

Implementation of Hague Family Conventions – a practical perspective

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Overview

- **Hague Family Conventions**
- **Implementing legislation**
- **Formally becoming a party**
- **Running a Central Authority**
- **Role of the courts**
- **Resources and support**

Hague Family Conventions

Main family conventions:

- **Child Abduction**
- **Intercountry Adoption**
- **Protection of Children**
- **Maintenance/Child Support**

Related administrative co-operation

- **Apostille Convention**

Implementing legislation

- **Legislative change usually required**
- **Good understanding of convention obligations**
- **Design implications**
- **Consequential changes**
- **Guidance:**
 - Other countries
 - Permanent Bureau

Formally becoming a party

- **Domestic approval process**
- **Reservations and declarations**
- **Depositing instrument of accession**
- **Entry into force**
- **Existing parties' acceptance**

Running a central authority

- **Implementing legislation**
- **Location**
- **Identify key people**
- **Establish systems and processes**
- **Training**
- **Equipment and materials**
- **Funding**
- **Enforcement**

Role of the courts

- **Judicial systems**
- **Judicial education**
- **Funding**
- **Hague Network Judge**

Resources and support

- **Permanent Bureau**
- **Hague Conference website (www.hcch.net)**
- **Guides to good practice**
- **Other Central Authorities**
- **Twinning with another Central Authority**

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