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Financial Crime Fighting in the digital age: AI, cross-border threats and data privacy

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Summit Focus

Dates: 22 - 23 October 2026

Location: ISM University of Management and Economics, Vilnius, Lithuania

Theme: Financial Crime Fighting in the digital age: AI, cross-border threats and data privacy

About the GCFFC Annual Summit 2026

Financial crime is evolving rapidly. Fraud, AI-enabled deception, crypto infrastructure and digitally organised laundering networks are expanding the speed, reach and sophistication of criminal activity.

The Summit will bring together leaders from law enforcement, financial intelligence units, policy bodies, technology companies, financial institutions, civil society and international organisations. The programme will examine practical responses to AI-enabled crime, lawful data sharing, data privacy, fraud and scams, trade-based money laundering, corruption, digital assets and cross-border threats.

Through keynotes, strategic panels and two rounds of breakout sessions, participants will share operational insights, identify workable solutions and define priorities for the GCFFC work programme for 2026-2027.



Agenda

DAY 1

08:00-09:00	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
09:00-09:10	Opening remarks: Resolving outstanding PPP challenges in FinCrime. Speaker: Xolisile Khanyile, Chair, Global Coalition to Fight Financial Crime
09:10-09:15	Welcoming address on behalf of the Lithuanian Ministry of Finance Speaker: Rūta Carik, Vice Minister of Finance
09:15-09:20	Host welcome Speaker: Eglė Lukošienė, Director, AML Center of Excellence
09:20-09:40	Keynote: Five priorities for combating AI-enabled crime and emerging financial threats Speaker: Giles Thomson, President, Financial Action Task Force
09:40-09:50	Keynote: reaching new speed in FIU-to-FIU information sharing and international cooperation Speaker: Elżbieta Franków-Jaśkiewicz, Egmont Group
09:50-10:05	Keynote: Working Together to Strengthen Society Speaker: Michael Matossian, MENA FCCG
10:05-10:15	Delivering the solutions we all desperately need: Presentation of the Summit working method and breakout rooms Speaker: Kurban Babayev, GCFFC
10:15-10:40	Coffee and networking break
10:40-11:50	Breakout round 1 Launching the proposal for an AI Center of Excellence for financial institutions under GCFFC - AI for financial crime detection and investigation: practical uses, governance limits and human oversight Moderator: Michal Gromek; Speakers: Meera Judge; Denisse Rudich; Marian Müller; Piotr Bobolowicz Resolving the catch 22 between Data Privacy and FinCrime Fighting: finding workable routes between data privacy, AML obligations and operational needs Moderator: Vivienne Artz OBE; Speakers: Maria Raffaella Assetta; Ausra Spakauskiene; Tom Barbereau; Nina Siedler; Louise Russell-Prywata Fraud and scams at scale: prevention, reporting, information sharing and asset recovery Moderator: Che Sidanius; Speakers: Debra Au; Rory Corcoran; Stefan Pacher; Kyriakos Chrysanthou Trade-based money laundering: hidden value transfer through supply chains, invoices and corporate structures Moderator: Lebogang Thobakgale; Speakers: Dirk Findeisen; Jürgen Repolusk; Levy Pezulu (online)
11:50-13:00	Lunch
13:00-13:45	Learning from breakout round 1: three tangible recommendations from each group Moderator: Ilze Znotiņa; Speakers: Michal Gromek; Vivienne Artz OBE; Che Sidanius; Lebogang Thobakgale
13:45-14:15	Keynote Speaker: Kim R. Manchester
14:15-14:30	Preparation of the second breakout round Speaker: Piotr Bobolowicz

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DAY 1 (continuation)

14:30-15:40	Breakout round 2 Corruption and money laundering: following proceeds, networks, professional enablers and recovery opportunities Moderator: Michal Gromek; Speakers: Ralf Ernst (OSCE); Sergejus Muravjovas (ISM); Oleksiy Feshchenko Following the money behind atrocity crimes: AML's Next Frontier in Detecting and Disrupting Illicit Financial Flows. Moderator: Ruth Mota; Speakers: Kristin Rosella; Zhanna Kondzirska; Richard Sanders; Dr SORCHA MacLeod Shaping the future: The AML Centre of Excellence 2027-2028 Roadmap Moderator: Greta Barkauskienė; Speakers: Effrosyni Fygka (online); Marius Laurinaitis; Joe O'Donnell; Eglė Lukošienė; Sergej Chaniutko Connecting crime to crypto: Launch of the Virtual Asset Crypto Wallet Attribution Center Moderator: Dimitrij Gede; Speakers: Bogdan Vacusta; Nevo Arama; Rory Corcoran Disrupting Green Crime: illicit financial flows, corruption risks and cross-border investigations. Moderator: Maureen Moriarty; Speakers: Russell Gray; Hafsat Bakari; Brian Morales Capacity building that works: what countries need in 2026-2027 and how donors can support practical implementation Moderator: Kurban Babayev; Speakers: Monica Guy; Mikhail Assafov; Nuraddin Murshudlu
15:40-16:00	Coffee and networking break
16:00-16:30	Learning from breakout round 2: recommendations for the GCFFC community Moderator: GCFFC; Speakers: Michal Gromek; Ruth Mota; Greta Barkauskienė; Dimitrij Gede; Maureen Moriarty; Kurban Babayev
16:30-16:45	Summary of the day and emerging workstream priorities Speaker: Michal Gromek
16:45 onwards	Road ahead and evening reception Speaker: Piotr Bobolowicz

