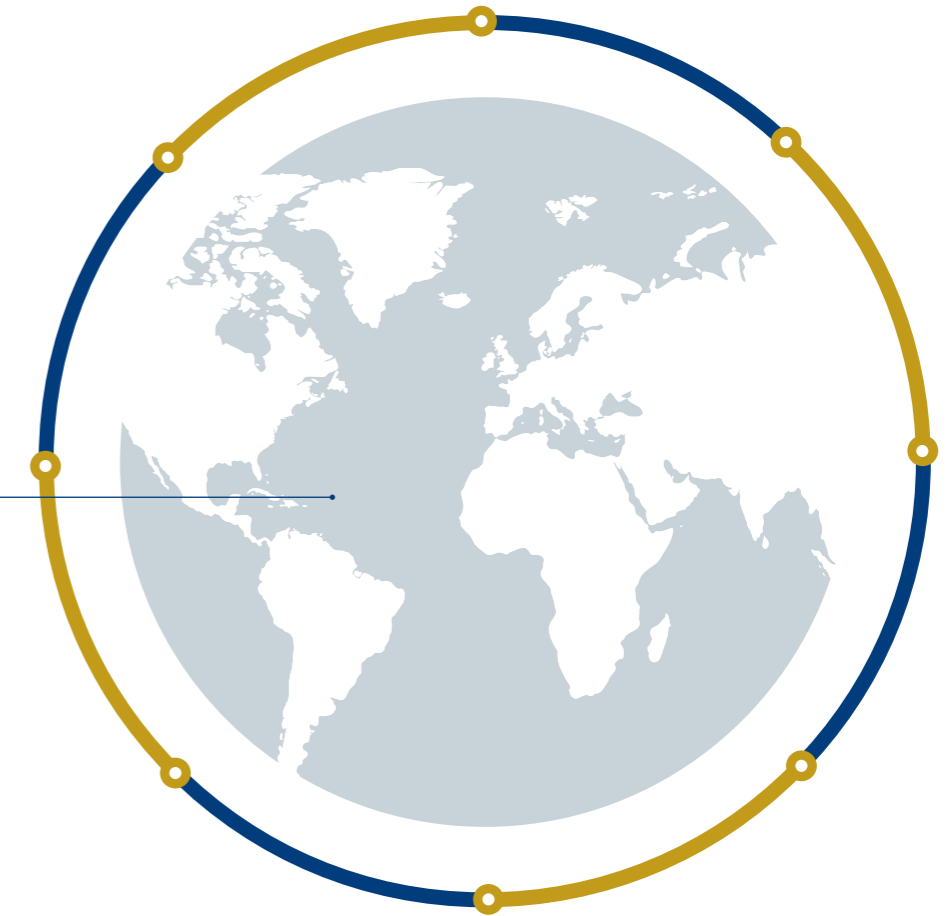
How it works

The Union is directed by a Steering Committee formed by a maximum of 29 members including the UINL President, the Vice Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer who are elected every three years.

The decision-making body is the General Meeting of Member Notariats, where each country has one vote, regardless of size.

UINL also includes a General Council formed by a maximum of 176 members.

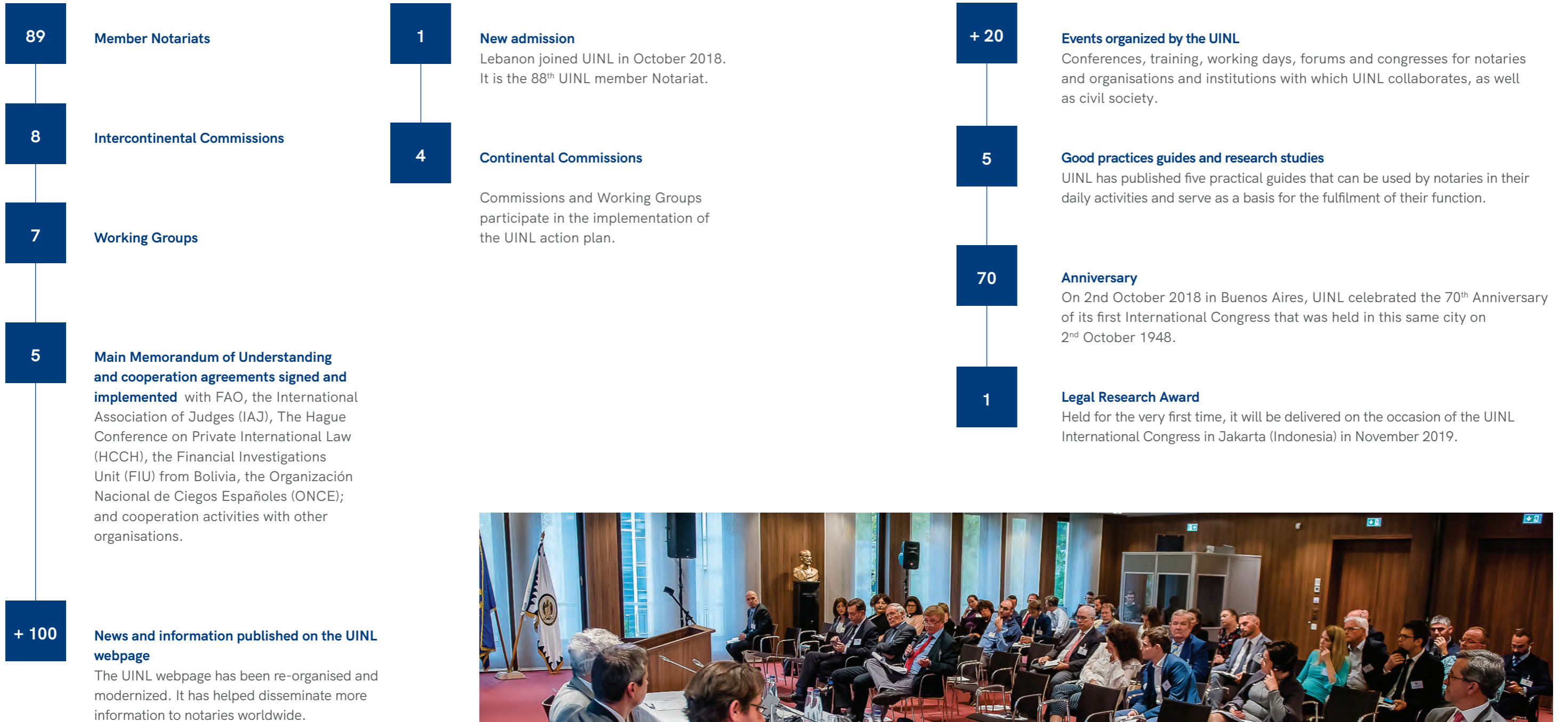
The Union carries out its activities through continental and intercontinental commissions and working groups that work on a wide range of projects, such as training and education, research studies, notarial cooperation, human rights, strengthening of the notarial function and the authentic act, notarial deontology, new technologies, the fight against money laundering, and so on.



