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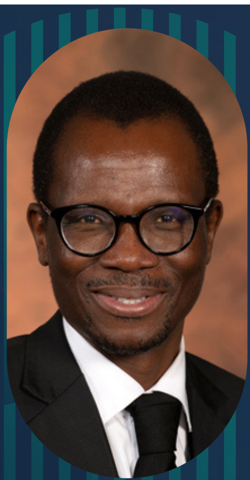

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About the Forum

Since 2023, illicit financial activity has surged by $1.3 trillion, pushing the scale of global financial crime to an estimated $4.4 trillion at a 19.2% compound annual growth rate (CAGR). This growth in the scope, scale and evolution of financial crime fundamentally threatens the integrity of the financial system, fueling some of the world's most insidious and destabilising crimes such as human trafficking, terrorism, and elder abuse. How the industry responds to this new reality will prove critical to ensuring the safety and stability of the country's economy.

In 2025, as trillions of dollars in illicit funds flowed through the global financial system, there was alarming growth across every measured typology. Illicit flows reached:

- $1.1 trillion in drug trafficking activity, with annualised growth of 17.1%
- $528.5 billion in human trafficking, with annualised growth of 23.5%
- $16.2 billion in terrorist financing, with annualised growth of 18.8%

In addition, fraud scams and bank fraud schemes totalled $579.4 billion in losses globally in 2025, representing 9.2% annualised growth since 2023, including:

- $62 billion in losses from fraud scams, with annualised growth of 19.3%
- $517.4 billion in losses from bank fraud, with annualised growth of 8.2%

These estimates represent a fraction of the true scope of financial crime given the sheer volume of obfuscated, undetected or unreported illicit activity.

AI presents both the biggest challenge and opportunity in stopping illicit activity.

Criminals have always been on the forefront of adopting new technology, and AI is no exception. By and large, the industry recognises that winning the technology arms race will be critical to protect the financial system from the criminals that look to exploit it. Financial institutions are investing heavily in both the technology expertise and the tools themselves to future-proof their defenses, improving detection while removing layers of complexity through automation.

Collaboration will be critical to successfully removing criminals from the financial system. As threats evolve, financial institutions are increasingly looking for intelligence from law enforcement and other organisations stay ahead of emerging trends. Despite improved collaboration efforts with regulators, law enforcement, and between institutions, gaps remain.

At Financial Crime & Sanctions Risk forum 2026, we spotlight the innovators and advocates that exemplify what coordinated action looks in practice, serving as models for what the next generation of collaborative frameworks looks like.

With the financial crime crisis reaching new heights, the industry is sitting at an inflection point.

The actions we take next will define the future of the fight against financial crime.

If we can bring together the tools at our disposal — advanced AI technology, collaborative frameworks, and regulatory alignment — we can turn the tide against criminals, protecting consumers and making the financial system safer for all.

Key Themes

- **Financial Crime and the New National Security Landscape** - How financial crime policy is changing as governments increasingly use financial measures to pursue national security priorities.
- **Converging Financial Crime and Sanctions Risk** - Managing risks that increasingly cut across AML, sanctions, fraud and geopolitical exposure.
- **The Next Phase of Financial Crime Enforcement** - What changing enforcement priorities mean for financial institutions.
- **Sanctions Evasion:** Managing an Evolving Threat - Identifying new methods of circumvention as sanctions regimes expand.
- **From Compliance to Effectiveness** - Measuring whether financial crime controls are delivering the outcomes they are designed to achieve.
- **Looking for the Next Chokepoints**—Identifying where financial crime and sanctions exposure could concentrate next.

Who Should Attend

The forum is relevant to senior leaders whose portfolios are directly affected by the changing financial crime, sanctions, and enforcement environment, including those responsible for:

- **Financial Crime & AML**—program effectiveness, risk assessment, investigations, and remediation
- **Sanctions**—screening, advisory, investigations, evasion, and regulatory compliance
- **Compliance & Regulatory Risk**—regulatory change, supervisory expectations, and enforcement exposure
- **Financial Crime Intelligence**—intelligence development, information sharing, and emerging threats
- **Fraud & Investigations**—financial crime typologies, detection and investigative response
- **Enterprise & Operational Risk**—financial crime exposure, control effectiveness, and risk appetite
- **Legal & Regulatory Affairs**—sanctions obligations, enforcement, and cross-border regulatory exposure
- **Risk & Compliance Technology**—screening, monitoring, analytics, data, and control infrastructure
- **Executive Management & Governance**—financial crime oversight, accountability, and regulatory outcomes

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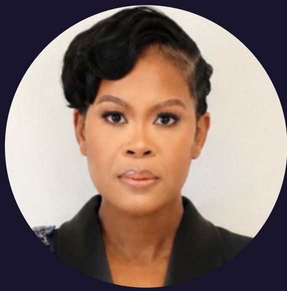

