

# ASIA-PACIFIC COURTS CONFERENCE (APCC) 2010

## 4 – 6 OCTOBER 2010, SINGAPORE

### PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Monday, 4 October 2010	
<i>Part A - For delegates with the Singapore Cooperation Programme. Optional for the remaining delegates.</i>	
0830 hrs	Meeting Point at the Lobby of the Swissotel Stamford at Level 1
0900 – 1030 hrs	Visit to the Subordinate Courts
1100 – 1200 hrs	Visit to the Supreme Court
1200 – 1300 hrs	Visit to the Singapore Academy of Law
1300 – 1400 hrs	Lunch hosted by the Supreme Court of Singapore
1430 – 1530 hrs	Visit to the Attorney-General's Chambers
1600 to 1700 hrs	Visit to the Law Society
<i>Part B - For all delegates</i>	
1730 – 1930 hrs	Registration and Welcome Reception
Day 2 - Tuesday, 5 October 2010	
0830 – 0900 hrs	Delegates to be seated
0900 – 0910 hrs	Welcome Remarks by Chief District Judge Tan Siong Thye, Subordinate Courts, Singapore
0910 – 0930 hrs	Opening Keynote Address by Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong, Supreme Court, Singapore
0930 – 0945 hrs	Multimedia Presentation
0945 – 1000 hrs	Group Photography

1000 – 1030 hrs	Morning Tea Break	
1030 – 1130 hrs	<p><b><u>Session 1 - Plenary:</u></b></p> <p><b>Journey Towards Court Excellence &amp; The International Framework for Court Excellence (IFCE)</b></p> <p><u>Topic:</u> Why is there a need for a framework? Introduction to the IFCE</p> <p>Members of the International Consortium for Court Excellence will give a broad overview and introduction to the IFCE.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>Tan Siong Thye <i>Chief District Judge Subordinate Courts of Singapore</i></p> <p>Daniel J Hall <i>Vice-President Court Consulting Services National Center for State Courts (USA)</i></p> <p>Laurie Glanfield AM <i>Director-General, Department of Justice Attorney-General, New South Wales (Australia)</i></p>	
1130 to 1300 hrs	<p><b><u>Session 2 – Concurrent presentations on Court Excellence Case Studies</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Session 2a</u></b> Representatives from the Federal Court of Australia and the Subordinate Courts of Singapore will speak on their experiences in implementing the framework in their respective courts and how the framework has assisted the courts' journey towards excellence in judicial administration.</p> <p>Thereafter, a speaker from Ukraine will speak on the topic of the promoting of judicial independence through judicial training.</p> <p><u>Chairperson:</u> Dr Andrew Canon <i>Deputy Chief Magistrate</i></p>	<p><b><u>Session 2b</u></b> Representatives from the New South Wales Land &amp; Environment Court and the Family Court of Australia will speak on their experiences in implementing the framework in their respective courts and how the framework has assisted the courts' journey towards excellence in judicial administration.</p> <p><u>Chairperson:</u> Professor Greg Reinhardt <i>Director Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration</i></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Justice Brian Preston <i>Chief Judge of the New South Wales Land</i></p>

	<p><i>South Australia</i></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>Warwick Soden <i>Chief Executive Officer and Registrar of the Federal Court of Australia</i></p> <p>Thian Yee Sze <i>District Judge and Senior Director of the Strategic Planning and Training Division Subordinate Courts of Singapore</i></p> <p>Judge Iryna Voytyuk <i>President of the Academy of Judges Ukraine</i></p>	<p><i>&amp; Environment Court Australia</i></p> <p>Justice Peter Murphy <i>Family Court of Australia</i></p> <p>Additional speaker from Russia to be advised</p>
1300 – 1415 hrs	Lunch	
1415 – 1545 hrs	<p><b><u>Session 3 - Court Planning Policies</u></b></p> <p><u>Topic</u> - Developing Court Policies for the 21st Century</p> <p>Defining, implementing, and assessing court policies are important tools for effective management. One key aspect is the systematic collection of information about the needs in society and predicting future changes in the needs and demands for court services.</p> <p>Scenario and strategic planning for the administration of justice in most countries has traditionally been regarded as the domain of the executive arm of government rather than the judiciary. In contrast, court planning is often restricted to narrowly defined matters pertaining to judicial administration.</p> <p>This session will see a debate on the benefits of strategic planning, its relevance to the judiciary and the extent to which judiciaries should become involved in the broader context of strategic planning.</p> <p><u>Chairperson:</u> Mr Lok Vi Ming SC Vice-President Law Society of Singapore</p>	

