



CALC Conference 2026

15 – 17 July 2026

Programme



Day 1 – 15 July 2026 (Wednesday)

Time	Event
(All Day 1 sessions are held at the Fullerton Hotel Ballroom)	
08:30	Registration
09:00	1. Opening Remarks by President of CALC, Justice Johnson Okello 2. Welcome Remarks by Attorney-General of Singapore, Mr Lucien Wong SC 3. Keynote Address by Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs, Singapore, Mr Edwin Tong SC
10:00	Conference photo-taking
10:30	Morning break
10:50	<u>Panel: Law Reform Agencies and the role of Legislative Drafting</u> Anthony North KC and Professor Penney Lewis Chair: Matthew Jolley
11:20	<u>Panel: Drafting and the art of negotiation in a changing world</u> Phil Chessum, Michelle Daley and Aleks Hynna Chair: Natalie Plumstead
12:05	<i>Perspectives across the Commonwealth</i> 1. <u>Professional Ethics and the Legislative Drafter: A Ghanaian Perspective</u> — Heidi-Marie Boakye 2. <u>Legislating in a changing office</u> — Lucy Marsh-Smith Chair: Felicity !Owoses
12:50	Lunch
13:40	<u>Delivering legislative programmes</u> 1. <u>Drafting legislation in a rapidly evolving political and legal landscape: how to deliver effective bills in a fast-paced world</u> — Jessica de Mounteney 2. <u>Leveraging data for effective management of the legislative pipeline</u> — Richard Wallace Chair: Dame Brenda King
14:40	<u>Legislative definitions</u> 1. <u>Legislative definitions and the penumbra of words</u> — James Adutt, Jane Irving and Alex Lo 2. <u>Can a tiger be a pet? The Australian approach to interpreting defined terms in statute</u> — Rebecca Scott Chair: Eamonn Moran PSM KC SBS
15:40	Afternoon break
16:00	<u>Panel: Use of AI in Drafting Offices</u> Arina Joanisse, Angela Beck, Andy Neale, Alice Harrison-Needham, James Adutt and Chong Kah Wei Chair: Jeanne Lee
17:00	End of Day 1 academic programme
18:00 - 20:30	 Welcome Reception for Delegates and Guests Supreme Court Terrace, Level 4M, National Gallery of Singapore Welcome remarks by Deputy Attorney-General of Singapore, Mr Lionel Yee SC, at 18:30 Drinks served from 18:00; live food stations start after Welcome Remarks and end at 20:15



Day 2 – 16 July 2026 (Thursday)

Time	Breakout room 1 (Fullerton Hotel Ballroom)	Breakout room 2 (Fullerton Hotel Boardroom)	Breakout room 3 (Fullerton Hotel EDB Room)
09:00	<i>Plain language</i> 1. <u>Laws and Plain Language: the state of play, 40 years on</u> — Ben Piper 2. <u>Operationalizing Legislative Quality: A comparative analysis of drafting techniques used in Barbados, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand</u> — Shaquille K Newton	<u>New Ways of Working: Technology and Collaboration</u> — Daniel Baird, Pasha Peyrovi and Nina Ding Chair: Andy Neale	[Blank]
09:30	3. <u>The Development of Plain Language Drafting Culture: Australia, Canada and New Zealand</u> (video recording) — Archie Zariski Chair: Michelle Daley	<u>Annotated Statutes and Statutory Dictionary: Upcoming features in Singapore's LawNet</u> — Mark Fisher, Michelle Chua and Alvaro Vigil Chair: Andy Neale	<u>Drafting in the Disruption: Regulating the Legal Profession in the Age of Artificial Intelligence</u> — Ricardo Bates-Sealy Chair: Craig Rosario
10:00		<u>Updating what we tell ourselves about "the legislative sentence" for the AI age</u> — Matthew Waddington Chair: Lucy Marsh-Smith	<u>Legislating the Conditions for Digital Criminal Procedure in a Changing World</u> — Ning Jia Chair: Don Colagiuri SC
10:30	Morning break		
10:50	<i>Working with external rules</i> 1. <u>Interpretation and Enforcement of Australian Standards in NSW</u> — Byron Clugston	<i>Statutory interpretation</i> 1. <u>Default Interpretive Rules in a Changing World</u> — Ross Pey	<u>Regulating as a Global Activity — State of Play and Trends</u> — Manfred Kohler Chair: Rehema Katuga
11:20	2. <u>Drafting for Implementation: Ensuring Model Laws Translate into Effective Domestic Legislation</u> — Susan Jarvis	2. <u>Plain Language and the Readability Trap</u> — Benjamin Minhao Chen Chair: Owi Beng Ki	<u>Legislative Reform to Foster a Sustainable Orbital Launch Industry</u> — Mason Stott Chair: Lee Yean-Lin
11:50	3. <u>Soft Law, Hard Consequences: Supersession, erosion, and the legislative drafter as constitutional navigator</u> — Liness Chikankheni Chair: Dr Katy Le Roy	<u>What to except when you're excepting: drafting exceptions to offences</u> — Ben Fraser Chair: Andrew Jones	<u>The Landscape of Legislative Drafting: Expanding the Drafter's Role in an Authoritarian Age</u> — David Marcello Chair: Stanley Kok
12:20	Lunch		



