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
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