

Day 1

Monday 12/5

7:45AM-5:35PM GST	Registration Desk Open
7:45AM-5:35PM GST	Exhibit Hall Open
7:45AM-8:45AM GST	Networking Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
8:45AM-9:00AM GST	Welcome Remarks Scott Liles, Chief Executive Officer, ACAMS
9:00AM-9:30AM GST	Keynote Address Moderator: Kieran Beer, CAMS, Chief Analyst, Director of Editorial Content, ACAMS Presenter: H.E. Judge Ahmed Said Khalil, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Egyptian Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Combating Unit (EMLCU) and Former President, Middle East and North Africa Financial Action Task Force (MENAFATF)

9:30AM-10:45AM GST

On Highest Authority: Insights on Oversight – A MENA Regulatory Roundtable

- Assessing recent trends including ADGM crypto exchange licensing, UAE Pass and FinTech growth to outline evolving regulatory frameworks
- Discussing emerging blockchain-based decentralized innovations like NFTs, the metaverse and Web.3 to identify regulatory challenges
- Reviewing progress in facilitating AML investigations and addressing mutual legal assistance requests related to FATF's increased monitoring decision

Moderator:

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

Presenters:

Amira Ahmad, CAMS, Chairwoman of the Supervisory Authorities Sub-Committee in the UAE, Senior Manager, AML and CFT, **Central Bank of the UAE**

Mohamed Al-Najem, Head, Compliance Examination – Banks, **Central Bank of Bahrain**

Michael Larter, Director, Financial and Cyber Crime Prevention, **Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM)** Maroof Saiyed, Advisor, Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism, **Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA)**

10:45AM-11:15AM GST

Networking and Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

Managing the Risks of the Age of Innovation: Blockchain, Cryptos and FinTech

- Analyzing financial crime risks of crypto including ransomware, dark web markets and terrorist financing to identify defenses such as alert response plans and blockchain forensics
- Helping FinTech clients mitigate risks associated with pseudonymous clients and high-speed transactions with AML formal policies, dedicated staff, internal training and other controls
- Exploring blockchain-driven innovations like DeFi, metaverses and NFTs to identify fraud risks and transactions conducted without intermediary oversight

Moderator:

Joby Carpenter, Global SME - Cryptoassets and Illicit Finance, **ACAMS**

Presenter:

Babar Muhammad, CAMS, CAFCA, AML Compliance Leader, **Visa**

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

Amardeep Thandi, Director, Crypto Regulatory and Compliance Lead EMEA, **Chainalysis**

11:15AM-12:15PM GST

Spotlight on DNFBPs: Strategies to Fortify AML/CTF in the MENA Region

- Reviewing regulation including UAE's circular on DNFBPs to strengthen oversight in real estate, precious metals sales and other industries and increase STR submissions
- Analyzing potential AML issues of professionals such as lawyers and accountants to mitigate use of false identities, illicit fund transfers and abuses of shell firms
- Maintaining robust AML at DNFBPs with regular internal risk assessments and rigorous CDD to meet expectations of regulators and banking partners

Moderator:

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

Presenter:

Amna Almahri, General Director, **UAE Accountants and Auditors Association**

Safeya Hashim AlSafi, Director of the Anti-Money Laundering Department, **UAE Ministry of Economy**

Angeli Pereira, Associate Director, AML/CFT Supervision, **Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Authority (QFCRA)**

Shalini Venkateswaran, Associate Partner – Head AML/FCC Practice, **Solytics Partners**

12:15PM-1:30PM GST

Networking Lunch

1:30PM-2:30PM GST

A Clean Fight: Strategies to Combat Trade-Based Money Laundering in the MENA Region

- Outlining common TBML typologies such as free zone abuses and covert commodities trading to identify best practices in AML and KYC/CDD processes
- Assessing institutional TBML risk related to geographic footprint, business lines and third-party exposure to detect and correct deficiencies
- Automating trade finance controls with AI-led systems to detect red flags including invoice anomalies, unusual shipping routes and overly complex corporate structures

Moderator:

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

Presenters:

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

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

Aqeela Rajab, CAMS, Compliance Officer and Deputy MLRO, **Housing Bank for Trade and Finance**

1:30PM-2:30PM GST

Compliance in the Post-Pandemic Era - Presented by Thomson Reuters

- Understanding the compliance challenges facing organizations since the pandemic onset
- Reacting and staying ahead of compliance challenges in this new age
- Shaping your organization to understand ESG paradigms