Where are UINL member Notariats from

Albania	Croatia	Lithuania	Quebec (Canada)
Algeria	Cuba	London (United Kingdom)	Republic of Korea
Andorra	Czech Republic	Luxembourg	Republic of Macedonia
Argentina	Dominican Republic	Madagascar	Republic of Moldova
Armenia	Ecuador	Mali	Romania
Austria	El Salvador	Malta	Russian Federation
Belarus	Estonia	Mauritania	San Marino
Belgium	France	Mauritius	Senegal
Benin	Gabon	Mexico	Serbia
Bolivia	Georgia	Monaco	Slovakia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Germany	Mongolia	Slovenia
Brazil	Greece	Montenegro	Spain
Bulgaria	Guatemala	Morocco	Switzerland
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Netherlands	Togo
Cameroon	Haiti	Nicaragua	Tunisia
Central African Republic	Honduras	Niger	Turkey
Chad	Hungary	Panama	Ukraine
Chile	Indonesia	Paraguay	Uruguay
China	Italy	Peru	(State of)
Colombia	Japan	Poland	Vatican City
Congo	Kosovo	Puerto Rico	Venezuela
Costa Rica	Latvia	Portugal	Vietnam
Côte d'Ivoire	Lebanon		

2017-2019 Facts & figures



Highlights of the legislature



FIGHT AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORIST FINANCING

Strengthening and systematizing notarial cooperation at the service of the authorities

UINL has focused on improving its role as a key actor in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing. Since the beginning of the legislature, strong ties have been established with international organisations such as FATF, GAFILAT, OAS, UN, IMF and the World Bank.

Considering the importance of the theme, UINL has recruited a technical expert as a permanent and proactive contact with international organisations involved in the fight against money laundering. Through its expert, UINL has taken part in several **joint working groups**, including GAFILAT, FATF, IMF and OAS. Particularly interesting are:

- **The FATF Policy Development Group** responsible for the development and setting of international standards in the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism, that is drafting the «*Guidelines for the Risk-based approach for independent professionals and intermediaries*» that will be disseminated on the UINL website.
- **The «beneficial owner» Working Group of the International Monetary Fund**, whose objective is to identify existing models of centralisation and access to information on beneficial owners in countries that have implemented it, to which we will contribute the Spanish experience in the creation of the beneficial owner database of the Spanish General Council of Notaries. The Group began its work in March 2018.

Silvina Capello, UINL Expert Consultant for AML/CTF and Mario Romero Valdivieso, President of the UINL Working Group on Fight against Money Laundering



- **The Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX) of the Organization of American States.** UINL is the first non-governmental organisation to be accepted as an observer. UINL was admitted during the XLV Meeting of the Working Group held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, on November 4 and 5 2018. Later, it took part in the XLVI and XLVII meetings.
- **The GAFILAT Working Group on Risks Analysis and Financial Inclusion**, in charge of drafting a «*Risk indicator document*» providing clear guidelines to help notaries improve identification, control and analysis of notarial transactions, and detect individuals likely to be involved in money laundering or terrorist financing. This document will be disseminated and made available on the UINL website.

The Union was also involved in key assistance projects to improve **collaboration with regulators and promote the role of self-regulatory bodies**. To this regard, on 25 October 2018, it signed an agreement with the Financial Investigations Unit (FIU) of Bolivia.

Furthermore, in October 2018, the General Meeting of the Union adopted the «*Good practices on the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing in the notarial sector*», a guideline on methods, systems, tools and techniques to facilitate compliance with preventive measures and the harmonisation of procedures among UINL Member Notariats.

PEOPLE IN VULNERABLE SITUATIONS



Consolidating the role of the notary as a public authority and institutional support provider

Another crucial theme of this legislature has been the defence of human rights, especially of vulnerable persons.

Following the intense cooperation between the UINL Human Rights Commission and **the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Ms. Catalina Devandas Aguilar**, the notary was expressly acknowledged as an authority in the December 2017 special report. In this way, the notary becomes the competent authority, under the provisions of article 12 of the Convention, for the recognition of the legal personality of persons with disabilities on equal terms.

Furthermore, UINL has signed a cooperation agreement with **the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)** for the implementation of joint projects, particularly in the context of the international protection of adults. In this perspective, the Union was invited to participate in the **joint European Commission - HCCH Conference on the «Cross-border Protection of Vulnerable Adults»** held in Brussels from 5th to 7th December 2018.

It is also worth highlighting the role played by notaries and their organisations, especially ANF and UINL, in collaboration with UNICEF, in the protection of children without identities.

These children, sadly known as the «phantom children» of Africa, are deprived of their fundamental right: the recognition and registration of their identities. Owing to the lack of registered identities, these children cannot have access to basic public services such as healthcare or education, and become victims of people trafficking or sordid abuses.

On the 1st October, the UINL General Meeting of the Member Notariats analysed the challenges of the notarial function in relation to the legal protection of vulnerable people, during a Forum with presentations by representatives of the United Nations and the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH). At this meeting, participants endorsed the concept of replacing the disability procedure with the recognition of full and universal legal capacity for all, following the decision-making support model put forward in the UN Convention. Following the Forum, final recommendations were approved and are available on the UINL website.

