



## “The Private Side of Transforming our World – UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and the Role of Private International Law”

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of Professor Ralf Michaels (Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law), Dr Verónica Ruiz Abou-Nigm (University of Edinburgh) and Hans van Loon (former Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law), we would like to cordially invite you to the **conference titled “The Private Side of Transforming our World – UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and the Role of Private International Law” from 9 to 11 September 2021**, which will take place either at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg or virtually, depending on the course of the pandemic.

Enabling all citizens of the world to live in dignity while preserving our natural resources is one of the greatest global challenges of our time. This challenge is reflected in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which form the core of the Agenda 2030 of the United Nations. This Agenda, which is also referred to as “a contract for the future of the world”, aims to serve as a shared blueprint for realizing global economic progress in a manner consistent with social justice and the planet’s environmental limits.

In the arena of public law, including public international law, the SDGs have already become a focal point for comprehensive discussion about the future of the world. With regard to private law and private international law (PIL), by contrast, there has been less attention. Yet the Agenda 2030, with its 17 primary goals and 169 associated sub-goals, bears significantly on the fields of private law and PIL. For instance, under Goal 16.9 countries should “[b]y 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration”, while pursuant to Goal 5.3 “all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage” should be eliminated. These are merely two of many examples that fall directly in the field of PIL.

The project “The Private Side of Transforming our World – UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and the Role of Private International Law” aims to raise an awareness of how PIL, with its methods and institutions, can make a significant contribution and help find answers to the greatest challenges of our time. 19 contributors from all continents will present and discuss their findings during the conference scheduled to be held on 9 to 11 September 2021. In addition, a keynote speech will be delivered by Professor Anita Ramasastry (University of Washington).

**The conference will take place in a hybrid format, i.e. both at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg and virtually via Zoom. It will be held from 9 to 11 September 2021. We would kindly ask you to register for the conference via this [LINK](#).**

We look forward to welcoming you at the Institute or virtually. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.