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DAY 2

09:00-09:10	Reflection from Day 1 Speaker: Xolisile Khanyile
09:10-09:30	Keynote Speaker: Hennie Verbeek-Kusters, AMLA
09:30-10:15	Strategic panel: finding the balance between GDPR and Financial Crime Prevention in Europe Moderator: Vivienne Artz OBE; Speakers: Alessandra Pierucci; Tobias Thygesen; Toon Segers; Felix Goodenough
10:15-10:50	Coffee and networking break
10:50-11:10	ASP Chapter: needs, findings and priority recommendations Speaker: Debra Au
11:10-11:30	Africa Chapter: needs, findings and priority recommendations Speaker: Lebogang Thobakgale
11:30-11:45	Digital Asset Task Force: update and proposed contribution to cross-cutting investigations Speakers: Michal Gromek; Dimitrij Gede
11:45-12:00	Launch of a dedicated Educational Workstream Speaker: Michal Gromek
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-13:35	From discussion to action: proposed GCFFC workstreams for 2026-2027 on AI, data sharing, fraud, TBML, anti-corruption and money laundering Moderator: Ilze Znotina Interactive plenary discussion
13:35-13:50	Threat projection: the next 12 months of technological and financial crime developments Speaker: Piotr Bobolowicz
13:50-14:00	Closing fireside chat: reflections on the two days Speakers: Xolisile Khanyile; Che Sidanius

Parallel OSCE breakout session 13:00-14:00

Blockchain Evidence in Criminal Proceedings: from Intelligence to Courtroom-Admissible Evidence
Speakers: Ralf Ernst, OSCE; Cláudia Pina, Central Court for Criminal Investigation, Lisbon; Lenche Ristoska, Consultant; Stanislava Milankov, OSCE; Zurab Sanikidze, OSCE

Logistics note

Everything you need to plan your trip to Vilnius is in the Welcome to Vilnius information package, available to download below.

What you will find inside

Getting to Vilnius: flights, and how to reach the city centre from the airport by bus, train, taxi or Bolt

Accommodation: recommended hotels close to the venue, with special rates and booking codes for participants

The venue: ISM University of Management and Economics, Gedimino pr. 7, in the heart of Vilnius

On the day: registration and accreditation. Please wear your badge at all times, as the university has a closed-door policy

Explore the city: walking routes, museums and galleries

Stay in touch: the participants' WhatsApp group and the organisers' contact details

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Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank

ACAMS (Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists)

AlixPartners

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Alvarez & Marsal

AML Certification Centre

AMLA (Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism)

AMLYZE

Anti-Fraud Initiative Ghana (AFIG)

Arab Bank

Axiology

Basel Institute on Governance

Blackdot Solutions

Cambridge Digital Regulation & Innovation Initiative

Case Western Reserve University, Law School

Center of Excellence in Anti-Money Laundering

Central Court for Criminal Investigation, Lisbon

CMC Markets

Cointegrity AS

Crystal Intelligence

Danske Bank

Deloitte

DFAT (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)

DT4C Alliance

EDPB (European Data Protection Board)

Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units

Elliptic

EMLCU

Equity Bank Tanzania

European Commission

European Council for Development and Compliance (EUCDC)

Europol

FATF (Financial Action Task Force)

Finance Finland

Financial Crime Investigation Service (FCIS), Lithuania

Financial Intelligence Agency, Sierra Leone

Financial Intelligence Centre, Ghana

FIU Germany (Financial Intelligence Unit Germany)

FNA (Financial Network Analytics)

FTSE Women Leaders Review

GIDMA (Global ID Management Authority)

Global Financial Integrity

Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime

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ISM University of Management and Economics

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LexCollective

Lithuanian Railways

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Luminor Bank

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MENA FCCG (MENA Financial Crime Compliance Group)

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Nicolas Burbidge AML Consulting Corporation

Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU)

NMB Bank Limited (National Merchant Bank of Zimbabwe)

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Paris-8 University

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