Lastly, the UINL Steering Committee, held in Veracruz (Mexico) in May 2019, approved the «Notarial Guide on Good Practices for Persons with Disabilities: The Notary as an Institutional Support and Public Authority», which will be submitted to the UINL General Meeting for ratification in Jakarta in November 2019.

Almudena Castro Girona, President of the UINL Human Rights Commission, at the President's right hand side



ASSURING LAND TENURE SECURITY AND LAND OWNERSHIP RIGHTS

The importance of the notarial function and the role of the notary at the service of legal certainty concerning land and universal access to housing

Land tenure issues are part of the Union's general policy to defend vulnerable individuals. Providing a country with legal certainty means ensuring economic prosperity.

UINL has been involved in «land titling» projects for over ten years, a process to deliver guaranteed property titles in order to allow all citizens, especially the most vulnerable, to enjoy decent housing and secure property rights.

To this end, UINL has been organising conferences on these matters in three continents since 2012. The 4th International Conference was held on 4th December 2017 in Niamey (Niger); the three previous conferences were held in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) in 2012, Mexico City (Mexico) in 2013 and Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam) in 2014.

The world notariat endorses this important issue and is aware of the essential role it plays to this regard and hence it has been a key pillar of this legislature.





GENDER EQUALITY

Contributing to the defence of women's land tenure rights

Gender Equality is a constitutionally protected right in most countries. It is necessary to implement what legislative texts establish and ensure women have access to land ownership, inherit on equal terms with men, and in general, enjoy the same rights. This is why notaries participate in the creation of the rule of law for all, and in particular, in real and tangible equality between men and women.

To this end, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations and UINL signed a memorandum of understanding in 2016 on legal certainty in the field of land tenure and gender equality linked to measures to be adopted in 2017 and 2018. The German cooperation agency (GIZ) has joined this partnership.

In this context, it is worth highlighting **the work on the Guidelines for Equitable Land Tenure**, which started as a regional project in south-eastern Europe. In collaboration with its partners, FAO and GIZ, UINL has organised three regional conferences: in Tirana (March 2017); in Thessaloniki (December 2017), and lastly in Sarajevo (June 2018), which had broad and varied participation of the highest and most qualified level.

The documents published with the title: «Guidelines on strengthening gender equality in notarial practices - South-East Europe» can be found on the UINL and FAO websites.



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FOCUS: VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES

On the responsible governance of land tenure, fisheries and forestry in the context of national food security – Guide for notaries

The Voluntary Guidelines on the Governance of Tenure ("VGGT"), are intended to achieve global food security and foster the gradual implementation of the right to sufficient and adequate food for all in the context of national food security.

UINL contributes to the FAO project and serves the VGGT goals. Following its fruitful collaboration with FAO, UINL has decided to take advantage of its experience and that of the world notariat to jointly develop with FAO a technical guide for notaries and other legal practitioners on systems for the preventive administration of justice.



DEFINITION OF THE NOTARIAL AUTHENTIC ACT

Establishing the reasons for its superior effectiveness and its universal circulation

Another concern of this legislature has been to establish a clear definition of what the notarial authentic act is, what the notarial function consists of, and what it truly means to be a notary. The UINL working group, in collaboration with CNUE, has approved a detailed text shared by all that clarifies this matter.



Enric Brancós,
President of the UINL Working Group Authentic Act



COMPANY LAW

Calling for compliance with the principle of systemic neutrality vis-à-vis the various legal traditions

The Union has worked to see the essential role that notaries play in the incorporation of companies and in the field of company law in general recognised.

Hence, UINL has taken part as an observer in the UNCITRAL Commission and its working groups, especially Working Group I (micro, small and medium enterprises) that has published two projects: *Legislative guide on key principles of a business registry* and *Legislative Guide on an UNCITRAL Limited Liability Organization (UNLLO)*.

With CNUE, the Union has upheld that texts and projects should respect systemic neutrality (Common Law / Civil Law), highlighting the benefits of a prevention system based on the notarial act.

At its fifty-first session, in July 2018 the UNCITRAL Commission adopted the *UNCITRAL Legislative guide on key principles of a business registry* upholding the principle of system neutrality with full respect for different legal traditions.

The work on the *Legislative Guide to a Limited Liability Organization* of UNCITRAL is still ongoing. UINL actively supports that the choice of form be left to the freedom and consideration of each State that should determine the degree of reliability, traceability, identification of real beneficiaries and fight against fraud and money laundering it wants to provide in the incorporation of companies.



NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Highlighting their usefulness while recalling the specificity of the notarial authentic act and the need to strengthen control and adaptation

UINL fully recognises the need to adapt to the new environment, using technologies as a tool at the service of the notarial function, without losing the significant added value that it provides and has to keep on providing. To this regard, the UINL European Affairs Commission has published analytical studies on Blockchain and digital tools.



AUTONOMY OF THE WILL

Sharing best practices in the autonomy of the will

This legislature has given great importance to training. Therefore, it has promoted the World Notariat University to favour the integration of new notaries on the international scene and as a twinning tool among the Notariats forming the Union.

The 7th World Notariat University concluded in July 2018, in Rome (Italy) was attended by 75 participants from 33 different countries, representing the four continents. Its goal was to develop the conclusions reached during the entire training course held through distance learning and continuous contacts with professors of acknowledged standing (Cristina Armella, Michel Grimaldi, Christine Morin and Luc Weyts) on the topic of «the autonomy of the will», focusing in particular on private life, family, succession and property matters.

World Notariat University, Rome 2018





COLLABORATION WITH JUDGES

Stepping up cooperation to favour corrective justice

The close cooperation between the two professions and, therefore, between the two international organisations that represent them (the International Association of Judges and UINL) paved the way to a joint workshop in Valencia (Spain) on 24th and 25th May 2019. The forum focused on two main issues: voluntary jurisdiction and the execution of extrajudicial titles.



Carlos Lesmes, *President of the Supreme Court and the General Council of the Judiciary of Spain*, **José Marqueño de Llano**, *UINL President*, **Francisco Cantos Viñals**, *dean of the Notarial College of Valencia*, **José Ángel Martínez Sanchiz**, *President of the General Council of Spanish Notaries*



EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

On June 15, 2019, an Extraordinary Assembly was held in Madrid where the issue of the legal situation of the UINL was defined.



