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Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism

2025

C O N F E R E N C E

The New Financial Battlefield: Crime and the Global Power Shift

4 – 5 November | Tākina Wellington Convention & Exhibition Centre

INCLUDING

Sector Supervisors Workshops – DIA/FMA/RBNZ

3 November | Harbourside, Wellington

Welcome from the FIU Manager

Dear AML colleagues,

On behalf of the New Zealand Financial Intelligence Unit (NZFIU), in partnership with the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS), we are pleased to invite you to attend the 2025 Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Conference.

The Conference will take place on Tuesday 4 November and Wednesday 5 November at Tākina Wellington Convention and Exhibition Centre. Sector Supervisor workshops (RBNZ, DIA, and FMA) will be held on Monday afternoon 3 November at Harbourside.

This year's theme is: **The New Financial Battlefield: Crime and the Global Power Shift**. The program will feature domestic and international experts from both government and private sectors, addressing topics aligned with the theme. The event also offers valuable opportunities to strengthen existing relationships and build new ones within the industry.

We are pleased to once again offer a hybrid format. Please note that, at the request of the Financial Markets Authority, their workshop will not be available virtually.

Registration closes on Friday 24 October. We encourage early registration, as on-site capacity is limited. To register, please use:

<https://eventdynamics.eventsair.com/nzfiuacams/delegaterego>

We look forward to welcoming you to the Conference.

For replies or any conference-related queries, please contact: caitlin@eventdynamics.co.nz

Yours sincerely,



Dan Frost

Manager NZ Financial Intelligence Unit

New Zealand Police

Monday 03 November

Sector Supervisors Workshops

Venue | Harbourside, 4 Taranaki Street, Wellington

Each Supervisor will address key topics related to Reporting Entities in their Sectors

12:00–1.00pm **Registration – Foyer**

1:00–2:30pm Department of Internal Affairs (DIA)
Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ)
Financial Markets Authority (FMA)

2:30–3:00pm **Afternoon Tea**

3:00–4:30pm Department of Internal Affairs (DIA)
Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ)
Financial Markets Authority (FMA)

Tuesday 04 November

Conference Day One

Venue | Tākina Convention and Exhibition Centre

50 Cable Street, Wellington

7:30–8:30am	Registration; Welcome coffee and tea	
8:35–9:00am	Opening Address Welcome and Housekeeping	Richard Chambers Commissioner, NZ Police Daniel Frost FIU Manager, NZ Police
9:00–10:00am	The Hidden Currents of Global Finance: Sanctions, Dark Fleets, and Proliferation Financing	Mike Stone Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Shaun Mawdsley Research Advisor, FIU <i>Moderator: John Alcock</i>
10:00–10:30am	Morning Tea and Networking	Sponsored by Infolog
10:30–11:00am	Financial Crime Prevention Network (FCPN), plus Q&A session	Andrew Young TSB for FCPN Mieke Upton ANZ for FCPN
11:00–11:30am	Information exchange and payee verification – NZ’s response to Financial Crime (notably scam prevention)	Duncan Robertson GetVerified
11:30am–12:15pm	Combatting Transnational and Serious Organised Crime	Greg Williams Director, National Organised Crime Group, NZ Police
12:15–1:15pm	Lunch Break and Networking	Sponsored by Swyftx
1:15–1:50pm	About Us – The Mekong Club	Matt Friedman CEO, The Mekong Club
1:50–2:50pm	Environmental Crime	Brien Coram ACAMS
2:50–3:20pm	Afternoon Tea and Networking	
3:20–4:00pm	Managing the Maze: meaningful AML/CFT Risk Assessment amid external and internal shifts	Monique Bon Pie Funds Management <i>Moderator: Rob Milnes, Department of Internal Affairs</i>
4:00–4:40pm	Paradigm Shift of Financial Crime	Tim Goodrick KPMG Sue Bradford KPMG Damian Henry Manager AML/CFT Supervision, Reserve Bank of New Zealand
4:40–4:45pm	Day One Recap	Daniel Frost FIU Manager, NZ Police
5:00–7:00pm	Networking Reception at Harbourside, Wellington <i>Finger food provided</i>	Sponsored by ACAMS

Please note agenda is subject to change.

Wednesday 05 November

Conference Day Two

Venue | Tākina Convention and Exhibition Centre
50 Cable Street, Wellington

8:00–8:30am	Complimentary Coffee and Tea	
8:30–8:35am	Day Two Opening	Daniel Frost FIU Manager, NZ Police
8:35–9:05am	International AML Interview: A view on business crime from North America	Gary Hughes Barrister, Britomart Chambers In conversation with a special international guest
9:05–9:45am	Op Beach – a Police case study	Anna Henson Detective Sergeant, Money Laundering Team, NZ Police
9:45–10:15am	Morning Tea and Networking	Sponsored by Jade World
10:15–10:45am	NRA – Findings (Proliferation financing/Predictions/What needs to be done before next ME)	Craig Hamilton
10:45–11:45am	Mutual Evaluation	APG
11:45am–12:45pm	Lunch Break and Networking	Sponsored by KPMG
12:45–1:30pm	Sector Supervisors annual update	Damian Henry Reserve Bank of New Zealand John Sneyd Department of Internal Affairs Kirsty Pleace Financial Markets Authority
1:30–2:20pm	Integrating AI roles & tools into the financial crime battlefield	Craig Robertson Symphony AI Australia James Foubister Principal Advisor, Emergent Technology, NZ Police
2:20–3:00pm	Beyond the Blockchain: How Crypto Exchanges are Fighting Crime <i>The Power of Education as a Defense</i>	Gabby Lewis Swyftx
3:00–3:30pm	Afternoon Tea and Networking	
3:30–4:15pm	A Police case study and the value of PTRs	Christaan Barnard Detective Inspector, Asset Recovery Unit, NZ Police
4:15–4:30pm	Closing remarks	Daniel Frost FIU Manager, NZ Police

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