

AFB ROUND-UP

The Association of Foreign Banks: “Building Banking Business”



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AFB UPDATE

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Dear Members,

As I write, the world is waiting for a definitive result in the US elections, the UK seems poised finally to leave the EU with or without a deal and the country has returned into lockdown. What a week!

Roll on the day when we can meet in person – but until then, virtual meetings will have to suffice: check out our **Autumn Events & Conferences** and keep up to date with us on **Twitter** or **LinkedIn**.

We know how busy you have all been, so we are delighted that our Senior Managers Development Programme is fully booked, with a waiting list. The first session was held this week, as was the first session in our second MLRO Diploma course. In fact, our training offer goes from strength to strength - and we hope that member banks will help us develop it further. Please complete our **Training Survey** - and help us ensure that the AFB delivers the Training courses you want - highly relevant to foreign banks, with the right mix of theoretical knowledge and practical application, to offer real value Back@Bank. With my very best wishes as ever, Catherine

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

Don't miss the opportunity to book your place for the **AFB's first Digital Technology Conference** being held in partnership with [Promontory](#) and supported by [dotConnect](#), [Finastra](#) and [techUK](#). Industry specialists will give their expert views on the latest updates in digital technology and how using it can help, optimise efficiencies, increase the customer experience and future-proof your business. [BOOK YOUR PLACE](#)

MEMBER BANK CEO CONSULTATION

An important email will be sent to all member bank CEOs this week about a potential change to the AFB's business model that we believe has the potential to deliver considerable additional value for members.

Please do respond – your views about this significant change are very important

PRACTICE, EVENTS & TRAINING UPDATE: *Activities to the end of the year to support you Back@Bank*

JUMP to [AFB EVENTS PROGRAMME](#) to see all events or BOOK NOW for:

- [Libor Transition Virtual Seminar](#)
- [Conduct & Culture Virtual Workshop](#)

All AFB events are designed to bring you expert advice that you can implement Back@Bank. Our Virtual Seminars continue to be 2 for 1* until end 2020 & all AFB Virtual Workshops include a “Member Only Surgery Session”.

Semester 3 Expert Panels announced!

- [Compliance Expert Panel](#)
- [Financial Crime Expert Panel](#)
- [Heads of Internal Audit Expert Panel](#)
- [Heads of Legal Expert Panel](#)
- [Operational Risk Expert Panel](#)

We publish Output Papers following each Expert Panel, to add your name to the circulation list. [CONTACT US](#)

In 2021, the AFB will be launching a new Training Academy with a suite of new training courses to support you Bank@Bank.

For more information jump to [TRAINING PROGRAMME](#)

POLICY & REGULATORY UPDATE: *Latest updates on AFB Policy work*

- The **JMLSG Trade Finance policy working group** will be convening on 11 November to discuss final member comments on the redrafted Part 2, Sector 15 guidance on trade finance.
- Following the publication of the **FCA consultation paper CP 20/20** on 23 September, an AFB policy working group met to discuss members' initial reactions to the CP. A draft AFB response is being prepared in advance of the deadline for submission on 27 November.
- The Climate Financial Risk policy working group will be meeting virtually **with the PRA** on 20 November to discuss member queries on the PRA's guidance regarding climate financial risk.
- The AFB is setting up a policy working group to respond to HMT's **Future Regulatory Framework Review**. If you/your firm is interested in joining this group, **please contact Dami Oluwa**.

REVIEW PROGRESS ON ALL [POLICY & REGULATORY PROJECTS](#) & GET INVOLVED BY [JOINING THE AFB POLICY & REGULATORY NETWORK](#)

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AFB EVENT PROGRAMME

Given the ongoing situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic the AFB is monitoring the situation carefully and taking feedback from members and partners. All AFB events will continue to be held virtually until the end of the year. The safety of our members is of paramount importance to us and we will return to holding in-person events when it is deemed safe to do so.