Notary Antonio Ioli, *President* **Cesare Felice Giuliani**, *President* **José Marqueño de Llano**, *Secretary* **Pedro Carrión García de Parada** and *Treasurer* **Laure Thonney**, *at the headquarters of the Italian Notary Council during the formalization of the agreements of the Madrid General Meeting*



29TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NOTARIES

According to tradition, the UINL International Congress will be held in Jakarta in November 2019 to address two essential issues:

Theme I: The Validity of Notarial Principles in the 21st Century

This theme will examine the role that notaries play in the 21st century in the context of new developments and whether the principles underlying the notarial function, the authentic act and the notary remain valid.

Theme II: The Notary and the Natural Person

The study of this theme is expected to confirm the importance of the involvement of the notary in people's lives, as a guarantor of legal certainty and trusted third party, and how the notary accompanies them in all the stages of their lives, from birth to death.

The conclusions of the international congress will be disseminated and may be consulted on the UINL website.



Yualita Widyadhari, *President of the Indonesian Notariat*



Pedro Carrión García de Parada, *Secretary*, **José Marqueño de Llano**, *President*, **Sigrun Erber-Faller**, *Vice-president for Europe, of the UINL*



PARTNERSHIPS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Putting our Expertise at the Service of a Global Network to Achieve Universal Goals

UINL is aware of the need for full cooperation with global players, such as the UN and its agencies, the World Bank and other international organisations and NGOs.

Through its Working Group, the Union is a trusted partner of several leading organisations in the defence of human rights, the fight against money laundering, the prevention of the violation of the legal rights of vulnerable persons, and more broadly, access to sustainable development for all.

Lionel Galliez, President of the UINL Working Group on Partnerships with International Organisations



Company law

- UNCITRAL**
Observer in the Working Groups and Commission
- OECD**
Partner of the "Human-Centred Business Model" project
- UNIDROIT**
Partner of the "Human-Centred Business Model" project
- WORLD BANK**
 - Participation in the drafting of the Doing Business Questionnaire
 - Sponsor and speaker at the "Land and Poverty" Conference
 - Endorsement of the "10 Principles on identification for sustainable development: toward the digital age".

Sustainable development

UNITED NATIONS
Participation in the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals including access to justice for all, gender equality, land tenure security...

FAO
Dissemination of the Voluntary Guidelines on the responsible Governance of land tenure, fisheries and forestry in the context of national food security, including specific technical guides for notaries

Fight against money laundering and terrorist financing

IMF, WORLD BANK, UN, GAFILAT, OAS (GELAVEX), FATF, OLAF, EUROPOL

- UINL Seminar "The use of professionals by transnational organized crime. The role of the Notariat in the prevention of money laundering"
- Active participation in dedicated working groups

GAFILAT

- Drafting of a "Risk indicator document"
- UINL Forum "Economic Crimes: The collaboration of notaries in their prevention and persecution"

FATF
Guidelines for a Risk-based approach for independent professionals and intermediaries

Vulnerable persons

FAO/GIZ
Drafting of Guidelines for Notaries and Registry Officers on gender equity in land tenure matters - South East Europe

HCCH/EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Cross-border protection of vulnerable adults

ONCE/EUROPEAN UNION
JUST4ALL Project on improving access to justice for persons with disabilities

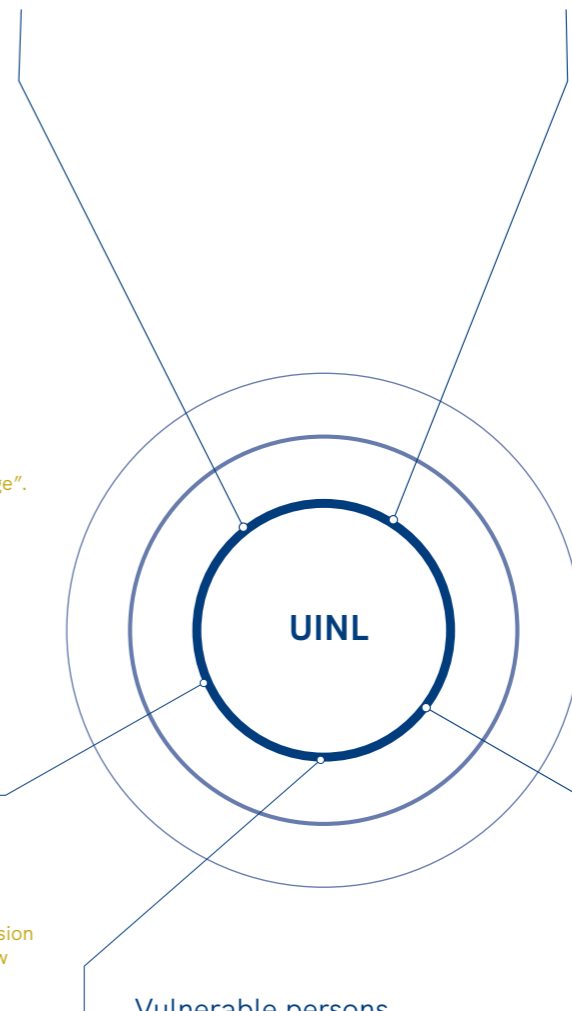
UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
Role of notaries as institutional support providers for persons with disabilities in the framework of the 2006 UN Convention

Notarial cooperation

- CNUE**
 - Tools for citizens
 - Joint scientific studies
 - Joint defence of the notarial profession and promotion of the continental law system.

COLLABORATION WITH THE CNUE

It is also worth mentioning the strengthened ties between the CNUE and UINL presidencies, and their respective bodies and members, with periodic meetings and close collaboration in the drafting of texts on issues of the utmost importance to the notaries of both organisations.



