

Mediators' Meeting Notes

Monthly Meeting of Mediators



Event: Venue: Date: Total Participants: Mediators' Monthly Meeting ACDR Caucus Room November 14, 2018 7 People

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACDR conducted monthly mediators' meeting at ACDR on November 14, 2018.

These meetings are conducted monthly to update the mediators, introduce the newly appointed mediators, listen to their recommendations, ideas and the initiatives. The plans for the upcoming months are devised and the mediators are invited to take part in the training workshops conducted by the ACDR, ACCI and the CLDP. During these meeting the mediators plan the timetable for the next training workshops at the ACDR and other related departments. The purpose of this monthly meeting was to introduce the newly appointed mediators to one another. The newly appointed mediators were also welcomed and shortly briefed about the plans of the ACDR towards mediation in Afghanistan. The training and upcoming meeting timetable and schedule was discussed with the team. These training workshops are for mediators, arbitrators, lawyers, counselors, students and the business sector. The goals of these training workshops are capacity building as well as public awareness of the ADR mechanism through ACDR.

The monthly meetings help ACDR follow its strategic plans and develop potential ways for better implementation of mediation and arbitration plans. The mediators were briefed on the latest activities, programs and trainings conducted in ACDR and abroad for capacity building of the trainer mediators and newly appointed mediators. The mediators agreed on creating Task Force Groups to work on the future plans on how to complete the required tasks and recommendations for mediation.

The main objective for the meeting was to update the mediators on the new activities regarding the mediation and mediators, the upcoming trainings conducted inside and outside Afghanistan under the CLDP supervision and support. The mediators were also updated about creation of moot sessions for the mediators and the secretariat of ACDR for better implementation and understanding of practical knowledge and experience.

PARTICIPANTS LIST:

- 1. Sirat Khalid Haidary
- 2. Fawad Sultani
- 3. Abdul Waris Ekhpulwak
- 4. Sayed Karimullah Akrami
- 5. Sayed Miraj Fakhri
- 6. Temorshah Ahmadzia
- 7. Wasim Sultani

MEETING REPORT:

• The meeting was opened by Mr. Sirat Khalid Haidary Deputy Director of Afghanistan Center for Commercial Dispute Resolution. The monthly meeting was to describe the recent activities of the ACDR and to introduce the newly appointed mediators at the ACDR. The mediators were briefed on the latest activities, programs and trainings conducted in ACDR and abroad for capacity building of the trainer mediator and



trainer arbitrators. In the first part of the meeting, Mr. Haidary explained the activities of the Center in details about the latest workshops conducted in Sri Lanka and the following workshops in ACDR.

- Mr. Haidary further illustrated the potential and alternative ways on the roll out of arbitration including the possible dates for the launch of Arbitration Services in Afghanistan through ACDR.
- The mediators discussed creating Task Force Groups to work on the future plans on how to complete the required tasks and recommendations. These working groups will gather to draft procedures, draft policies, guidelines and lobby for better application of mediation and in Afghanistan.
- Discussions included, on how to improve the ACDR as well as the activities of the Center. The mediators also announced their cooperation and coordination for lobbying and implementation of the strategic plan of the center.
- Discussions included:
 - 1. the center to be sustainable through its cases and activates
 - 2. evaluation of the previous trainings conducted by ACDR and CLDP
 - 3. evaluation and planning of future training programs conducted by ACDR
 - 4. registration and certification of the mediators
 - 5. developing a complete and coherent database for mediators
 - 6. developing the roster list of mediators and adding the newly appointed mediators in the roaster list
 - 7. publishing the updated biography of mediator through ACDR page, website and printed catalogues
 - 8. developing training programs for mediators
 - 9. developing moot sessions for mediators, counselors and lawyers.
 - 10. planned the next monthly meeting (tentative) date.
 - 11. and miscellaneous issues.

DESCISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- New policies should be drafted for mediation
- The mediators team are ready for any help and cooperation and should invited for any future help and support to the Center.
- Internal policies to be developed
- Mediators should be invited in bi-weekly activities and training material development if required
- Mock Trials and Moot Courts should be established for better practical experiences and practices.
- Task Forces should be established to take different tasks and responsibilities.
- The mediators' biographies and photos should be uploaded to website and Pages of ACDR

End of Report

• A catalogue of mediators should be developed in publish format.