Moderator:

Hamed Halawani, Head of Risk Specialists - Middle East and Africa, **Thomson Reuters**

Presenters:

Abi-gail Marshman, Senior Managing Director, **FTI Consulting**

Zarik Nawaz, Managing Director, **FTI Consulting**

Mark Nuttall, CAMS, Director, **Thomson Reuters**

1:30PM-2:30PM GST

Safeguarding the Evolution of the digital asset ecosystem - Presented by Chainalysis

In just thirteen years, cryptocurrencies have redefined money and in doing so, money laundering. Over the past decade, there have been a number of high-profile cryptocurrency-based financial crimes, from the PlusToken Ponzi scheme to the laundering operations of Suex. Join us for this interactive roundtable to discuss how regulators and financial institutions can combat these activities with innovative AFC solutions.

Facilitator:

Amardeep Thandi, Director, Crypto Regulatory and Compliance Lead EMEA, **Chainalysis**

2:30PM-3:00PM GST

Networking and Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

3:00PM-4:00PM GST

Managing Mounting Sanctions Risks: Strategies for MENA Compliance Professionals

- Updating latest EU, UK, UN and US sanctions to assess risks for MENA operations, including identification of higher risk client bases, business lines and key areas of vulnerability
- Analyzing global economic trends and threats, including ransomware risks, supply chain disruptions and illicit transactions involving crypto assets
- Assessing global efforts to prevent sanctions evasion, including multilateral task force initiatives and their implications for identifying hidden wealth and closing loopholes

Moderator:

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

Presenters:

Ahmad AlFalasi, Head of Targeted Financial Sanctions, **Executive Office for Control and Non-Proliferation (EOCN)**

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

Sumit Sarkar, Senior Vice President, Head of Sanctions Compliance, **Mashreq Bank**

4:00PM-4:30PM GST

Fireside Chat: Web.3 and its Intersection with Financial Crime Risk Management

The rise of blockchain technology, crypto assets and NFTs has laid the groundwork for a range of retail, institutional and technological market-based solutions. This fireside chat will consider the implications of technology for the future of the internet in the expectation of a fast-approaching Web.3. Whilst highlighting the blockchain's impact on financial institutions and law enforcement agencies, this dynamic discussion will also focus on market integrity, enforcement, transaction monitoring and the implications for a global financial centre.

Moderator:

Joby Carpenter, Global SME - Cryptoassets and Illicit Finance, **ACAMS**

Presenter:

Simon O'Brien, Executive Director - Markets, **Financial Services Regulatory Authority (ADGM)**

4:30PM-4:35PM GST

Closing Remarks

4:35PM-5:35PM GST

Networking Reception

Day 2

Tuesday 12/6

8:00AM-3:20PM GST	Exhibit Area Open
8:00AM-9:00AM GST	Networking Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Area
8:40AM-3:20PM GST	Registration Desk Open
9:00AM-9:35AM GST	Opening Remarks and Keynote Address with Q&A Moderator: Rick McDonell, Former Executive Secretary, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) , Executive Director, ACAMS Presenter: H.E Talal Mohammed Al Teneiji, Director, Executive Office for Control and Non-Proliferation (EOCN) , Counsellor to Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
9:35AM-10:50AM GST	Executive Views: An Industry Roundtable on Managing AML's Pressing Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Analyzing shell firm abuses, DeFi and obscured beneficial owners to detail best practices for detecting and disrupting illicit activities· Surveying emerging innovation like FinTech and crypto to identify growing AML risks, develop institutional responses and modify controls as warranted· Upgrading legacy oversight models with tools AI/machine learning and formal alert resolution protocols to enhance AML effectiveness and the culture of compliance Moderator: Shilpa Arora, Senior Director - Anti-Financial Crime Portfolio Solutions, ACAMS Presenters: Muzaffar Ahmed Khan, Group Head Financial Crime Compliance, First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB) Rasha Mortada, Group Chief Compliance Officer, Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank Eduardo Rangel, Managing Director, Global Head of Compliance, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank
10:50AM-11:20AM GST	Networking and Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

11:20AM-12:20PM GST

Tech Talk: Increasing AML Effectiveness With AI, Machine Learning and Digitalization

