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ANNUAL ARBITRATION & INVESTMENT SUMMIT

CARIBBEAN, LATIN AMERICA
& OTHER EMERGING MARKETS **2018**

Arbitration Centers,
Cooperation vs. Competition:
Building the Market

Arbitration – Competition or Cooperation – LET’S COMPETE!

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The BCCEC

- ◆ Non-Profit Organization
- ◆ NGO
- ◆ Business Services Organization
- ◆ Official Employer Representative



The BCCEC

- ◆ Eleven (11) Divisions and Committees:
 1. Executive
 2. Policy Regulation and ADR
 3. Energy and Environment
 4. Trade, Domestic and International Economic Development
 5. Labour, Employment and Skill Development



The BCCEC

1. Social Policy Reform
2. Communications, Fundraising and Membership Services
3. Corporate Governance
4. Family Island Development
5. Ease of Doing Business
6. Finance and Budget



The BCCEC

- ◆ International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- ◆ World Chambers Federation
- ◆ International Labour Organization
- ◆ International Organization of Employers
- ◆ Caribbean Employers Confederation



Trade Information Services

- ◆ Lack of Trade Data
- ◆ Launch of Trade Information Services and Portal
- ◆ Provide Market Access

Ease of Doing Business

- ◆ Streamline Business Licence Process
- ◆ Streamline Investment Approval Proposal
- ◆ Liberalize National Investment Policy
- ◆ Speedier and Simplified Town Planning
- ◆ Reduce Turnaround Time for Recording Documents
- ◆ Reduce Duplicative Requirements

Ease of Doing Business

- ◆ Reduce Cost of Energy
- ◆ Streamline Process for Trading Across Borders
- ◆ Improve Use of Technology in Government
- ◆ Overhaul Taxation Infrastructure
- ◆ Expedite launch of Arbitration and ADR

Doing Business

- ◆ Increased legal challenge
- ◆ Promote ADR

Forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

- ◆ Arbitration
- ◆ Mediation
- ◆ Contract Adjudication

Model Law

- ◆ UNICITRAL
- ◆ Mandate
- ◆ International Trade Law
- ◆ WTO
- ◆ Member State –v- Observer State
- ◆ Arbitration under UNCITRAL Rules

Arbitration in The Bahamas

- ◆ Arbitration Act, 2009
- ◆ International –v- Domestic
- ◆ Arbitration Centre
- ◆ Travel and Accommodation -
- ◆ Commercial Enterprises Act
- ◆ Trusted Traveler Programme
- ◆ Administration



Next Steps

- ◆ Domestic Arbitration
- ◆ Training
- ◆ Register of Professionals
- ◆ MOU

