

## **Programme**

Day one: Monday 1st December 2014

08:30 **Registration and Coffee** 

09:00 AN INTRODUCTION TO TRUSTS AND THEIR USES

The origins of trust law

Uses of trusts

Settlor / Trustee / Beneficiary / Protector - their roles

Types of trusts and related issues including "letters of wishes"

Trusts v. foundations, insurance etc

Forced heirship, sharia law, matrimonial property – the issues

Asset protection – bankruptcy, professional risk, divorce, political risk

10:30 Refreshments

10:45 TAX AND ESTATE PLANNING

How taxes apply to trusts Residence and domicile

Tax implications for settlors and beneficiaries

Examples using basic US, Canadian, UK and especially Swiss related planning with trusts

Tax liability of Trustees and Protectors

CONSOLIDATING THE MORNING'S LEARNING

Case studies to be worked in groups to consolidate the learning of the morning

Morning Speaker: Stephanie Jarrett, Baker & McKenzie Geneva

12:30 Lunch

13:45 HOW TO BE A GOOD TRUSTEE

Meaning and effect of a typical trust document

Avoiding the sham trust Exercising discretion The rights of beneficiaries

Confidentiality

Important court decisions/lessons to be learnt

Dealing with conflicts between the trust deed and the law

The last 30 minutes of the session will be spent on case studies to be worked in groups to

consolidate the learning of this session

Speaker: Natacha Onawelho-Loren, Salamanca Group Trust

15:30 Refreshments

15:45 TRUST JURISDICTIONS

Does 'onshore' and 'offshore' still have any meaning? What to look for in choosing your trust jurisdiction

Use of Switzerland, England and Wales, Singapore, New Zealand, Delaware, Cayman, Bahamas,

Jersey, Liechtenstein, Delaware and some other traditional trust jurisdictions

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Speaker: Natacha Onawelho-Loren, Salamanca Group Trust

17:00 Close for the day

# Programme (continued)

Day two:

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014

08:30

**Registration and Coffee** 

09:00

TRUSTS AND INVESTMENTS

Right or Duty to invest the trust fund?

The trustee's duty of care

Delegation of investment powers Monitoring trust investments Investing in tangibles and real estate

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Speaker: Jim Parker, Butterfield Trust (Switzerland) Limited

10:30

#### Refreshments

10:45

### THE TRUST AND CIVIL LAW

Influence of matrimonial property and inheritance law

Liability of a Swiss trustee

Insolvency of a Swiss managed trust

Creditors' rights

Rights of beneficiaries, settlors, heirs, etc.

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Speaker: David Wilson, Schellenberg Wittmer, Geneva

12:30

#### Lunch

13:45

#### BOOKS AND RECORDS

The importance for banks and trustees of proper records and accounting

How to set up proper trust records

Minutes and resolutions Basic trust accounting

Providing information for submission to tax authorities

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Speaker: Chris Couzens, Barclay Trust, Geneva

15:30

### Refreshments

15:45

## MANAGING TRUSTS IN SWITZERLAND

Dealing with litigation – going to court in Switzerland or elsewhere

First hint of trouble

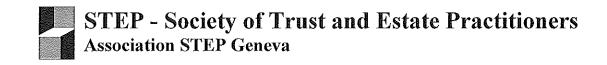
Where?

Managing the process

Sources of information and further qualifications

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Speaker: Mark Barmes, Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva



17:30

**Closing Remarks**