

Day 1

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7:30AM-4:30PM	Virtual Exhibit Hall Open
8:45AM-8:45AM	Virtual Doors Open
9:00AM-9:05AM	Welcome Remarks Scott Liles, President and Managing Director, ACAMS
9:05AM-9:35AM	Keynote Address with Q&A
9:35AM-9:50AM	Networking Break in Virtual Exhibit Hall
9:50AM-10:50AM	Alliances and Divisions: When Geopolitics Matter to Sanctions Compliance <p>Sanctions have become a central tool of foreign policy in jurisdictions around the world, prompting compliance professionals to pay closer attention to the geopolitical alliances and divisions that could result in new, and even conflicting, regulatory obligations. Our opening panel will examine the geopolitical landscape of the year ahead. We will offer an analysis of the state of play between world economies and the rise of economic and trade restrictions to fight human rights abuses, terrorism and the spread of weapons of mass destruction. The panel will conclude with a forward-leaning assessment of the top priorities for traditional allies and national parliaments, as well as examining how foreign-policy fault lines become international flashpoints for sanctions compliance.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Justine Walker, Global Head of Sanctions, Compliance & Risk, ACAMS</p>
10:50AM-11:00AM	Networking Break
11:00AM-11:20AM	Special Presentation with Q&A - Crypto: A Next Generation Sanctions & Compliance Risk
11:20AM-11:50AM	Networking Break in Virtual Exhibit Hall
11:50AM-12:20PM	TBA

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National Security Matters: Effectively Mapping North Korea, Iran & Venezuela Sanctions Evasion Networks

Despite the imposition of economic and trade restrictions on North Korea, Iran, and Venezuela, the three nations continue to move illicit goods and commodities through complex sanctions evasion networks that exploit regulatory loopholes and emerging technologies in the financial and maritime sectors. This session will explore the latest methodologies of sanctions evasion and discusses some of the practical and innovative solutions that financial institutions, energy companies and think tanks have developed to detect illicit trade, using both open-source information and cutting-edge technology.

Moderator:Carolina Prelazzi, Global SME - Sanctions, Proliferation & AFC, **ACAMS****Presenters:**

Robert Wishart, Regional Coordinator, AML - Global Investigations Unit EMEA, **Citi** Dr. Togzhan Kassenova - Senior Fellow, Project on International Security, Commerce and Economic Statecraft (PISCES), **University at Albany, SUNY**; Non-Resident Fellow, **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace** Lucas Kuo, Senior Analyst, **C4ADS**

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IP Geo-Blocking: Friend or Foe to the Compliance Professional?

Sanctions enforcement actions have increasingly raised the bar on the types of compliance controls that firms are expected to implement to prevent individuals from accessing online banking, digital wallets and other Internet-based services, in comprehensively sanctioned jurisdictions. As institutions begin to look to Internet Protocol (IP) blocking to mitigate their sanctions risks, they must however also grapple with the potential compliance and legal pitfalls of inadvertently banning Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) used for legitimate ends. This session will examine the compliance challenges of gauging the accuracy of IP geo-blocking and outline how firms can mitigate their sanctions risks through the analysis of web-browser data and other means.

Presenters:

Gulin Kara Ozbek, CGSS, Correspondent Banking & Sanctions Supervisor, **Garanti BBVA** Zia Ullah, Head of Corporate Crime and Investigations, **Eversheds Sutherland**

12:50PM-1:35PM

Networking Lunch

1:35PM-2:20PM

Audit as Ally: Where to Shine the Spotlight within Your Sanctions Programme

Although sometimes perceived as more hurdle than help, the compliance audit plays an essential role in ensuring that policies, procedures and controls are working effectively to identify illicit activity and shield institutions from regulatory penalties. This session will highlight the regulatory expectations of the sanctions audit, including how to optimize the sanctions audit process to ensure models work as intended, evolve to identify new risks, and appropriately influence risk management processes. Remember: Sanctions controls that do not work will do very little good!

Presenter:

Craig Bristow, Head of Group Internal Audit Africa, **A.P. Moller - Maersk**

1:35PM-2:20PM

Trade Finance in the New World: How Blockchain, Network Analytics and Other Tools can Mitigate Emerging Challenges in International Commerce

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the imposition of new sanctions against China, Myanmar and Belarus have reshaped how trade is conducted internationally, as well as hindered the ability of financial institutions to flag illicit import-export schemes through existing compliance controls. This session will focus on practical compliance solutions to strengthen sanctions safeguards and identify irregularities in trading patterns, through the latest technology available to the financial sector.

Moderator:

Nathalie von Taaffe, Managing Director, Group Head Financial Crime Compliance, Group MLRO, **Industrial and Commercial Bank of China**

Presenter:

Kaushika Ruwangalla, Global Head of Financial Crime Compliance, Trade & Receivables Finance, **HSBC**

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2:20PM-2:50PM

Networking Break in Virtual Exhibit Hall

2:50PM-3:50PM

Human Rights and Corruption: Affinities, Divergences and Forward-Looking Trends

2021 saw a significant upscaling in the global use of sanctions to combat corruption and human rights abuses by those perceived to be engaged in crackdowns on pro-democracy movements. In addition to the facilitation of forced labour, and the use of official positions for the purposes of personal gain. Whilst these sanctions regimes have many commonalities, their lack of uniformity in whom they target can pose significant challenges for compliance professionals. This session will examine recent developments in human rights and anti-corruption sanctions around the world, and outline best practices and emerging risks for institutions seeking to limit their exposure to designated officials and other entities.