	<p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>The Right Honourable Tun Dato' Seri Zaki bin Tun Azmi <i>Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Malaysia</i></p> <p>Chief Justice Paul DeMuniz <i>Oregon Supreme Court (USA)</i></p> <p>Richard Van Duizend <i>Principal Court Management Consultant National Center for State Courts (USA)</i></p>
1545 – 1600 hrs	Afternoon Tea Break
1600 – 1700 hrs	<p><b><u>Session 4 - Plenary:</u></b></p> <p><b>IFCE Implementation – An explanation of the seven areas of court excellence</b> The speaker will introduce the self-assessment questionnaire and explain the requirements for the seven areas of court excellence. Illustrations by way of case studies will be given to highlight changes that can be effected to court administration by implementing the framework.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Professor Greg Reinhardt <i>Director Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration</i></p> <p>Dr Andrew Canon <i>Deputy Chief Magistrate South Australia</i></p>
1700 – 1900 hrs	Refresh
1900 – 2130 hrs	Conference Dinner
2130 hrs	End
<b>Day 3 - Wednesday, 6 October 2010</b>	
0845 – 0900 hrs	Delegates to be seated
0900 – 1030 hrs	<p><b><u>Session 5 - Plenary:</u></b></p> <p><u>Topic:</u> Access to Justice</p> <p>Access to justice is the fundamental goal of all judiciaries. Court processes and procedures have to be constantly reviewed, updated and simplified with a view to improving access to justice.</p>

	<p><u>Chairperson:</u> Laurie Glanfield AM <i>Director-General, Department of Justice Attorney-General, New South Wales (Australia)</i></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>Chief Justice Marilyn Warren <i>Supreme Court of Victoria Australia</i></p> <p>Chief District Judge Russell Johnson <i>District Court of New Zealand New Zealand</i> <i>Chief District Judge Johnson will speak about the New Zealand's District Court Rules which introduced dramatic and innovative changes to the way the New Zealand Courts deal with civil claims</i></p> <p>Judge Graham Jones <i>Civil Justice Council United Kingdom</i> <i>Judge Graham Jones will speak about the reforms proposed in the Review of Civil Litigation Costs (the "Jackson Report.")</i></p> <p>Question &amp; Answer session</p>	
1030 – 1100hrs	Morning Tea Break	
1100 – 1230 hrs	<p><b><u>Session 6A – Concurrent Breakout:</u></b></p> <p><b>Country presentations</b></p> <p><i>Different countries will give presentations on a topic related to judicial administration in their jurisdictions.</i></p> <p><u>Chairperson:</u> Daniel J Hall <i>Vice-President Court Consulting Services National Center for State Courts (USA)</i></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>Judge Akyltay Kassimov <i>Chairman of Supervisory Collegium on Criminal Cases (Kazakhstan)</i> <i>Judge Kassimov will give a presentation on the</i></p>	<p><b><u>Session 6B – Concurrent Breakout:</u></b></p> <p><b>Judicial Training</b></p> <p>Judicial training takes many different forms. Some jurisdictions conduct on-the-job training internally whilst others may have separate judicial training institutions to conduct specialised training. Speakers will share the different approaches and debate the merits of each.</p> <p><u>Chairman</u> Senior Judge Clifford Wallace <i>US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit United States of America</i></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p>