Activities

2017	Activities
New York, USA 13-17 February	Participation in the Meeting of UNCITRAL Working Group VI (Security Interests), in the framework of the UINL's Observer Status.
Rome, Italy 17 February	Presentation of HCBM - The Human-Centred Business Model: «A Holistic Approach to a New Model of Doing Business», within UINL's partnership with the World Bank, OECD and UNIDROIT on the HCBM Project.
Paris, France 21 February	Institutional visit with GAFILAT and beginning of collaborative work for the prevention of money laundering.
Luxembourg 27 February	Presentation of the publication on European Succession - a joint work by the UINL European Affairs Commission, the Council of the Notaries of the European Union (CNUE) and the European Notarial Research and Studies Institute (IRENE) Foundation.
Tirana, Albania 9-10 March	Participation in the First Regional Conference on Legal Certainty in the Western Balkans: «Empowering women through access to land», in the framework of the UINL Memorandum of Understanding with the UN Agency for Food and Agriculture (FAO) and in co-operation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.
The Hague, Netherlands 14-16 March	Participation in the Council on General Affairs and Policy of the Hague Conference, within the framework of UINL's cooperation with the Hague Conference.
Washington, USA 20-24 March	Participation in the World Bank Land and Poverty Conference 2017: «Responsible Land Governance—Towards an Evidence-Based Approach», in the framework of the co-operation between UINL and the Land and Poverty Conference of the World Bank.
Washington, USA 28-30 March	Within UINL's commitment to the fight against money laundering, meeting with OAS, IMF and the World Bank.
Beijing, China 29-30 March	Participation in the 4th meeting of the UNIDROIT Committee on Emerging Markets Issues, Follow-Up and Implementation, within the framework of the UINL's partnership with UNIDROIT.
Dakar, Senegal 19-23 April	Within its training and education mission, UINL organised the 12th University of the African Notariat in cooperation with the Senegalese National Chamber of Notaries.
New York, USA 24-28 April	Participation in the 55th Session of UNCITRAL Working Group IV (E-Commerce), in the framework of UINL's Observer Status.

2017	Activities
New York, USA 1-9 May	Participation in the UNCITRAL Working Group I (Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises) session, in the framework of UINL's Observer Status.
Minsk, Belarus 8-9 June	International conference «Extrajudicial protection of the rights of individuals and legal entities: the current state and prospects for the development of the notarial profession».
Madrid, Spain 15-17 June	Participation in the CNUE General Assembly, in the framework of the UINL International relations.
The Hague, Netherlands 18-19 June	Institutional visit at The Hague Conference.
Valencia, Spain 21-23 June	In the framework of the UINL engagement in the fight against money laundering, participation in the FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE (FATF) Plenary Meeting
Buenos Aires, Argentina 9-15 July	Within UINL's training and education mission, UINL organised the 6th UINL World Notariat University.
Buenos Aires, Argentina 24 July	Within UINL's commitment to the fight against money laundering, participation in the FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE FOR LATIN AMERICA (GAFILAT) Plenary Meeting and Seminar.
Paris, France 4 September	Participation in the Conference on the Human-Centred Business Model, in the framework of the UINL Partnership with the World Bank and OECD on the HCBM Project.



Activities

2017	Activities
Buenos Aires, Argentina 7-8 September	Second International Congress on Human Rights and Disability, in the framework of the UINL's commitment to Human Rights with the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner.
Santiago de Compostela, Spain 5-7 October	Participation in the 4 th CNUE Congress, in the framework of UINL's International relations.
Cancun, Mexico 10 November	UINL SEMINAR: Fight against Money Laundering «The use of professionals by transnational organized crime. The role of the Notariat in the prevention of money laundering».
<p>The Seminar, opened by the UINL President, Not. Marqueño de Llano, included as speakers the President of GAFILAT, Amb. Eugenio María Curia, and several experts from the major organisations fighting against transnational organised crime, such as Mr. Nelson Meta of OAS, Mr. Arz El Murr of the IMF, Mrs. Tanjit Sandhu Kaur of the World Bank, and Mr. Mariano García Fresno of OCP.</p>	
Santiago de Chile, Chile 16 November	Participation in the 60 th Congress of the International Association of Judges, within UINL's international relations.
Niamey, Niger 4 December	In collaboration with the Chamber of Notaries of Niger, UINL organised the 4 th International Conference on Land Tenure Security. The topic of this meeting was «Land Tenure Security: at the Service of Sustainable Housing in African Cities».
Thessaloniki, Greece 8 December	In the framework of the UINL's Memorandum of Understanding with the UN Agency for Food and Agriculture (FAO) and in cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, UINL organised the Second Regional Conference on Legal Certainty in the Western Balkans «Legal Certainty to Ensure Land Tenure and Gender Equality».



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Seville, Spain 29-30 January	Within the activities of the UINL Human Rights Commission, participation in the First International Meeting on the Rights of the Disabled under Spanish, Brazilian, Italian and Portuguese Private Law at the Law Faculty of the University of Seville.
The Hague, Netherlands 13-15 marzo	UINL took part in the Council on General Affairs and Policy of the Hague Conference, and on this occasion signed the Cooperation Agreement with this organisation.
Tananarive, Madagascar 9-12 April	Within UINL's training and education mission, implementation of the 13th University of the African Notariat in partnership with the National Chamber of Notaries of Madagascar.
Geneva, Switzerland 23-24 April	In the framework of the UINL's commitment to Human Rights with the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, participation, involvement and sponsorship of the Technical Meeting on the Role of Notaries in the Exercise of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
Vienna, Austria 23-24 April	Within UINL's commitment to the fight against money laundering, participation in the Sub-group meeting of the FATF Policy Development Group.
Abidjan, Ivory Coast 8 May	Within UINL's training and education mission, organisation of the Workshop: «Mediation and other non-judicial techniques in an international setting».
Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina 8 June	In the framework of the UINL's Memorandum of Understanding with the UN Agency for Food and Agriculture (FAO) and in cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, organisation and implementation of the Third Regional Conference on Legal Certainty in the Western Balkans «Legal Certainty to Ensure Gender Equality in Land Tenure».
Berlin, Germany 14-16 June	Participation in the CNUE General Assembly, within the framework of UINL's International relations.
Madrid, Spain 22-23 June	In partnership with the Henry Capitant Association and the Spanish National Chamber of Notaries, UINL organised the 6 th Notarial Symposium «Mediterranean Days».

