

## Day 1

### Tuesday 11/7

7:45AM-5:40PM GST	Registration Desk Open
7:45AM-5:40PM GST	Exhibit Area open
7:45AM-8:45AM GST	Networking Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
8:45AM-9:00AM GST	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>Dr. Justine Walker, Global Head – Sanctions, Compliance and Risk, <b>ACAMS</b></p>
9:00AM-9:30AM GST	<p>Keynote Address with Q&amp;A</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Kieran Beer, CAMS, Chief Analyst, Director of Editorial Content, <b>ACAMS</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Sh. May Mohamed Alkhalifa, Chief Executive, <b>Financial Intelligence National Centre (FINC), Ministry of Interior – Kingdom of Bahrain</b>, Vice Chair and MENA Regional Representative, <b>Egmont Group</b></p>
9:30AM-10:45AM GST	<p>Regulatory Roundtable: What's Top of Mind for Top Regulators</p> <p>As always, the ACAMS MENA conference is the place to hear from representatives of leading regulatory bodies about their priorities for the coming year. Hear their insights on the compliance topics with the most day-to-day impact on financial professionals, such as the effects of FATF greylisting and measures that the affected countries are taking to address compliance issues; the impact of Dubai's Virtual Asset Regulatory Authority; supervision of DNFBPs; and more.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Kieran Beer, CAMS, Chief Analyst, Director of Editorial Content, <b>ACAMS</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Dr. Ayesha Binloutah, Assistant Vice President – Licensing, Supervision and Assurance, <b>Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority (VARA)</b></p> <p>Emmanuel Kyei, AG. Head of Risk Department, <b>Bank of Ghana</b></p> <p>Shaune Williamson, Associate Director, AML/CFT Supervision, <b>Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Authority</b></p>
10:45AM-11:15AM GST	Networking and Refreshment Break in Exhibit Area

## The DNFBP Dilemma: Anti-Financial Crime Compliance by Non-Financial Entities

In this session designed for both non-financial professionals and representatives of financial institutions, panelists will address the AML challenges faced by both.

You will learn how to:

- Identify and address money laundering and terrorism financing challenges when dealing with DNFBPs as customers or legal proxies
- Analyse the specific AML/AFC challenges faced by DNFBPs in the growing real-estate sector
- Design effective DNFBP risk assessments and monitoring systems for compliance with AML/CFT requirements
- Implement the UAE's new regulatory requirements for DNFBPs

### **Moderator:**

Rick McDonell, Former Executive Secretary, **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, Executive Director, **ACAMS**

### **Presenters:**

Dr. Reem Mohammed Al shamsi, Director of Research and Strategic Analysis, **UAE Financial Intelligence Unit**

Nicholas Cameron, Head of Forensic, **KPMG**

Tim Land, Executive Director, Monitoring and Enforcement, Registration Authority, **ADGM**

Muhammed Shafi Poylian, Acting Head of Supervision Section - Abu Dhabi, AML Department, **UAE Ministry of Economy**

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**Staying One Step Ahead: Detecting and Managing Financial Crime Risk from New Technologies****Mini Workshop**

A shorter version of our hands-on, multi-hour instructional sessions, mini workshops pack an interactive learning experience into just 60 minutes. After 25 minutes of guidance from our expert panelists, you'll confer with tablemates and then share takeaways with the entire group. In addition to gaining insights from our top-notch speakers, participants also benefit from the collective wisdom and experience of other attendees.

**Staying One Step Ahead: Detecting and Managing Financial Crime Risk from New Technologies**

Technology is one of the enablers of financial crime, but it's also a force for good in the AML/AFC world when used by well-trained people with the right skills.

You will learn how to:

- Apply best practices in hiring and training
- Use real-time IT processes and dynamic behavioral analytics to help prevent financial crime
- Manage risk from non-bank payment service providers and address issues of payment transparency
- Use AI, machine learning, robotics and process automation in transaction monitoring

**Moderator:**

Shilpa Arora, CAMS, Senior Director, Anti-Financial Crime Segment Solutions, **ACAMS**

**Presenters:**

Muhammad Babar, Compliance Head – Visa Direct (Central Europe, Middle East and Africa), **Visa Inc.**

Georgina Duffy, CAMS, CGSS, CAFCA, Head of Compliance and MLRO, **Hubpay**

Tolga Kurt, Managing Partner, **H3M**

Eduardo Rangel, Managing Director, Financial Compliance, Chief Compliance Officer, **Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank**

12:15PM-1:30PM GST

Networking Lunch

1:30PM–2:30PM GST

**Tools of the Trade: Insights into Trade-Based Money Laundering**

The MENA region has been a crossroads for trade for millennia, but trade-based money laundering is a modern crime – and one of the hardest to detect.

