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## An Introduction to International Commercial Arbitration for Private Sector in Tonga

**20 September 2017, Fiefia Room  
Tanoa Dateline Hotel, Vuna Road, Naku'alofa**

The Tongan Government, the Tonga Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) would like to invite private sector and public enterprises to a free half-day seminar to learn about international arbitration reform in Tonga and in the South Pacific region supported under an ADB regional technical assistance. As South Pacific countries continue to develop their international trade and investment agenda, and as foreign investment in the region grows, arbitration has become an important and popular method of resolving disputes within the international business community.

### **Who should attend**

Businesses and government non-lawyers who contract with foreign companies

*RSVP by 20 August 2017*

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### **Program**

- 9:30 am** Introduction
- 9:45 am** What is international arbitration and how does it differ from court proceedings?
- 10:15 am** Advantages of International Arbitration – speed, confidentiality, expertise, neutrality and enforcement
- 10:45 am** Is international arbitration suitable for my business? Focus on costs
- 11:00 am** Coffee break
- 11:15 am** Using international arbitration clauses for dispute resolution in an agreement
- 12:30 pm** Update on international arbitration reform in the South Pacific
- 1:00 pm** Q&A
- 1:30 pm** Lunch

### **Co-Chairs**

Christina Pak, Senior Counsel, ADB and Daniel Meltz, Barrister, ADB International Arbitration Consultant

### **Speakers**

Jo Delaney, Partner, Baker & McKenzie, Sydney and Daniel Kalderimis, Partner, Chapman Tripp, Wellington

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