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AFI awards CBSI on financial inclusion work

The Central Bank of Solomon Islands (CBSI) has scooped two individual awards during the Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI) Global Policy Forum (GPF) awards night hosted earlier this week in Sochi, Russia.

CBSI received the 2018 Young Generation Award and the Advocacy Champion Award during the high-level ceremony program aimed at recognizing member institutions and individuals who have excelled in enhancing financial inclusion, both globally and in their respective countries.

The 6th AFI awards was hosted this year in the city of Sochi, Russia, where CBSI was again on the receiving end of a successful night with two awards presented to CBSI officer, Ms. Norma Qurusu, and to CBSI Governor, Denton Rarawa.

Ms. Qurusu, who works as the Financial Inclusion Senior Analyst under the National Financial Inclusion Unit (NFIU) at CBSI, received the Young Generation Award. Qurusu has been actively involved not only with the four main working groups in Solomon Islands but also in the AFI global network. According to AFI, the Young Generation award recognizes the contribution of upcoming young experts within the AFI network who are under 35 and who have made a substantial contribution to the Working Groups and Regional Initiatives. Ms. Qurusu was among six of the top recipients from around the globe to receive the award this year.

CBSI Governor Denton Rarawa went on to receive his third high-level award from AFI. Recognized globally for his continuous leadership and advocacy role in the area of financial inclusion within the Pacific region, Governor Denton was presented with this years' Advocacy Champion Award. According to AFI the award recognizes members who have represented AFI on various global platforms and raised the AFI flag as a global advocate for financial inclusion.

In 2015, Governor Denton was recognized by AFI for his contribution towards the elevation of AFI into an international organization. In 2017, Governor Denton received the highest AFI

award on Leadership which honored his outstanding work in promoting financial inclusion across the AFI network. This year, the Advocacy Champion Award focused on the area of De-Risking; where Governor Denton through his membership to the Pacific Islands Regional Initiative (PIRI) Group, continues to raise the issue both regionally and globally. Governor Denton along with six other central bank heads from the Pacific received this award under PIRI.

According to the AFI since 2013, the organization has devoted a special evening at the Global Policy Forum (GPF) to honor those whose participation and contribution to the AFI network sets them apart. AFI Awards are given to members who have consistently contributed to the wealth of financial inclusion knowledge in the network and advanced peer learning. The nominees have demonstrated strong leadership, supported peer-learning services and stood up in support of AFI's global advocacy for financial inclusion.

The Alliance for Financial Inclusion is a network of financial inclusion policymakers, led by its members and partners, central banks and other financial regulatory institutions from developing economies.

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