UPDATES ON CORPORATE REGISTERS FORUM (CRF)

ECRF CONFERENCE 2017
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Corporate Registers Forum is an association of international corporate registries established in 2003.

The charter members:

- Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Mauritius, New Zealand, Pakistan, Samoa, Singapore, United Kingdom and Vanuatu.
Who can be a member?

Currently there are 61 member countries representing Asia-Pacific, Africa, Middle-East, Europe, North and South America.
CRF 2017 was held at the Shangri-La Kowloon, Hong Kong from 6 – 10 March 2017.

The Forum was divided into 18 sessions covering issues such as:

- Beneficial Ownership;
- Use of Information Technology – Technological Collaboration and One-stop Platform;
- Use of social media as a tool;
- Transparency vs Privacy;
- Regulation of company service providers;
CRF 2017

Corporate Registries – Challenges and Opportunities, Today and Tomorrow
CRF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
2017/2018

- Ms. Rosanne Bell, Australia, President (replacing Mr Tim Moss, Companies House, UK)
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The 2nd CRF Technical Workshop hosted by the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM) was held in Kuala Lumpur on 18 & 19 October 2016.

- 50 participants representing 14 jurisdictions.
- 17 speakers (New Zealand, Singapore, Netherlands, Germany, Hong Kong, Malaysia).
The need to address the challenges and responses in meeting the expectations of the business community.

- Leverage on the expertise and experiences of participants.
- Platform for mutual exchange and sharing of ideas on similar initiatives.
- Working out possible solutions.
2nd CRF TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

“The Future Role of the Registry”

- Welcome Dinner & Cultural Show @ Restoran D'saji KL Titiwangsa Kuala Lumpur (18 October 2016)
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• Visit to SSM (19 October 2016)
Technical Workshops for 2017

- 23-25 August 2017 – to be conducted by Companies and Intellectual Properties Commission (CIPC).
- Theme: *Efficiencies of a modernized registry, from a registration office to being a regulator.*
- Agenda covers issues mainly on:
  - Ease of Doing Business Methodology;
  - Modernization of registries and their journey in regulatory reform; and
  - Way forward/action plan for the African nation registries.
Technical Workshops for 2017

- Tentatively schedule for November 2017 – to be conducted by Qatar Financial Centre Companies Registration Office.
- Agenda covers issues mainly on:
  - Detection and prevention of misuse of corporate vehicles to commit fraud and money laundering;
  - Monitoring of companies; and
  - Forced deregistration.
Organised by Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA).

Programme and details will be published on www.corporateregistersforum.org.
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