



An Introduction to International Commercial Arbitration for Lawyers in Tonga



**19 September 2017, Fiefia Room,
Tanoa Dateline Hotel, Vuna Road, Nuku'alofa**

The Ministry of Justice (MOJ) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) would like to invite law practitioners 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

Private and government lawyers who advise on contracts with foreign companies

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Program

- 9:00 am** Opening Ceremony & Group Photo
Keynote Address: Hon. Sione Vuna Fa'otusia, Minister of Justice & Prisons
- 9:30 am** Coffee break
- 10:00 am** A guide to international arbitration - how does it differ from court proceedings and which type of business contracts are suitable for international arbitration?
- 10:15 am** Advantages of international arbitration – speed, confidentiality, expertise, neutrality and enforcement
- 10:45 am** An introduction to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York, 1958)
- 11:00 am** An introduction to the regional South Pacific and international institutions which administer international arbitration
- 11:15 am** How to advise on and draft an international arbitration clause
- 12:30 pm** Enforcement of foreign arbitral awards
- 1:00 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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