The AFB provides Expert Panels & Briefings as part of your membership, yet we currently charge a small fee for Virtual Workshops & Seminars. This helps us meet our costs & safeguard our future financial sustainability. Every AFB event is created specifically for Foreign Banks in the UK and you can expect to gain exceptional intelligence and expert advice for you to implement Back@Bank. We are delighted that AFB Virtual Seminars will continue to be 2 for the price of 1* until the end of the year and that all AFB Virtual Workshops will now include an exclusive "Member Only Surgery Session".

Please note that you will be asked to log in to our member portal to complete your event registration, using your username and password. If you cannot remember these details, you can [reset them here](#) or email sara.winter@foreignbanks.org.uk For more information on any event, contact secretariat@foreignbanks.org.uk Events open for registration can be accessed via the links in the table.

EVENTS OPEN FOR BOOKING				
9 Nov	Risk Management Virtual Briefing	Implication on Banks' Risk Management	FREE	KPMG
10 Nov	Trade Finance Virtual Briefing	Trade Finance Briefing Fraudulent Bills of Lading	FREE	Themis
11 Nov	Virtual Workshop	Operational Resilience - Mapping Business Services and Defining Resilience Dashboards – WAITLIST ONLY	£220	EY
12 Nov	Finance Virtual Briefing	Pillar 2 Capital	FREE	PwC
13 Nov	Representative Offices Virtual Briefing	This is not just another American Election!	FREE	BNY Mellon
16 Nov	Heads of Legal Expert Panel	EU Competition Law /Loan Markets	EP ONLY	Latham & Watkins
17 Nov	Virtual Seminar	LIBOR Transition	£220*	Simmons & Simmons
18 Nov	Heads of Internal Audit Expert Panel	How and Why the Audit Approach & Focus is Changing in Response to Covid-19	EP ONLY	BDO
20 Nov	Compliance Expert Panel	European Commission's Consultation on MiFID II/R review	EP ONLY	Latham & Watkins
23 Nov	Operational Risk Expert Panel	Long-term home working and the associated operational risks	EP ONLY	BCS
25 Nov	Virtual Workshop	Conduct & Culture	£220	TLT
26 Nov	Virtual Conference	Digital Tech Conference	£295	AFB
30 Nov	Financial Crime Expert Panel	Update on AML Regs 2017 & remote working challenges	EP ONLY	Promontory
New Date TBC	Postponed Virtual Workshop	Building a Diverse & Inclusive Organisation	£220	Korn Ferry
AUTUMN SEMESTER EVENTS NOT YET OPEN FOR BOOKING – HOLD THE DATE!				
1 Dec	Corporate & Institutional Banking Briefing	Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill	FREE	Fieldfisher
EXPERT PANEL OUTPUT PAPERS – SEMESTER 3 2020				
Compliance Expert Panel	European Commission's Consultation on MiFID II/R review		SIGN UP	
Financial Crime Expert Panel	Update on AML Regs 2017 & remote working challenges		SIGN UP	
Heads of Legal Expert Panel	EU Competition Law /Loan Markets		SIGN UP	
Heads of Internal Audit Expert Panel	How and Why the Audit Approach & Focus is Changing in Response to Covid-19		SIGN UP	
Operational Risk Expert Panel	Long-term home working and the associated operational risks		SIGN UP	

AFB TRAINING UPDATE

SENIOR MANAGERS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- November/December 2020 Programme now fully booked!
- Due to unprecedented member demand, we will be running an additional Programme in 2021, to add your bank to the waiting list **CONTACT US**

- The schedule for this Programme, which follows the same content as the first will be:

9 February 2021	Bye-Bye LIBOR – What do you need to know now?	16 March 2021	Financial crime – crisis or drama?
23 February 2021	Operational resilience – testing your limits	18 March 2021	Trends in AML enforcement and market abuse
25 February 2021	Corporate Governance: Non-financial risk conduct issues and trends	23 March 2021	Cyber risk and international data flows
11 March 2021	FCA-proofing your whistleblower frameworks	25 March 2021	UK sanctions in a fast-changing world

