

Press release from The P.R.I.M.E. Finance Foundation

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P.R.I.M.E. Finance Foundation hosts record-breaking Annual Conference in the Peace Palace

The P.R.I.M.E. Finance Foundation, The Hague-based non-profit that directs the Panel of Recognized International Market Experts in Finance, will convene its largest gathering to date on January 22 and 23, 2018 at the Peace Palace. The Conference will be opened by H.E. The Hon. Sir David Baragwanath, KNZM, Chairman of the P.R.I.M.E. Finance Advisory Board, and Appellate Judge and Former President of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. Following welcoming remarks by Deputy Mayor of the Hague Saskia Bruines, The Rt. Hon. Lord Briggs of Westbourne, Justice Supreme Court of the United Kingdom will deliver the Keynote Address, "Dispute Resolution in Uncertain Times."

The conference, now in its seventh year, is an annual reporting-out session during which 50 P.R.I.M.E. Finance Experts gather at the Peace Palace to present their views on key financial and dispute resolution topics including the latest developments in Complex Financial Transaction Disputes, Brexit, Sovereign Finance, Fintech, Sustainable Development and more. Because of the standing of the speakers, the event has typically generated <u>considerable media attention</u> in the past.

This year, the speakers at the gathering will include the Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, current and former United States Bankruptcy Judges, the Former President of the EFTA Court, current and former Financial List Judges for England and Wales, central bankers, and regulators. These leading lights will be joined by the top financial market practitioners and dispute resolution experts for an incredible event attended by more than 300 participants from across the globe.

About P.R.I.M.E. Finance

P.R.I.M.E. Finance (the Panel of Recognized International Market Experts in Finance) is based in The Hague and was established to help resolve disputes concerning complex financial transactions. The organization has the support of key international regulatory bodies and is complementary to the on-going financial market regulatory reform process. The **Permanent Court of Arbitration** (PCA) is the world's oldest arbitral institution, with over a century of experience in administering complex international proceedings. P.R.I.M.E. Finance joined forces with the PCA in 2015, combining the subject matter expertise of its Panel of Experts with the PCA's administrative efficiency. While the filing address for notices of arbitration is with the PCA at its Peace Palace headquarters in The Hague, arbitrations may take place anywhere in the world, and may be facilitated by the PCA's host country agreements with a number of its



Contracting Parties. As a result, parties to complex financial transactions have improved access to arbitration and mediation to resolve their disputes.

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