

Corporate Registers Forum Update

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The Association

- The CRF is an association of international corporate registries registered under the Hong Kong Business Ordinance as an unincorporated entity in 2003
- 62 member countries over 5 continents
- The 17th Annual **CRF Conference** was held **virtually** (wholly online) and was hosted by the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB). The conference ran from the **9-11 November 2021**, update to follow

New President of CRF



- Ms. Louise Smythe (Chief Executive, Registrar of Companies, Companies House, United Kingdom)
- On 1 August 2021 appointed as transitional president
- On Annual General Meeting held virtually on 25 November 2021, she was elected from the CRF members for permanent President

New CRF Secretary



- Mr. Martin Fidler Jones is a new CRF Secretary, after Mr. Michael Brosnahan retired
- Mr. Martin Fidler Jones came from Companies House, United Kingdom



UNITED KINGDOM REPRESENTED BY
Louise Smyth
PRESIDENT



HONG KONG CHINA REPRESENTED BY
Kitty Tsui
TREASURER



UNITED KINGDOM REPRESENTED BY
Martin Fidler Jones
SECRETARY



BOTSWANA REPRESENTED BY
Conductor Paul Masena
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



NORTH MACEDONIA REPRESENTED BY
Marija Boshkovska Jankovski
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



SINGAPORE REPRESENTED BY
Ong Khiaw Hong
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTED BY
Sanjai Raj
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



QATAR REPRESENTED BY
Abdul Rasheed Purayil KP
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



AUSTRALIA REPRESENTED BY
Michelle Crosby
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



MALDIVES REPRESENTED BY
Mariyam Visam
2022 CONFERENCE DIRECTOR AND
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



AUSTRALIA REPRESENTED BY
Robin Hayes
ASSISTANT SECRETARY



SINGAPORE REPRESENTED BY
Shelley Chua
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

CRF 2021 Uganda

- Hosted by the Uganda Registration Services Bureau, from 9-11 November
- The theme was **Ease of Doing Business: The role of Corporate Registries.**
- Over 300 participants had registered. Among the registered attendees, there were:
 - 4 NGO,
 - 50 commercial organizations,
 - 221 member organizations,
 - 16 non-member organizations.

CRF 2019 Highlights/Sessions

- How registries have supported businesses throughout COVID-19;
- How Block Chain and Artificial Intelligence can help registries to support business;
- Benchmarking as a tool to drive improvement;
- Partnering with enterprises to deliver modern registries;
- Cross border integration of business registers to facilitate international trade;
- Challenges faced by corporate registries in supporting economic recovery in a post COVID-19 environment;
- Partnering across government in delivery of registry services” (Challenges and opportunities);

CRF Innovation Awards

- On 31st March 2021 through the zoom platform CRF for the first time held an Innovation Awards technical workshop
- The highest Merit Award for Innovation (Excellence) was given to the Central Registry of the Republic of North Macedonia for the project Common Platform for Starting a Business
- Awards for Innovation (commendation) went to Azerbaijan, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa and the United Kingdom
- The awards cycle will be every 2 years. The next cycle will be in 2023

Technical workshops

- In June 2021 Technical workshop – Beneficial Ownership
- In September 2021 Technical workshop - Authentication and Identification of people on registers
- In March 2021 Technical workshop - Directors Behavior
- In June 2021 Technical workshop - „Actionable Strategies to improve customer satisfaction “.

Recent Work Programs

- Implemented a bursary scheme for members and reduce the annual membership fee
- Website refresh
- Social media enrichment
- Continued publishing Member Newsletter

CRF Conference 2022

- 18th Annual CRF Conference will be held from September 21 - 24, 2022 on Paradise Island Resort, Maldives
- The theme of the Conference is **“Transforming Business Registries for the post-pandemic era”**
- For all other updates, you can get information on the web site of Corporate Registry Forum www.corporateregistersforum.org

