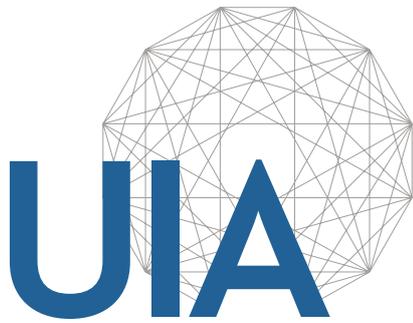




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- Act as a catalyst for new forms of associative activity and international co-operation
- Promote research on the legal, administrative and other problems common to international associations, especially in their contacts with governmental bodies
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