

HCCH, Hague Children's Conventions & the IHNJ

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HCCH Members



- *Egypt (1961)*
- *Israel (1964)*
- *Jordan (2001)*
- *Lebanon (admitted State)*
- *Morocco (1993)*
- *Tunisia (2014)*

Hague Children's Conventions



Provide solutions to cross-border legal issues affecting children and families worldwide: Conventions are designed to be compatible with diverse legal systems throughout the world

1980 Child Abduction Convention:

Israel, Morocco (Tunisia: approved by Parliament)

1996 Child Protection Convention:

Morocco

2007 Child Support Convention:

(1956 UN Convention: Algeria, Israel, Morocco, Tunisia)

International Hague Network of Judges (IHNJ):

Israel and Morocco

Malta Process: Outcomes and Next Steps



- **1) IHNJ:** “All States are invited to designate a Network Judge.”
- **Appointment and designation of members of the International Hague Network of Judges:** 1.2 Judges designated to the Network with responsibility for international child protection matters should be sitting judges with authority and present experience in that area. Competent authorities responsible for making such designations vary from State to State. Examples of these competent authorities include judicial councils, supreme courts, chief justices, assemblies of judges or, sometimes, the Ministry of Justice or other relevant government department.
- 1.3 The process for the designation of Network Judges should respect the independence of the judiciary.
- **1.4 Designation of Network Judges in States that are not Parties to the Hague Children’s Conventions is also encouraged. [...]**
- 1.7 Designations should be made by way of a signed letter or the transmission of any official document from the competent authority responsible for the designation.





2) Consider designating a Central Contact Point for Mediation

21. Participants are invited to actively encourage mediation at all levels and to take advantage of training and other resources offered by non-governmental organisations (NGOs). All States are invited to establish a Central Contact Point for International Family Mediation.

Current Members of the WPM



- Australia
- Canada (Co-Chair)
- **Egypt**
- France
- Germany
- India
- **Jordan**
- Malaysia
- **Morocco**
- Pakistan (former co-Chair)
- Senegal
- South Africa
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- **Invited: Lebanon**



3) Consider joining Hague Children's Conventions

- **16. States that are not currently Party to the Hague Children's Conventions of 1980, 1996 and 2007 are encouraged to consider becoming Parties to these Conventions. [..]**
- **19. States interested in ratifying / acceding to the Hague Children's Conventions are invited to avail themselves of the offers of training / sharing of expertise by Contracting States, as well as of the resources of the Permanent Bureau.**



4) Dialogue with Contracting States and Further Learning

- The conference emphasised the great value of continued dialogue among Contracting and non-Contracting States to the Hague Children’s Conventions through, for example:
 - a. active and consistent participation in the Working Party on Mediation;
 - b. participation of non-Contracting States, as observers, at the next Special Commission meeting to review the 1980 and 1996 Conventions (in October 2017), where States may report on steps taken towards joining the relevant Hague Children’s Conventions;
 - c. bilateral and regional seminars which engage regional intergovernmental organisations and other regional stakeholders;
 - d. future Malta Conferences; and, e. the availability, in Arabic, of more Hague Conference documents.

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