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29<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We invite you to participate in an important project in the field of dispute resolution, the Johannesburg Global Pound Conference (GPC). The conference is taking place on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the offices of Bowmans in Sandton.

**Please save the date and register below.**

[The Johannesburg Global Pound Conference](#) (GPC) event is part of an international series of events taking place in approximately 40 cities and 31 countries. The series will facilitate the development of 21st century commercial dispute resolution tools, at domestic, regional and international levels. It is a one-day programme that involves all participants using a unique [interactive technology platform](#) that includes multiple choice and open text questions to generate comparable and actionable global data. The goal is to consider improvements that can be made to all forms of dispute resolution, including litigation, arbitration, conciliation, mediation and mixed modes of preventing and resolving commercial disputes. The GPC Series will convene all stakeholders in dispute resolution -- commercial parties, lawyers, academics, judges, arbitrators, conciliators, mediators, ombuds, policy makers, and others -- at conferences around the world. These conferences will provoke debate on existing tools and techniques, stimulate new ideas and generate actionable data on what corporate and individual dispute resolution users actually need and want, both locally and globally.

#### **REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS ARE INVOLVED IN ORGANISING THE JOHANNESBURG GPC EVENT**

- Anglo American South Africa
- Arbitration Foundation of South Africa
- Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa)
- Bowmans
- Conflict Dynamics
- Discovery Health
- Dispute Settlement Accreditation Council
- International Ombudsman Association
- Mediate Works
- Members of the Johannesburg Bar
- Members of the Judiciary
- Maersk
- Tokiso Dispute Settlement
- University of Cape Town Ombuds Office
- Young Mediator Initiative

#### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Anyone with a stake in improving commercial dispute resolution in South Africa, including:

- Business owners and executives
- In-house counsel
- Lawyers in private practice
- Judges and court officials
- Arbitrators
- Conciliators
- Mediators
- Ombuds
- Academics
- Teachers in Law and Business schools
- Government officials
- Policy advisors and NGOs

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**PROGRAMME**

We are assembling a strong panel of experts, representatives of business, government and the judiciary, who will provide their commentary and insight as the day proceeds. See our developing [programme](#) for more details.

**SPONSORSHIP**

We have been encouraged by the global and local support the Johannesburg event has attracted. We are particularly grateful to our [global and local sponsors](#) for their generous financial support. [Sponsorship opportunities](#) still exist.

**PRICE**

Early Bird (by 15 May 2017) : R1,200. Plus VAT (R1,368. including VAT)

After 15 May 2017 : R1,500. Plus VAT (R1,710. Including VAT)

**REGISTER NOW**

We encourage you to look at the [website for this event](#) and to register on-line now by [CLICKING HERE](#)

We will be back in touch as our speakers are confirmed and to keep you informed. We look forward to seeing you on 29th June 2017 for what promises to be a stimulating and rewarding day.

Yours sincerely

Judge Sharise Weiner (Chair)

[The Johannesburg Local Organising Committee](#)

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