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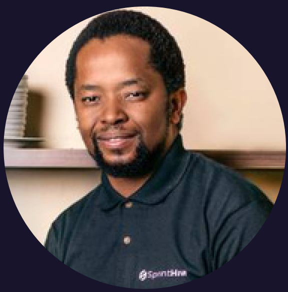

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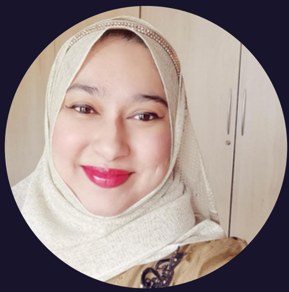

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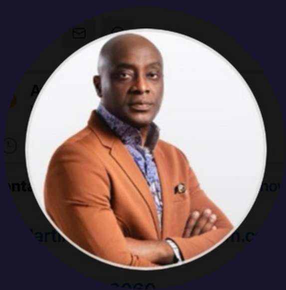

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09:00 - 09:10 Welcome and opening remarks by chairperson

09:10 - 09:40

Opening Keynote

Hon Dr. D M Masondo
Deputy Minister of Finance
Republic of South Africa

09:40 - 10:30

Main Panel: Post-Greylist Effectiveness — PPPs, Inter-agency coordination & measuring real outcomes

- Why compliance alone is no longer sufficient to reduce financial crime or strengthen financial integrity.
- Demonstrating effectiveness through measurable outcomes rather than activity-based metrics.
- Strengthening public-private collaboration to improve intelligence sharing, disruption and collective resilience.
- Lessons from institutions making measurable progress—and the challenges that continue to shape financial crime programmes.

- **Dr. Ofentse Theledi – Head AML, CFT and Sanctions – Nedbank CIB**
- **Willem Kruger - CEO - WK Consult**
- **Hilde Shilamba, Compliance & AML Manager, Express Credit – Namibia**
- **Dr Sani Gildenhuys - Senior Lecturer - College of Accounting Sciences - UNISA**

10:30 - 11:00 **Tea/Coffee Break**

11:00 - 11:45

Panel: Geopolitical risk, sanctions, and the future of financial crime intelligence

- Understanding how geopolitical fragmentation is reshaping financial-crime and sanctions risk.
- Identifying hidden exposure through beneficial ownership, corporate structures, counterparties and cross-border trade.
- Embedding geopolitical and sanctions intelligence into financial-crime, legal and risk decision-making.
- Managing exposure as sanctions regimes diverge across jurisdictions and geopolitical alliances shift.
- Strengthening institutional resilience across financial institutions, multinational businesses and complex supply chains.

- **Nivan Naidoo, Director – FTI Consulting**
- **Sanisha Packirisamy, Chief Economist – Momentum Group**

11:45 - 12:30

Panel:Trade-based money laundering & Illicit financial flows — Detecting risk across the trade ecosystem

- Understanding emerging TBML typologies and evolving risk across African trade corridors, commodities and international supply chains.
- Identifying exposure across counterparties, beneficial ownership, suppliers, distributors and complex trading structures.
- Strengthening trade due diligence, transaction monitoring and risk-based controls across financial institutions and businesses engaged in cross-border trade.
- Navigating the intersection of TBML, sanctions, trade controls and geopolitical risk.
- Strengthening collaboration between financial institutions, corporates, regulators, customs and law enforcement.

- **Lebogang Thobakgale, Associate Partner AMLCO – KPMG**
- **Fred Salimane - Group Head Forensics - Old Mutual**

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12:30 - 13:30 **Networking Lunch**

13:30 - 14:15 **Customer due diligence under pressure: What are we still not seeing?**

Session Partner

- Why is establishing a reliable customer risk profile at onboarding becoming harder in a high-speed digital environment?
- How are deepfakes, synthetic identities and AI-generated documents challenging traditional KYC controls?
- How can institutions identify beneficial ownership, connected parties and external risk that conventional onboarding may not reveal?
- What should trigger a reassessment when customer circumstances, ownership, sanctions or adverse information change?
- The practical test: A customer passes conventional CDD — external intelligence later reveals a materially different risk picture. What did the institution miss?

- **Rushda Khan, Compliance & AML Manager - Albaraka Bank**
- **Thuso Segopolo - Growth Strategist - SprintHive**

14:15 - 15:00 **Panel : Beyond FRAML – Building effective enterprise financial crime functions**

- Has the convergence of fraud and AML delivered on its promise—or simply created new operational complexity?
- What have leading institutions learned from integrating fraud, AML and sanctions within a single financial crime operating model?
- How should institutions measure success beyond efficiency gains—through effectiveness, intelligence and risk outcomes?
- What organisational, governance and technology challenges continue to stand in the way of true enterprise financial crime management?