- Assessing legacy AML systems to identify inefficiencies including labor-intensive manual processes and mapping strategic plan for boosting effectiveness with automated systems
- Delineating distinct technologies like artificial intelligence and machine learning to determine suitability for meeting specific risk management objectives
- Integrating automated systems with existing AML controls to streamline oversight, reduce false positives and generate quality data that sharpens risk analysis accuracy

Moderator:

Christos Christou, Group Chief Compliance Officer, **Lulu Financial Holdings Limited**

Presenters:

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

Georgina Duffy, CAMS, CGSS, CAFCA, Compliance Officer and MLRO, **Hubpay**

Adam McLaughlin, Global head of AML Strategy, **NICE Actimize**

11:20AM-12:20PM GST

Banking on Correspondent Banking: Strategies to Overcome the Challenges

- Charting impact of developments like increased FATF monitoring and the AMLA 2020's directive to close correspondent accounts of institutions failing to comply with US subpoenas
- Addressing obstacles in obtaining correspondent services such as outdated data analysis systems to meet correspondent banks' risk management standards
- Working with existing correspondent partners on risk assessments and staff training to strengthen relationships and constructively resolve potential conflicts

Moderator:

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

Presenter:

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

Amel Soussi, CAMS, Head of Compliance and MLRO, **Bank ABC Tunisia**

Neil Jarman, CAMS, Financial Services Internal Auditor

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Networking Lunch

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Enhanced Due Diligence: A Tool for Revealing PEPs, UBOs and High-Risk Entities

- Identifying entities whose profiles merit EDD reviews based on factors like high-risk domiciles, unverified or complex ownership and relationships warranting PEP screening
- Developing risk-based EDD evaluation processes utilizing comprehensive transaction analysis, negative news searches, site visits and third-party data
- Assembling intelligence to drive onboarding or account exiting decisions and to craft guidance on issues such as review triggering events and ongoing monitoring

Moderator:

George Voloshin, CAMS, CGSS, Global SME, Anti-financial Crime, **ACAMS**

Presenters:

Sarah Delbecq, Chief Compliance Officer UAE, **HSBC** Joel Lange, General Manager, Risk and Compliance, **Dow Jones** Sarah Tariq, Specialist Advisor for AFC and Compliance, **Deutsche Bank**

1:35PM-2:35PM GST

Fighting Financial Crime with AI and Machine Learning - Presented by Moody's Analytics

- Reducing the staggering volume of false positives to enable onboarding automation
- Deploying KYC life cycle digitalization and workflow - trends and challenges
- Detecting, monitoring, and investigating financial crime using AI and machine learning

Presenter:

Mohamed Daoud, Director Territory/Business Development Governance, Risk and Compliance, **Moody's Analytics**

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Networking and Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

3:05PM-4:05PM GST

Joining Forces: Utilizing Public-Private Partnerships to Enhance AML/CTF Effectiveness

- Outlining client data and financial intelligence synergies between the law enforcement and financial sector to leverage resources and strengthen investigations
- Developing PPP governance models for data protection, client privacy and communication protocols to establish mutual trust and operating efficiencies
- Conducting post investigation reviews to assess collaboration, identify and address issues requiring attention, and develop best practices for PPPs going forward

Moderator:

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

Presenters:

Shamma Al Mazrouei, International Relations Specialist, **Executive Office of Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing**
Lori Baker, VP Legal and Director of Data Protection, **Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC)**

Collin D Lobo, Chief Compliance Officer and Head of Financial Crime Compliance MENAT, **HSBC**

Rebecca A Peters, Regional Attaché, **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

4:05PM-4:10PM GST

Closing Remarks

Post-conference Training

Thursday 12/8

9:00AM-1:00PM
GST

Workshop: Mastering Suspicious Activity Reporting

Information sharing is key to all anti-financial crime efforts and suspicious activity or transaction reports are often the fundamental first step in enabling law enforcement to identify illicit funds and catch criminals. This workshop will detail best practices for reporting suspicious activity, from its discovery to dealing with follow-up law enforcement queries, to effectively enable compliance professionals and law enforcement officials to together fight crime.

The workshop will also cover:

- Fulfilling obligations for reporting suspicious activity to fight financial crime
- Navigating data sharing and reporting suspicious activity across jurisdictions
- Writing an effective suspicious activity narrative for law enforcement
- Managing a case file on an account after filing and relations with law enforcement

Facilitator:

Hussam A. Al-Abed, CAMS, Financial Crime Prevention, Compliance and Risk Trainer, Director, **FCC Consultants**