

# UPDATES ON CORPORATE REGISTERS FORUM (CRF)

ECRF CONFERENCE 2017

VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

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CRF

- **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.

# MEMBERSHIP

- Who can be a member?
- Currently there are 61 member countries representing Asia-Pacific, Africa, Middle-East, Europe, North and South America.

# CRF 2017



Corporate Registries –  
Challenges and  
Opportunities, Today and  
Tomorrow

- 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;
  - Update from United Nations Commission of International Trade Law.

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# CRF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2017/2018

- Ms. Rosanne Bell, Australia, President (replacing Mr Tim Moss, Companies House, UK)
- Mr. Michael Brosnahan, New Zealand, Secretary
- Ms. K. Latha, Singapore, Asst. Secretary
- Mr. Abdul Rasheed Kakkot Puthan Purayil, Qatar
- Ms. Ada Chung, Treasurer, Hong Kong SAR
- Ms Ann Lewis, United Kingdom
- Mr. Anthony Bwembya, Zambia
- Mr. Ong Khiaw Hong, Singapore
- Adv. Rory Voller, South Africa
- Mr. Ross van der Schyff, New Zealand
- Mdm. Zahrah Abd Wahab Fenner, Malaysia

## 2<sup>nd</sup> CRF TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

*"The Future Role of the  
Registry"*

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).

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- 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.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> CRF TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

*"The Future Role of the  
Registry"*

- Welcome Dinner & Cultural Show @ Restoran D'saji  
KL Titiwangsa Kuala Lumpur (18 October 2016)



- Visit to SSM (19 October 2016)

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# CRF TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS 2017



- 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.

# CRF TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS 2017 (cont ...)



- 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.

# CRF 2018 GABORONE, BOTSWANA



- Organised by Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA).
- Programme and details will be published on [www.corporateregistersforum.org](http://www.corporateregistersforum.org).

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