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Rome, Italy 2-6 July	Within UINL's training and education mission, organisation and implementation of the 7 th UINL World Notariat University. The topic of study for this legislature was the «Freedom of the parties to arrange their own affairs».
Madrid, Spain 17 July	Signature of an Agreement between UINL and the ONCE Foundation for the Advancement of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The aim of this agreement is to involve over 300,000 notaries in activities that promote these rights.
Buenos Aires, Argentina 1 October	UINL FORUM: «The notary and people in vulnerable situations: future challenges».
<p>The forum, opened by the UINL President, Not. Marqueño de Llano, included as speakers Mrs María Graciela Iglesias, Chief of the Argentinian National Mental Health Analysis Body, Mrs Theresia Degener, President of the UN Committee for the follow-up to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Ignacio Goicoechea, Representative of the Hague Conference, María Soledad Cisternas Reyes, UN Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility, and Catalina Devandas Aguilar, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.</p>	
Buenos Aires, Argentina 1-2 October	At the UINL General Meeting, Member Notariats unanimously approved the «Good Practices Guide for Notaries in the Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing».
Marrakech, Morocco 14-16 October	Participation in the 61 st Congress of the International Association of Judges, within the framework of UINL's international relations.
Madrid, Spain 25 October	Within UINL's commitment to the fight against money laundering, signature of the Cooperation Agreement with the FIU of Bolivia.
Budapest, Hungary 25 October	The UINL Civil Law Common Law Task Force, in partnership with the Hungarian Chamber of Notaries, organised the International Conference on «Matrimonial Property Regimes with Reference to EU Regulations 2016/1103/1104».
Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia 4-5 November	Within UINL's commitment to the fight against money laundering, Participation in the XLV Meeting of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (Gelavex) of the Organisation of American States.

Signature of the Cooperation Agreement with the Hague Conference, **Christophe Bernasconi**, HCCH General Secretary, the UINL President **José Marqueño de Llano**, and **Philippe Lortie**, HCCH First Secretary

2018	Activities
Punta Cana, Dominican Republic 5-7 November	Within UINL's commitment to the fight against money laundering, participation in the «Regional workshop on transparency and beneficial owners», organized by GAFILAT and GIZ.
Washington, USA 5-8 November	In the framework of UINL's cooperation with the Law and Justice Department of the World Bank, participation in the Law, Justice and Development Week 2018 - Rights, Protection and Development.
Rome, Italy 12-13 November	In the framework of UINL's cooperation with the World Bank and OECD on the HCBM Project, participation in the International Workshop on Legal, Social and Environmental Framework and Performance Indicators of the Human-Centred Business Model.
Vienna, Austria 19-23 November	Participation in the UNCITRAL Working Group IV (E-Commerce) session, in the framework of UINL's Observer Status
Madrid, Spain 26-27 November	Within UINL's commitment to the fight against money laundering, UINL, together with the Spanish Notarial Chamber, organised the Forum on «Economic Crimes: The collaboration of notaries in their prevention and persecution».
Brussels, Belgium 5 December	Participation in the CNUE 25 th Anniversary Celebrations, within the framework of UINL's International relations.
Brussels, Belgium 5-7 December	Within UINL's commitment to Human Rights with the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, and in accordance with the cooperation agreement with the Hague Conference, participation in the EC-HCCH joint Conference on the crossborder Protection of Vulnerable Adults.



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HUMAN-CENTRED BUSINESS MODEL

The Human-Centred Business Model (HCBM) is a community of practice at the heart of the Global Forum for Justice and Development.

The aim of the HCBM project is to develop and foster an innovative, people-centred business model that views social and environmental sustainability as a goal comparable to profit.

The idea of the project stems from the recognition of several existing initiatives around the world reflecting the growing interest of the private sector in social and environmental issues; it underscores the strong commitment of the public, as consumers, towards sustainable businesses that respect human rights.

In line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the project is an ambitious idea promoted by the World Bank and now led by the OECD Development Centre Department. Established in 2017, today it counts 46 partners, the vast majority of which are from academia. Legal aspects and regulations, stronger than in Corporate Social responsibility, governance, financial instruments, tax regimes, procurement and stakeholder relationships are all taken into consideration in the development of this new model that has just entered the operational phase with pilot projects.

The Notariat believes in the positive value that this model can generate for the globalised society we live in, as opposed to the known limits of the economic models that have governed it so far.

This is why UINL has decided to be involved from the beginning in this project by drawing up the draft statutes for both profit and not-for-profit companies that will adopt this new model. Today, UINL remains an operational partner of this initiative in the perspective that traditionally guides the action of Notariats: to contribute to economic growth, be close to people and guarantee security.



MEDITERRANEAN SYMPOSIUM

On 22 and 23 June 2018 in Madrid (Spain), UINL held the 6th Notarial Conference - Mediterranean Days. The aim of these conferences is to strengthen legal cooperation between Europe, Africa and Asia, the three continents sharing the Mediterranean space.

The symposium, inaugurated by the Spanish Minister of Justice, Dolores Delgado, brought together 150 notaries from around the Mediterranean, as well as Notariats from sub-Saharan Africa and Northern Europe. The topics studied were: couples, family businesses and the difficulties in applying the new European succession law in North-South relations.

These debates highlighted the contribution of the Notariat to legal certainty, an essential basis for the rule of law. On the one hand, by drafting acts having probative force and enforceability, the notary assures a full-fledged public service mission through the prevention of disputes. On the other hand, by providing strictly impartial advice, the notary ensures balanced agreements, giving the weakest party the necessary protection, especially in marital agreements.

Moreover, the contribution of the Notariat to the enforcement of the rule of law emerged clearly from the debate, since, in order to ensure the legality of the acts they draft, notaries cannot confer authenticity to acts containing discrimination on grounds of religion or ethnic origin, for example.

UINL regularly organises international meetings such as this one, in order to find appropriate solutions to diverse international family, marital or business situations. Our role is to offer our expertise and suggestions on the protection of fundamental rights to global institutions and governments.

