The International Law Commission is unique as it is the only expert body that has the object of advancing the General Assembly’s mandate of promoting the progressive development of international law and its codification. This is a responsibility that the Commission shares with the General Assembly’s Sixth Committee.

There have, however, been suggestions that the major work of the Commission in the codification of international law has been completed. The Commission has also been conducting its work in an increasingly complex network of relevant rules covering different fields of international law. The adoption of treaties also takes place across a plethora of international platforms, without enjoying the imprimatur of the Commission’s output.

Against this backdrop, our panel of Commission members will discuss the future of the Commission’s work.

Programme

Welcome remarks by:

- Ambassador Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations
- Ambassador Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations and Chair of the Sixth Committee for the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly

Panel discussion, moderated by Ms Daphne Hong, Director-General of the International Affairs Division, Attorney-General’s Chambers, Singapore, with:

- Ambassador Mahmoud Hmoud, Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations and Chair of the International Law Commission for its 72nd Session
- Professor Shinya Murase, Emeritus Professor, Sophia University and Member of the International Law Commission
- Professor Sean Murphy, Manatt/Ahn Professor of International Law, George Washington University and Member of the International Law Commission

Interactive segment