You will learn how to:

- Define regulators' expectations for preventing and detecting trade-based money laundering (TBML)
- Assess the feasibility and importance of price-verification tools and procedures in combatting TBML
- Examine the role of vessel tracking as part of due diligence for TBML
- Evaluate the applicability and scope of counterparty due diligence for TBML

**Moderator:**

Dmitry Artemiev, Chief Compliance Officer, **Commercial Bank of Dubai**

**Presenters:**

Shawki Ahwash, CAMS, CGSS, Anti-Financial Crime Professional

Sarah Tariq, Head of Compliance and AFC, **Deutsche Bank**

George Voloshin, CAMS, CGSS, Global Expert, Anti-Financial Crime, **ACAMS**

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**An Evolution in Ongoing Monitoring – The Route to Greater Effectiveness in Transaction Monitoring – Presented by NICE Actimize**

- Learn where KYC and data should be incorporated into your transaction monitoring ecosystem and how you can enhance transaction monitoring by breaking down compliance system silos
- Explain a strategy that ensures your organization can confidently understand and manage risks, whilst maintaining transparency in your processes
- Understand how the latest advances in technology are evolving transaction monitoring so you can uncover more suspicious activity whilst reducing noise

**Moderator:**

Adam McLaughlin, Global Head of Financial Crime Strategy and AML SME, **NICE Actimize**

**Presenters:**

Muken Ladvá, Anti-Money Laundering Sales Strategy Lead, EMEA, **Nice Actimize**

Nishanth Nottath, EVP – Head AML, ABC and RegTech, **Mashreq Bank**

Nipun Srivastava, Managing Director, **Protiviti**

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Networking and Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

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Clarifying the Complexity of Sanctions Compliance

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Perhaps no other region faces a more complex sanctions environment than MENA. In addition to the UN sanctions and local sanctions, entities with ties to the United States, United Kingdom and European Union must also take into consideration OFAC, OFSI and EU Council sanctions requirements. In the UAE, beneficial ownership information for more than 30 “free zones” is available to law enforcement only. Finally, several MENA countries are in the middle of shipping routes between sanctioned jurisdictions, complicating sanctions compliance involving import/export activity. For some clarity amid all the complexity, join our top sanctions experts as they discuss global and regional challenges to sanctions compliance.

**Moderator:**

George Voloshin, CAMS, CGSS, Global Expert, Anti-Financial Crime, **ACAMS**

**Presenters:**

Sameena Ali, CAMS, CGSS, Associate Director, Sanctions Compliance - Africa and Middle East (AME), Financial Crime Compliance, **Standard Chartered**

Bhavesh Dattani, Partner, **DWF**

William G. Rich, Chief Sanctions Officer, Middle East and Africa, **Citibank**

Sumit Sarkar, Group Head of Sanctions Compliance, **Mashreq Bank**

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Turning the Tide on Derisking: Accessing Opportunities and Managing Risk in Frontier Markets – Presented by First Iraqi Bank

The combination of demographics, geography, and natural resources make the MENA region one of the most promising in the world for rapid economic expansion. However, AML/CFT, sanctions, fraud, proliferation and corruption risks threaten development in many jurisdictions. Recent U.S. Treasury and FATF guidance illustrates policymakers’ desire to ensure financial access in difficult jurisdictions. This panel of seasoned former regulators and government officials will use a case study of Iraq, a country addressing sanctions, fraud, and corruption risks, recent technological innovations, and creative public-private partnerships to understand how stakeholders are managing risks and supporting economic growth in the region.

