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

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Summit Focus

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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.

REGISTRATION:

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Please note: To maintain an impactful, high-level operational dialogue, attendance is selective.
The organizers reserve the right to review all applications and select final participants.

Agenda

DAY 1

08:00-09:00	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
09:00-09:10	Opening remarks - Three Areas of Urgent Improvement: Technology Assimilation. Fighting Technology with Technology. Reaching. Resolving outstanding PPP challenges in FinCrime. Speakers: Xolisile Khanyile; host representative
09:10-09:20	Host welcome: If we had restarted the Lithuanian AML Center of Excellence in 2026, we would have done these three things differently.
09:20-09:40	Keynote: Five priorities for combating AI-enabled crime and emerging financial threats Speaker: FATF
09:40-09:50	Keynote: reaching new speed in FIU-to-FIU information sharing and international cooperation Speaker: Elżbieta Franków-Jaskiewicz, Egmont Group
09:50-10:05	Keynote: Conquering New Frontiers of Crime: Strengthening Cooperation and Investigative Capabilities for ICC Investigations Speaker: Irene Gasparini, ICC
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; Jason Lancaster; Denisse Rudich 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; Speaker: Toon Segers Fraud and scams at scale: prevention, reporting, information sharing and asset recovery Moderator: Che Sidanius; Speakers: Debra Au; Aidan Larkin; Rory Corcoran; Stefan Pacher; Kyriakos Chrysanthou Trade-based money laundering: hidden value transfer through supply chains, invoices and corporate structures Moderator: Lebogang Thobakgale; Speakers: Levy Pezulu; Brian Morales; Jürgen Repolusk; former Europol representative
11:50-13:00	Lunch
13:00-13:45	Learning from breakout round 1: three tangible recommendations from each group Moderator: GCFFC; 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

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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) 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 Sorch MacLeod Shaping the future: The AML Centre of Excellence 2027-2028 Roadmap Moderator: Greta Barkauskienė; Speakers: TBC Connecting crime to crypto: Launch of the Virtual Asset Crypto Wallet Attribution Center Moderator: Dimitrij Gede; Speakers: Bogdan Vacusta; Nevo Arama Disrupting Green Crime: illicit financial flows, corruption risks and cross-border investigations. Moderator: Maureen Moriarty; Speakers: Levy Pezulu, World Gold Council; Russell Gray; Hafsat Bakari 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; Speakers: Che Sidanius; Nina Siedler; Open Ownership representative	
10:15-10:50	Coffee and networking break	
10:50-11:10	ASP Chapter: needs, findings and priority recommendations Speakers: Debra Au; Hiroshi Ozaki	
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 Interactive plenary discussion	Parallel OSCE breakout session 13:00-14:00 Blockchain Evidence in Criminal Proceedings: from Intelligence to Courtroom-Admissible Evidence Speaker: Ralf Ernst, OSCE
13:35-13:50	Threat projection: the next 12 months of technological and financial crime developments Speaker: Piotr Bobolowicz	
13:50-14:00	Closing remarks Speaker: Xolisile Khanyile	

Representing organisations

AB SEB bankas
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)
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Cambridge Digital Regulation & Innovation Initiative
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Cointegrity AS
Crystal Intelligence
Danske Bank
Deloitte
DFAT (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)
Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units
Elliptic
EMLCU
Equity Bank Tanzania
European Commission
European Council for Development and Compliance (EUCDC)
FATF (Financial Action Task Force)
Finance Finland
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)
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Interpol
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Luminor Bank
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania
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National Bank of Romania
National Counter Terrorism Centre
NatWest
Nexulux
Nicolas Burbidge AML Consulting Corporation
Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU)
NMB Bank Limited (National Merchant Bank of Zimbabwe)
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OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe)
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Reform Technologies
Revolut
Roadmap Partner
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