



UNU CONVERSATION SERIES

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United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel

Law at the UN: Does it Matter?

Tuesday, 2 December 2014, 6:30–7:30 PM

Reception & buffet after the event

United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo

The UN Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) provides unified legal services for the entire UN Organization. Committed to international law surrounding treaties, war, peacekeeping, oceans and criminal justice, the OLA also presides over legal agreements with UN facility host countries and advises nations on legal system development — all while overseeing internal legal affairs for a UN staff of more than 60,000.

Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares will join UNU Rector David M. Malone for a conversation examining the extraordinary range of legal matters that the OLA is tasked to confront. As the UN's top legal adviser, Mr. Serpa Soares will address the UN's responsibility to uphold the rule of law and the demanding role of administering international justice in the context

of some of today's most acute issues, ranging from Ebola virus disease and the crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic to maritime disputes and piracy.

The UNU Conversation Series aims to foster audience participation: you are encouraged to engage with the speakers during the conversation and at the reception that will follow, where all audience members are invited to enjoy the food and drinks that will be served while exchanging ideas and making new contacts.

Please note that this event will be in English only; Japanese interpretation will not be provided. Advance registration (by 1 December) is required.

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