**Moderator:**

Alex Zerden, Founder and Principal, **Capitol Peak Strategies**

**Presenters:**

Tania Amin, Head of Audit for Compliance Framework, Fraud and Anti-Bribery Corruption, **Standard Chartered**

Katherine Bauer, Adjunct Fellow, **Washington Institute for Near East Policy**

Stuart Jones, Jr., Founder and Chief Executive Officer, **Sigma360**

Bryan Stirewalt, Senior Managing Director, **K2 Integrity**

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Break

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Special Presentation

**Moderator:**

Rick McDonell, Former Executive Secretary, Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Executive Director, **ACAMS**

**Presenter:**

Fawzia Al Ali, Head of National Risk and Policies Department, **UAE Executive Office of Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing**

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Closing Remarks

Rick McDonell, Former Executive Secretary, **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, Executive Director, **ACAMS**

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Networking Reception

## Day 2

### Wednesday 11/8

8:00AM-3:20PM GST	Registration Desk Open
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8:00AM-9:00AM GST	Networking Breakfast in Exhibit Area
9:00AM-9:05AM GST	Opening Remarks Kieran Beer, CAMS, Chief Analyst, Director of Editorial Content, <b>ACAMS</b>
9:05AM-9:35AM GST	Keynote Address with Q&A <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Justine Walker, Global Head - Sanctions, Compliance and Risk, <b>ACAMS</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Safeya Hashim Al Safi, Director of the Anti-Money Laundering Department, Commercial Control and Governance Sector, <b>UAE Ministry of Economy</b>
9:35AM-10:50AM GST	Executive Roundtable: C-Suite Commentary on Compliance Challenges  Executives know better than anyone the amount of money spent on compliance each year – and the potential cost of non-compliance. In this session, leaders will provide a view of compliance from the highest levels of the organizational chart. No matter the economic climate or regulatory environment, those at the top are responsible for staying true to the AML/AFC mission. Get an advance view of how they intend to do that in the coming year.  <b>Moderator:</b> Shilpa Arora, CAMS, Senior Director, Anti-Financial Crime Segment Solutions, <b>ACAMS</b>  <b>Presenters:</b> Victor Matafonov, Group Chief Compliance Officer, <b>Emirates NBD</b>  Eduardo Rangel, Managing Director, Financial Compliance, Chief Compliance Officer, <b>Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank</b>  Naeema Hasan Taheri, CAMS, Chief Compliance Officer, <b>Bahrain Islamic Bank</b>

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Beneficial Strategies for Determining Beneficial Ownership

Although determining beneficial ownership in the MENA region is notoriously difficult, our experts will take on some of the biggest challenges.

You will learn how to:

- Overcome regional obstacles to identifying UBOs, especially considering the latest FATF amendments of Recommendation 24 and 25
- Reconcile UBO requirements across jurisdictions
- Analyse the special UBO challenges posed by Free Zone Establishments and general trading companies in the MENA region

**Moderator:**

Hue Dang, CAMS-Audit, Global Head of New Ventures, **ACAMS**

**Presenters:**

Hessa Saeed Ahmad, CAMS, Acting Head of Supervision Section-Dubai, **Ministry of Economy UAE**

Waheed Rathore, Group Chief Compliance Officer, Group Compliance, **Dubai Islamic Bank**

Natella Safar Ali, Executive Director – Registration and Licensing, Registration Authority, **Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM)**

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## Addressing AML/AFC Liabilities of Virtual Assets

The assets may be virtual, but the compliance challenges are actual, as recent high-profile events illustrate.

You will learn how to:

- Identify best practices for ML/TF risk assessments of financial activities that use virtual assets, including how to develop a risk-based approach for virtual assets
- Overcome the shared challenges to implementing FATF's Recommendation 15
- Analyse how regulators are providing a roadmap for regulation of the digital assets industry

### **Moderator:**

Neil Jarman, CAMS, Financial Services Internal Auditor

### **Presenters:**

Christos Christou, CAMS, CGSS, Chief Compliance Officer, **Lulu Financial Holdings**

Exp. Tarek Mohammed, Head of Virtual Assets Crime, **Dubai Police AML Department**

Alina Parfilava, Head of Compliance, **MidChains**

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Networking Lunch

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**Knowledge is Power: What to Know to Combat Proliferation Financing**

Meeting counter-proliferation financing requirements poses special challenges for financial institutions in MENA nations.