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13:10	<i>Delegation</i> 1. <u>Primary v. secondary legislation: balancing democratic accountability and legislative agility</u> — Lydia Clapinska and Alex Lo	<i>Backbench legislation</i> 1. <u>Private members' Bills and the statute book</u> — Byron Clugston and Michael Mendel	<u>Evidence-Based Lawmaking: Thailand's Legislative Drafting Act and Comparative Insights from the Commonwealth</u> — Kiratipong Naewmalee Chair: Joyce Chao
13:40	2. <u>A South African Update: The Delegation of Plenary Legislative Power and the Need for Executive Flexibility</u> — Heinrich Muller 3. <u>Facilitating the delegation of statutory powers: is there a role for an Interpretation Act?</u> — Eamonn Moran PSM KC SBS Chair: Aleksander Hynna	2. <u>AI as the Great Equaliser: Restoring Legislative Agency in Post-Colonial Parliaments — The Punjab Assembly Case</u> — Usama Khawar and Malik Taimour Ahmad Khan Chair: Charlie Feldman	<u>Traversing the Reforms and the Future Legislation of International Investment Law for Treaty Arbitration</u> — Dr Sanya Yadav Chair: Lee Chuan Huei
14:10		<i>Parliaments and procedure</i> 1. <u>What does Parliament want to see in a bill? Exploring Canadian printing requirements</u> — Charlie Feldman 2. <u>Parliamentary sovereignty, separation of powers and the legislative process</u> — Saira Salimi Chair: Tay Li Hang	<u>Editing for Legislative Resilience: Transferable Cross Disciplinary Editorial Skills to Strengthen Legislative Drafts</u> — Tara Smith Chair: Lucy Marsh-Smith
14:40	<u>Drafting to Criminalise Misogyny</u> — Genevieve Parke Chair: Dylan Hughes		<u>Consolidation Acts: do we still need them?</u> — James George Chair: Richard Hughes
15:10	<u>Working draft(er)s: a conversation about early career drafting</u> — Liz Larbalestier and Isaac Mok Chair: Ben Fraser	<u>Fireside chat: The leadership challenges of running a drafting office</u> — Jessica de Mounteney and Andy Beattie	[Blank]
15:40	Afternoon break		
16:00	End of Day 2 academic programme		
16:00 - 17:30	[Blank]	CALC General Meeting (CALC members only)	[Blank]
18:00 - late	 Gala Dinner for Delegates and Guests Fullerton Hotel Ballroom Drinks, Singapore snacks and game stalls from 18:00 Delegates and guests to be seated by 19:00		



Day 3 – 17 July 2026 (Friday)

Time	Event (All Day 3 sessions are held at the Fullerton Hotel Ballroom)
09:00	<u>Designing and drafting legislation to support digital decision-making: What is possible? What is appropriate?</u> — David Goddard KC Chair: Peter Quiggin KC
09:45	<u>How to train a drafter?</u> — Alice Harrison-Needham and Lydia Clapinska
10:15	Morning break
10:45	<u>Singapore’s legislative philosophy through the lens of public housing</u> — Seow Zhixiang Chair: Andy Beattie
11:15	<i>Drafting and technology</i> 1. <u>Legislative Drafting for a World Transformed by Technology & Social Media</u> — Charles Lim Aeng Cheng 2. <u>Who Serves as the Drafter in an AI-Generated World? A Case Study of Alberta’s Whisky Act</u> — Benjamyn McKay Chair: Kerri Sinclair
12:15	1. Closing Remarks by Incoming CALC President 2. Closing Remarks by Chief Legislative Counsel, AGC Singapore
12:40	Lunch
13:30	End of Day 3 academic programme

Post-Conference Activities: 17 and 18 July 2026 (Friday and Saturday)

If you have registered for post-conference activities, please visit the [Conference microsite](#) for more information.

