

## **Press Release -Nepal**

SAARC Arbitration Council (SARCO) held a Workshop on “The Role of Arbitrators in Fostering Efficient Resolution of Disputes” in the SAARC region with a focus on Nepal, at the Hotel Himalaya, Kathmandu, on 26 June 2018.

This Workshop was organized in collaboration with the Nepal Council of Arbitration (NEPCA).

Delegates from business community, legal practitioners, arbitrators and academics pursuing the field of dispute resolution attended this Workshop. Rt. Hon'ble Mr. Deepak Raj Joshee, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Nepal addressed to the audience as the Chief Guest of the event. He emphasized on the importance of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) as the solution to the disputes. He appreciated the efforts made by SARCO for the settlements of disputes in the SAARC region. Mr. Sher Bahadur Tamang, Honorable Minister of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs of Nepal, addressed the Inaugural Session of the Workshop, followed by the Special Address by H.E Mr. Amjad Hussain B. Sial, Secretary General of SAARC. He appreciated SARCO's role as a dispute resolution forum in the SAARC region. Mr. Zahidullah Jalali, Director General, SAARC Arbitration Council (SARCO) also spoke at the event and highlighted the role and importance of the SARCO as an inter-governmental institution for dispute settlements in the SAARC region. Mr. Birendra Deoja, Chairman Nepal Council of Arbitration, concluded the Inaugural Session of the Workshop with the prospect for both institutions to organize similar joint events in future.

The inaugural session was followed by the Technical Session; Arbitration in the SAARC Region, aimed to discuss the challenges and assess the existing environment for conducting Arbitration. Prominent speakers from the Arbitration arena, trading community spoke at the Technical Session to highlight the important role of efficient and trained arbitrators for the effective conduct of arbitration proceedings.

This Workshop provided a platform for a large number of participants to express their views on Arbitration and Conciliation and involved them in interactive discussions with the experts from the field of arbitration. SARCO is committed to promote Commercial Arbitration not only in Nepal but in the SAARC region as a whole. SARCO will continue to address challenges faced by traders and promote peaceful settlement of commercial disputes through ADR (i.e. Arbitration and Conciliation).

Kathmandu, 26 June 2018.