	<p><i>development of judicial monitoring in Kazakhstan.</i></p> <p>Foo Chee Hock Registrar Supreme Court of Singapore Registrar Foo will speak about the Supreme Court Workplan, which has been a significant feature of its corporate planning landscape. Using this vehicle, the Registrar will outline the strategic directions of the Supreme Court, which sets the tone for its activities in the coming two years. The Workplan will also help explain the focus on human resources and the importance of the human component in positioning the Supreme Court for the challenges of the future.</p> <p>Jakhongir Khaydarov Director of the Research Center The Supreme Court of Uzbekistan Mr Khaydarov will speak on the judicial reform process in enhancing judicial administration in Uzbekistan to promote access to justice. This includes court specialisation, simplification of procedures, ADR and introduction of IT to achieve court excellence.</p>	<p>Judge Sandra Oxner Chairperson Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute Canada</p> <p>Justice Tan Sri Arifin Zakaria Chief Judge of High Court in Malaya Malaysia</p> <p>Justice VK Rajah Judge of Appeal Supreme Court of Singapore Chairman, Judicial Education Board</p> <p>Samuel Vuelta-Simon Deputy Director Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature France</p>
1230 – 1330 hrs	Lunch	
1330 – 1500 hrs	<p><b><u>Session 7 - Plenary:</u></b></p> <p><b>What is a quality judiciary?</b></p> <p>Before embarking on training of judges, there must be a clear vision of the objective, which is to achieve a quality judiciary. How is judicial quality to be measured and can it be benchmarked across different jurisdictions?</p> <p><u>Chairperson:</u> Richard Van Duizend Principal Court Management Consultant National Center for State Courts (USA)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>Justice Steven Rares Federal Court of Australia</p> <p>David Vaughn USAid (Ukraine) Mr Vaughn will speak on the Citizen Report Card used in the Ukraine in enhancing court quality.</p>	

	<p>Dr Pim Albers  <i>Senior Policy Advisor  Ministry of Justice  Netherlands</i>  <i>Dr Albers will speak on court quality measures.</i></p>
<p>1500 – 1630 hrs</p>	<p><b><u>Session 8 - Plenary:</u></b></p> <p><b>Court Leadership: Judicial Reform &amp; Improving Judicial Administration Around The World</b></p> <p>What is the role of the judiciary in promoting judicial reform as well as enhancing judicial administration within and outside their respective jurisdictions?</p> <p><u>Chairperson:</u>  Foo Tuat Yien  <i>Senior District Judge of the Family Justice Division  Subordinate Courts of Singapore</i></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>Chief Justice Wayne Martin  <i>Supreme Court of Western Australia  Chief Justice Martin will speak on the role of judicial leadership and changing the culture of the legal profession in areas such as interlocutory disputes, case management, and mediation, and in changing the culture of court administrators.</i></p> <p>Senior Judge Clifford Wallace  <i>US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit  United States of America</i></p> <p>Justice Helen Winkelmann  <i>Chief High Court Judge  High Court of New Zealand</i></p> <p><i>The speakers will share their journey and insights into the role of judicial leadership in bringing about reforms. In addition, they will speak on how judiciaries can adapt to their ever-changing roles and responsibilities brought about by the constantly changing circumstances in the different jurisdictions that they operate in.</i></p>
<p>1630 – 1715 hrs</p>	<p><b><u>Session 9 - Plenary:</u></b></p> <p><b>The way forward – panel discussion</b>  <i>Participants will give their views on the IFCE and highlight implementation issues in their countries, with panel discussion on how judiciaries can work together in further developing the framework.</i></p>

	<u>Panelists</u> Representatives from the Subordinate Courts of Singapore, AIJA, and NCSC will lead the discussion.
1715 – 1800 hrs	<b>Closing Tea</b> <i>- Presentation of Certificates to the Participants of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP)</i>