Moderator:

Justyna Gudzowska, Director, Illicit Finance Policy, **The Sentry**

Presenter:

Callum Trimble-Jenkin, Team Leader, Global Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Sanctions, **Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)**

3:50PM-4:05PM

Networking Break in Virtual Exhibit Hall

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Special Presentation with Q&A

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Closing remarks

Presenter:

Dr Justine Walker, Global Head of Sanctions, Compliance & Risk, **ACAMS**

Day 2

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9:00AM-9:30AM	Keynote Address with Q&A
9:30AM-9:45AM	Networking Break in Virtual Exhibit Hall
9:45AM-10:45AM	<p>Compliance Conflict: What the Advent of Anti-Foreign Sanctions Laws Means for You</p> <p>Governmental resistance to foreign sanctions is on the rise. This session will analyse efforts by the European Union, China and other jurisdictions to shield themselves from the impact of foreign sanctions, including through financial-resilience measures, legal challenges, and the adoption of legislation prohibiting compliance with extraterritorial restrictions. As part of this discussion, expert speakers will break down the implications of China's new "anti-sanctions law" and outline compliance recommendations and risks for financial institutions caught between diverging national-security concerns.</p> <p>Presenters: Jonathan Hackenbroich, Policy Fellow for Economic Statecraft, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) Maya Lester QC, Barrister, Brick Court Chambers Henry Chen, Senior Partner, Dentons Shanghai Office</p>
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Countering the Ransomware Threat: Compliance Lessons from Kidnapping-for-Ransom Schemes and Aircraft Hijackings

Having plagued organisations for the past decade, ransomware schemes have now emerged as a top national security threat for jurisdictions around the globe. For institutions impacted by ransomware attacks, careful preparation and rapid responses will be paramount in mitigating any potential damage. This session builds upon the lessons learned from more traditional forms of extortion, including kidnap-for-ransom and aircraft hijackings, to outline compliance considerations and concerns that can inform an effective ransomware response strategy.

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No More Half Measures: What Enforcement Actions Tell Us About Inadequate Sanctions Risk Assessments

Sanctions authorities are increasingly expecting companies to implement a risk-based sanctions compliance program, but that doesn't mean you can contract away your obligations. Drawing together leading regulatory and enforcement experts, this session will examine the trends and commonalities across recent enforcement actions and analyse how these can help shape your assessment of sanctions risks. Experts will set out which penalties have had the greatest impact on corporate compliance, how firms most often fail to meet their sanctions obligations, and which compliance concerns authorities are prioritising in 2022, among other key lessons.

Moderator:Melissa Duffy, Partner, Trade & National Security, **Fenwick & West LLP****Presenter:**Giles Thomson, Director for the Office for Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) and Economic Crime, **HM Treasury**

12:45PM-1:30PM

Networking Lunch

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Accepting Risks: How to Design an Effective Exceptions-Control Framework for Sanctions Compliance

Sanctions need to be tailored to target the right people and organisations, while sparing the general population as much as possible. For this reason, sanctions regimes commonly include a range of exceptions but when it comes to high-risk scenarios, the practical application of these exceptions can be fraught with complexity. Our panel will explore hot-topic exception issues, ranging from humanitarian payments involving Afghanistan and Syria to high-risk embassy accounts. We will examine effective strategies that balance central decision-making with delegated authority, and offer guidance on the overall best-practice mitigation efforts for managing exposure to high-risk scenarios.

Presenters:Monica Peters, Global Head of Sanctions & Interdictions, **Western Union**
Ian Tanner, Vice President - Anti-Financial Crime, **Crown Agents Bank**

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Dividing Lines: Navigating the Overlapping Nature of Sanctions and Export Controls

Increasingly used as a political tool to target foreign businesses, export-control restrictions have global reach—targeting governments, companies and individuals. Getting it wrong can be highly costly. In this session, a panel of experts will set out the overlapping nature of sanctions and export control requirements, including how to align efforts to mitigate their related risks. We will also examine how industry has had to step up efforts in response to evolving requirements, and the types of understanding that is now required in order to facilitate cross-border trade. We will conclude with an examination of how still-developing trends may shape export-control regimes and future synergies for successfully navigating globalised markets.

Moderator:

Sunny Mann, Global Chair, International Commercial and Trade, **Baker McKenzie**

Presenter:

Aaron Dunne, Global Head of Export Controls, **DHL Express**

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Networking Break in Virtual Exhibit Hall

2:45PM-3:05PM

Fireside Chat

Moderator:

Dr Justine Walker, Global Head of Sanctions, Compliance & Risk, **ACAMS**

Presenter:

Andrea Gacki, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), **U.S. Department of the Treasury**

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Networking Break

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A Primer on Sanctions Easing – Multitrack Diplomacy, Hot-lines and Sanctions Relief

With talks between world powers and North Korea, Iran, Syria, the Taliban and others underway, this session will examine the nexus between sanctions obligations and international diplomacy. In addition to including the sorts of concessions that are commonly sought in exchange for sanctions relief. We explore the role of multitrack diplomacy, behind-the-scenes maneuvering, and the essential factors that can result in the lifting of economic sanctions.

Presenter:

Hrair Balian, Independent Consultant, Former Director - Conflict Resolution Program, **The Carter Center**

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Afghanistan: The Biggest Humanitarian Issue of the Day

Sanctions is fast-paced and ever-changing. This up-to-the-minute panel will discuss the most recent developments and the biggest issue of the day. It's news you don't want to miss.

Presenter:

John E. Smith, Partner, **Morrison & Foerster**

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Closing Remarks