- **Justin Swardt – Director – Synarch**
- **Jeanette Molefe, Senior AML Officer – PIC**
- **Lebogang Lekoloane, Group Head Financial Crime – Sanlam**
- **Martins Ogbolu – Group Head Executive Compliance – Vodacom**

15:00 - 15:25 **AI Inpainting - Fraud your KYC won't catch**

Session Partner

- Why AI inpainting represents a new category of identity fraud that traditional KYC controls weren't designed to detect.
- Key findings from Contactable's investigation into AI-enabled document manipulation and the gaps exposing financial institutions.
- Lessons from a real-world syndicate investigation and how the fraud was ultimately uncovered.
- Why relying on a single verification control is no longer enough.
- Practical questions every fraud, AML, and KYC team should now be asking.

Jason Shedden, COO – Contactable

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Panel: The Intelligence Blind Spot — Detecting risk beyond the institution's own data

- Which risks are invisible to internal monitoring until they become a problem?
- How can financial-crime teams identify hidden connections between seemingly legitimate customers, counterparties, beneficial owners and entities?
- How do you distinguish material external intelligence from information that creates more false positives and investigative workload?
- When sanctions, fraud, AML, adverse media and geopolitical events intersect, how quickly can institutions connect the dots?
- What are financial-crime teams consistently unable to see from their own data — and what external intelligence can change that?

- **Ngoni Mamvura, Director for African Programmes - AAFC Asia Africa Forum on Corruption**
- **Gabrielle Zellerhoff, Associate Partner | Risk Consulting – EY**

09:45 - 10:30

Panel : Generative AI and financial crime: Opportunity, risk and resilience

- Managing the rise of AI-enabled financial crime—from synthetic identities and deepfakes to increasingly sophisticated fraud and sanctions evasion.
- Building trusted AI through robust data governance, explainability and responsible oversight while meeting evolving regulatory and privacy obligations.
- Strengthening financial crime programmes with AI-enabled detection, investigations and decision-making without compromising governance or accountability.
- Preparing institutions for the next generation of financial crime risk as AI transforms both criminal capabilities and regulatory expectations.

- **Jason Shedden, Chief Operations Officer – Contactable**
- **Adv Dirontsho Mohale - Chief Privacy, Legal, Compliance and Executive Officer – Baakedi**

10:30 - 11:00 Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 - 11:45

The Digital Compliance Paradox: Why technology adoption doesnt always translate to regulatory effectiveness

- Beyond Digital Adoption: Why significant investments in RegTech, AI and digital compliance technologies do not always translate into improved regulatory outcomes.
- From Adoption to Optimisation: Research insights into the institutional, behavioural and operational factors that determine the effectiveness of digital compliance technologies.
- The Human–Technology Partnership: The critical role of professional judgement, governance and organisational capability in achieving sustainable compliance outcomes.
- A Framework for Digital Compliance Effectiveness: Introducing a practical framework for strengthening regulatory effectiveness and building future-ready financial crime compliance functions.

Hazel Sgulugulu, Prudential Authority - South African Reserve Bank (SARB)

11:45 - 12:30 **Tea/Coffee Break**

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Financial crime beyond banking : Managing an interconnected financial ecosystem

- How digital ecosystems have expanded financial crime accountability far beyond traditional banking.
- Managing customer identity, third-party relationships and shared financial crime risk across increasingly interconnected industries.
- Balancing innovation and seamless customer experiences with stronger governance, transparency and financial integrity.
- Building a more collaborative financial crime ecosystem through better intelligence sharing, regulatory coordination and cross-sector partnerships.

- **Martins Ogbolu, Executive Head of Compliance - Vodacom**
- **Bianca Neethling, Associate Partner - BDO**
- **Chrisy De Souza, Compliance Manager – Adams and Adams**
- **Lindani Mbatha, Money Laundering Reporting Officer – Betway Africa**

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12:30 - 13.30 **Networking lunch**

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Panel: The evolving MLRO: Leadership in a changing financial crime landscape

- Has the MLRO role outgrown its traditional mandate as financial crime risks become increasingly interconnected?
- Building leadership capability and organisational resilience to meet growing regulatory and operational expectations.
- Redefining board accountability and governance as financial crime becomes an enterprise-wide responsibility.
- Preparing the next generation of MLROs to lead increasingly complex financial crime programs.

- **Annemari Krugel, Director - Cliff Dekker Hoffmeyer (CDH)**
- **Meghan Mitchell, Compliance Director – Mallu Consulting**
- **Rushda Khan, Compliance & AML Manager – Alabaraka Bank**
- **Adv Lawrence Muravha , Expert Compliance Officer – Old Mutual**
- **Wandile Mngadi, Regional Manager Africa - ACAMS**

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What does success look like by 2027? Moving beyond compliance to detection, accountability and trust

- Defining measurable success metrics for South Africa’s financial crime and sanctions framework.
- Impact of new whistle-blower legislation on SAR quality and enforcement outcomes.
- Strategic priorities for combating illicit flows, TBML, and sanctions evasion.
- Drawing on African and international experiences to build a more robust, effective, and sustainable anti-financial crime ecosystem.

Neli Seng, Senior Associate – Bowmans
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