You will learn how to:

- Identify regional challenges in conducting PF risk assessments and creating mitigation strategies
- Examine the connection between dual-use goods and proliferation financing and the importance of dual-use goods controls
- Use AI and robotics process automation in transaction monitoring to counter proliferation financing

**Moderator:**

Dr. Justine Walker, Global Head - Sanctions, Compliance and Risk,  
**ACAMS**

**Presenters:**

Lara Murad, Financial Attaché to the UAE and Oman, **U.S. Department of the Treasury**

Mohamed Rashed AlNajem, Director - Evaluation and Follow-up,  
**Financial Intelligence National Centre (FINC), Ministry of Interior - Kingdom of Bahrain**

Futoon Al Jassim, Head of Sanctions Implementation Compliance,  
**Executive Office for Control & Non-Proliferation**

Diogo Palhano, Director, Alternative Data, **Kharon**

Shaimaa Sulaiman, CAMS, CGSS, MLRO, **Banque Du Caire, Egypt**

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**Fit for Purpose Solutions to Build an Efficient FCC Programme - Presented by KPMG**

- Understanding differences between global and regional FCC solutions and challenges
- Addressing evolving regulatory requirements and expectations in the region
- Building an efficient end-to-end FCC programme (covering tailored KYC, Sanctions and Transaction Monitoring solutions) to address these challenges

**Moderator:**

Sachith Amarasekara, Director - Financial Crime, **KPMG**

**Presenters:**

David Hicks, Senior Partner - Fraud and Financial Crime, **KPMG**

Victor Matafonov, Group Chief Compliance Officer, **Emirates NBD**

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Achieving Both Quality and Quantity with STRs/SARs

Reports on suspicious activity or transactions are the starting point for much financial crime fighting. Hear from experts about how to ensure that your institution is reporting information in a way that satisfies both regulators and law enforcement.

**Moderator:**

Osama Al Rahma, Head of Business Development, **Emirates Investment Bank**

**Presenters:**

Nassir Abdulla Al Ameer, Senior Director - Operational Analysis, **UAE Financial Intelligence Unit**

Irene Wamakau, Vice President, Regional Ethics and Compliance Leader, CEMEA, **VISA**

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Many Victims, Few Solutions: Real Stories of Frauds and Scams

From one-time password schemes to phishing emails impersonating industry CEOs or government agencies, frauds and scams are multiplying across the landscape, seemingly unchecked. In an engaging 30-minute session, the focus will be on real cases that bring to life – and to light – the high costs to both individuals and businesses. We'll also discuss what might be done to stop the scammers. This session will provide additional insights to this year's post-conference workshop on the topic.

**Moderator:**

David Clark, CAMS, Senior Financial Crime SME and Change Manager Group Compliance, ING

**Presenters:**

John Keogan, Senior International Anti-Fraud Expert

Nisreen Sabri, Head Fraud Management - EMEA and Global Private Banking Wealth and Personal Banking, **HSBC Bank Middle East Limited**

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Closing Remarks

Kieran Beer, CAMS, Chief Analyst, Director of Editorial Content, **ACAMS**

## Day 3

### Thursday 11/9

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Workshop Check-in

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**WORKSHOP: Becoming a Tougher Target: Helping to Protect Your Institution from Business Fraud**

Speak with anyone in the MENA region and they likely have a story about being the target of a fraudster. But these criminals don't just have individuals in their sights. Businesses, especially financial institutions, are a far more lucrative object of attention. In a 2021 Deloitte survey, almost half the respondents in the Middle East said that fraud within or against their organisation had increased compared with previous years. The good news is that both governments and the private sector are increasingly addressing the issue. This means that knowledge sharing and resources are on the upswing as well, as this workshop will demonstrate. With content targeted to employees of retail banks and wholesale financial institutions, our presenters will show that fraud prevention and risk mitigation aren't impossible tasks.

#### Key Areas Covered

You will learn how to:

- Identify the latest fraud trends and typologies in the Middle East and North Africa
- Analyse the increase in cybercrimes, including business email compromise and ransomware, and what can be done to prevent them
- Implement the most effective measures against corporate fraud such as asset misappropriation, financial statement fraud and corruption
- Extract lessons learned for financial institutions from case studies in the region

Who Should Attend

- Compliance Managers
- Investment Managers
- IT Specialists
- AML Officers
- Regulators
- FIU Team Members
- Industry Consultants
- Law Enforcement Officers

#### Facilitators:

Hussam A. Al-Abed, CAMS, Financial Crime Prevention, Compliance and Risk Trainer

Tania Amin, Head of Audit for Compliance Framework, Fraud and Anti-Bribery Corruption, **Standard Chartered**

John Keogan, Senior International Anti-Fraud Expert