The 2018 symposium was also an excellent opportunity to hold bilateral meetings with Notaries from non-member countries, such as Burundi, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Rwanda, Lebanon (who has since become a member) and Iran.

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Catalina Devandas Aguilar, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, at the UINL President's right hand side



2019	Activities
Madrid, Spain 14-15 January	Participation in the 3 rd Workshop on Investment Security in Ibero-America dealing with entrepreneurship and micro-credit in sustainable development and focusing on the role that women and young people should play.
New York, USA 4-8 February	Participation in the 69 th session of UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) within UINL's Observer Status.
Madrid, Spain 19 - 20 February	World Law Congress - Participation in the round table «Notarial public faith as a space of freedom and justice».
Annaba, Algeria 27 February-3 March	Within UINL's training and education mission, organisation of the 14 th Notarial University for Africa.
Washington DC, USA 25-29 March	Participation in the 2019 World Bank «Land and Poverty Conference: Catalysing Innovation», within the framework of UINL's international partnerships.
New York, USA 25-29 March	Participation in the 32 nd session of UNCITRAL Working Group I (MSMEs), within UINL's Observer Status.
Belgrade, Serbia 7-8 April	Meeting with the Serbian Minister of Justice for bilateral cooperation.
Salzburg, Austria 25-26 April	Participation in the 31 st Conference of European Civil-Law Notaries.
Tashkent, Uzbekistan 25-27 April	Participation in the International Legal Forum on «Law in an era of rapid modernisation».
Seville, Spain 3-4 May	UINL-CNUE Bilateral meeting.
Vienna, Austria 6 May	Participation in the FATF «Best Practices on Beneficial Ownership» Working Group and in the «Policy Development» Group, responsible for the development and setting of international standards.
Valencia, Spain 24-25 May	International Association of Judges (UIM-IAJ) - International Union of Notaries (UINL) Workshop on «Voluntary jurisdiction and execution of extrajudicial titles».

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2019	Activities
Washington DC, USA 4-5 June	Participation in the XLVI Meeting of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX) of the Organisation of American States.
Astana, Kazakhstan 14-15 June	Cooperation in the Organisation of the Central Asian Notaries Conference: «Principles of the Latin Notary System and Digitisation and the Notariat».
Dakar, Senegal 1-4 October	31 st Congress of African Notaries.
Jakarta, Indonesia 27-30 November	UINL 29 th International Congress of Notaries

29th International Congress of Notaries

Fatou Mballo-Thiam, International Coordinator Theme II and Jörg Buchholz, International Coordinator Theme I



Institutional meetings

2017	Institutional meetings
Madrid, Spain 3-4 February	First meeting Steering Committee of the 2017-2019 Legislature in a joint session with the members of the Steering Committee of the previous legislature.
Oaxaca, Mexico 16-18 March	Plenary Session of the Commission for American Affairs (CAAm).
Budapest, Hungary 24-25 March	Plenary Session of the Commission for European Affairs (CAE).
Dakar, Senegal 18 April	Plenary Session of the Commission for African Affairs (CAAf).
Tbilisi, Georgia 11-14 May	Steering Committee, General Council, Intercontinental Commissions and Working Groups.
Bali, Indonesia 7-10 September	Plenary Session of the Asian Affairs Commission (CAAs) and international workshop on «The Role of the Notary in Investment».
Cancun, México 8-11 November	Steering Committee, General Council, Intercontinental Commissions; Working Groups; and General Meeting of Member Notariats.
Cancun, México 10-13 November	Plenary Session of the Commission for American Affairs (CAAm).
Budapest, Hungary 23-25 November	Plenary Session of the Commission for European Affairs (CAE).
Niamey, Niger 4-8 December	29 th Congress of African Notaries/ Plenary Session of the Commission for African Affairs (CAAf).

Institutional meetings

Madrid, Spain - World Law Congress 2019, the Notarial Public Faith as a Space of Freedom and Justice



2018	Institutional meetings
Berlin, Germany 16 February	Steering Committee.
Lima, Peru 26-27 April	Plenary Session of the Commission for American Affairs (CAAm).
Abidjan, Ivory Coast 9-12 May	Steering Committee, General Council, Intercontinental Commissions and Working Groups.
Xian, China 5-6 September	Plenary Session of the Asian Affairs Commission (CAAs).
Buenos Aires, Argentina 27-28 September	Commission for American Affairs (CAAm) Plenary Session and 4 th Meeting of American and African Affairs Commissions.
Buenos Aires, Argentina 29-30 September	Steering Committee, General Council, Intercontinental Commissions; Working Groups; and General Meeting of Member Notariats.
Buenos Aires, Argentina 1-2 October	Steering Committee, General Council, Intercontinental Commissions; Working Groups; and General Meeting of Member Notariats.
Vienna, Austria 22-24 November	Plenary Session of the Commission for European Affairs (CAE).
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso 3-7 December	Plenary Session of the Commission for African Affairs (CAAf).

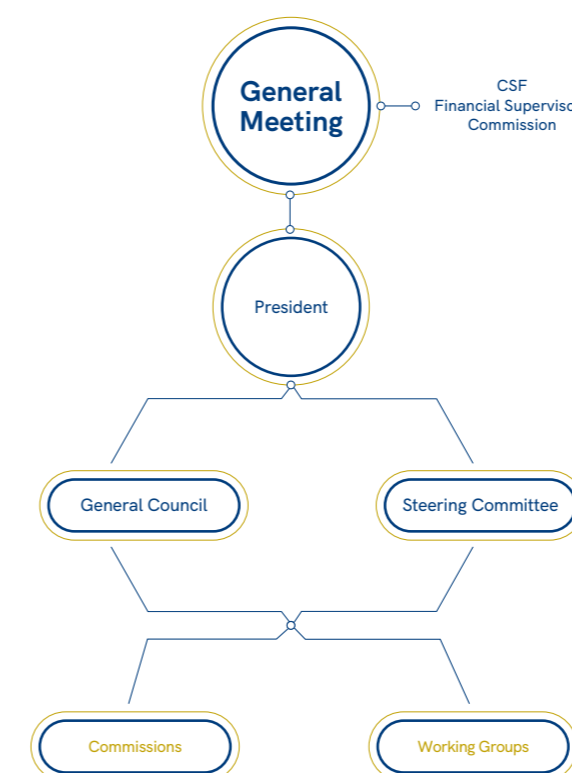
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2019	Institutional meetings
Rome, Italy 22 February	Steering Committee.
Annaba, Algeria 26 February	Plenary Session of the Commission for African Affairs (CAAf).
Punta del Este, Uruguay 8-10 March	Plenary Session of the Commission for American Affairs (CAAm).
London, UK 5-6 April	Plenary Session of the Commission for European Affairs (CAE).
Veracruz, Mexico 15-18 May	Steering Committee, General Council, Intercontinental Commissions and Working Groups.
Madrid, Spain 15-16 June	Extraordinary General Meeting of Member Notariats.
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia 27-28 June	Plenary Session of the Asian Affairs Commission (CAAs).
Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain 9-12 September	102 nd Plenary Session of the American Affairs Commission (CAAm) and 5 th Meeting of American and African Commissions.
Barcelona, Spain 25-26 October	Sesión plenaria de la Comisión de Asuntos Europeos (CAE).
Jakarta, Indonesia 24-27 November	Steering Committee, General Council, Intercontinental Commissions; Working Groups; and General Meeting of Member Notariats.

Governance structure



UINL Steering Committee



Continental commissions

- African Affairs Commission
- American Affairs Commission
- Asian Affairs Commission
- European Affairs Commission

Intercontinental commissions

- International Notarial Co-operation Commission
- Advisory Commission
- Human Rights Commission
- Notarial Deontology Commission
- Notarial Social Security Commission
- Themes and Congresses Commission

Working groups

- Authentic act
- Fight against money laundering
- International Civil Law-Common Law Task Force
- Land tenure Security «Titling»
- New technologies
- Partnership with international organisations
- Training

UINL Website

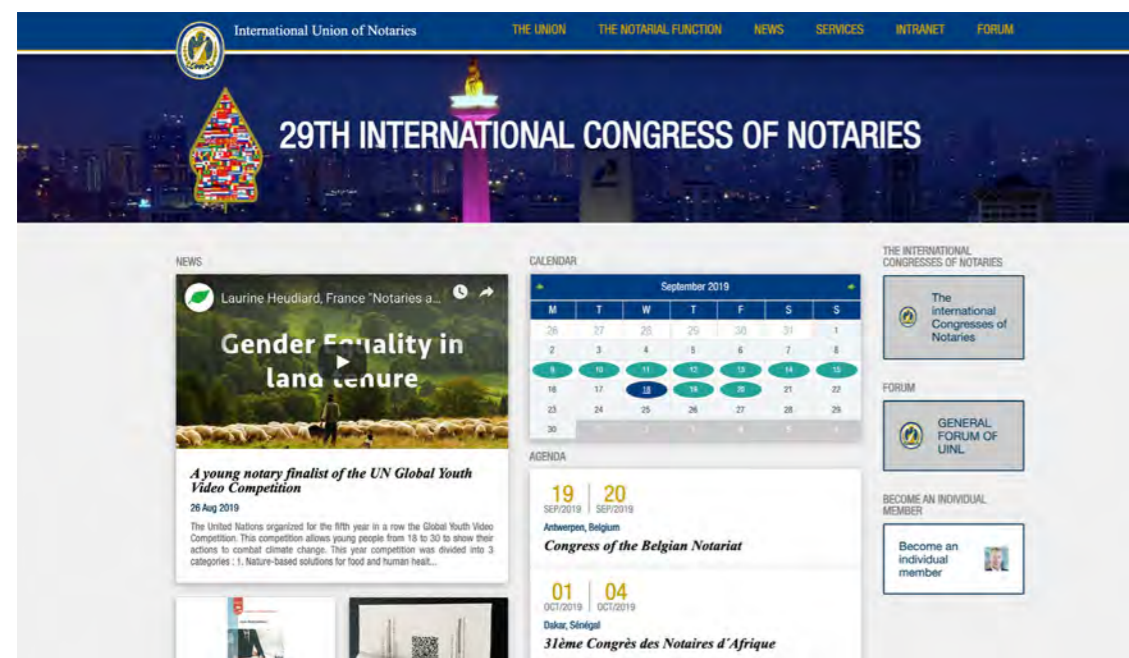
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During this legislature, a new UINL website was developed, as the main showcase for the Union, providing quick and complete information on the events and actions of the World Notariat.

At the same time, it serves as a coordination tool among member notariats to make work within the UINL more efficient, by offering a single intranet access for all members, commissions and working groups.

All documents published or approved by UINL can be consulted on one website.

It also has a legal forum for notaries registered with the UINL website, allowing them to seek answers to any legal questions that may arise, by consulting with notaries from other countries.



ONPI: Permanent Notarial Office of International Exchange

In this legislature, the role of ONPI has been strengthened as the collection and dissemination centre of the work carried out by UINL; the International Journal of Notaries (RIN) is now available online and is no longer printed on paper.



Photo on top right: the UINL Administrative Secretariat, Rita Caffelli, Elena Bevilacqua, Director, Elodie Letouche, Francesca Pispisa

The Administrative Secretariat



The UINL Administrative Secretariat, based in Rome (Italy), provides global support to the Union. The secretariat's main mission is to prepare and follow up documents, keep books and manage finances, as it is the centre of the Union's administration. It is responsible for maintaining relations with all national and international institutions, facilitating relations among member notaries and centralising research and studies of the different bodies of the Union. The secretariat also manages the UINL archives. In addition, it provides institutional and logistical support to all UINL events. Finally, it runs the UINL website and prepares information and presentation material on the organisation. In this legislature, the administrative headquarters have been moved to larger and more prestigious premises.

The UINL Honorary Presidents, Daniel-Sédar Senghor, Giancarlo Laurini and Helmut Fessler with President José Marqueño de Llano at the inauguration of the UINL new premises



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