- All sessions are scheduled to take place between 10.00 – 11.15

FURTHER INFORMATION

Regulatory change in the UK remains a key area of focus for all banks and keeping abreast of these developments can seem a herculean task. To help those in designated Senior Manager and other senior positions, the AFB has partnered with international law firm Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (“BCLP”) to provide this bespoke eight-session development programme designed to highlight some of the current key issues facing foreign banks operating in the UK and provide practical advice on what members need to do to ensure compliance and minimise their exposure Back@Bank.

Each of the eight sessions detailed below will provide an overview of:

- The legal and/or regulatory issues
- Recent developments and what is on the horizon
- Regulatory expectations and requirements for authorised firms and their Senior Managers
- Practical tips to help member banks ensure compliance and minimise risks
- Written material highlighting key concepts and ‘takeaways’

AFB FINANCIAL CRIME COMPLIANCE (AML) DIPLOMA

- Our second cohort for the AFB Financial Crime Diploma embarked on their training course on 3 November 2020. Over the next 9 months they will undertake a comprehensive set of modules that cover the many aspects of money laundering, fraud, tax evasion and bribery as well as looking at newer issues such as the use of cryptocurrencies.
- We continue to partner with Great Chatwell Academy of Learning to deliver this course which offers a Diploma awarded in association with the University of Gloucester for successful participants.
- Missed out? We will be running another Diploma in 2021/2022, to register your interest, email sara.winter@foreignbanks.org.uk

COURSE TESTIMONIALS

“great opportunities to learn in the various areas of Financial Crime” The Bank of East Asia

“a great learning experience, sessions were really interactive, increased my knowledge in the space” ANZ, Senior Manager

THE AFB TRAINING ACADEMY – YOUR VIEWS NEEDED

- Throughout 2020, the AFB has been considering how best we can provide training courses and workshops for our members.
- Our aim is to engage with high quality trainers to provide courses that are highly relevant to foreign banks, with the right mix of theoretical knowledge and practical application such that the courses will truly offer value for participants Back@Bank.
- Following the uptake and demand for the Senior Managers Development Programme and Financial Crime Diploma, the AFB will further develop the provision of an “AFB Academy”. In order to do this in a manner that is commercially viable and sustainable, it is clearly imperative that we provide training courses that meet the actual needs of you, our members.
- Members have been asked to complete a short survey on bank’s training needs. This survey has been circulated to all HR contacts, however, if you would like to share your views, you can [complete the survey](#) or [contact James Neill](#) Please note all responses will be aggregated and kept anonymous unless you specifically advise otherwise.

POLICY AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS PROJECTS

Membership of AFB POLICY & REGULATORY NETWORK IS INCLUDED AS PART OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP: [SIGN UP](#)

The AFB's policy work is continuing using virtual platforms. The AFB is continuing to act as a conduit for feedback and dialogue between member banks and regulators in the policy areas listed below.

To find out more and/or get involved with these policy workstreams, [CONTACT Dami Oluwa, AFB Policy Associate](#)

Topic	Key Dates	Process	AFB Activities
Climate Financial Risk PRA/FCA	Industry guidance sponsored by FCA/PRA published on 29 June	The AFB policy working group are meeting with the PRA on 20 November to discuss its guidance on climate financial risk.	
Redrafting JMLSG Guidance (Part II) on Trade Finance (Sector 15)	30 November 2020 (Target for submission to JMLSG Panel)	AFB is leading the update of this sector on behalf of the industry. A final draft of the update has been circulated to the wider AFB membership for comment. A follow up meeting of the policy working group to discuss any final comments is scheduled for 11 November.	
LIBOR Transition FCA/PRA	End 2021	Following discussions within the policy working group, letters were sent to the RFR WG and LMA regarding member queries about the LIBOR transition process. A meeting of the working group took place on 1 September to discuss the responses. Further meetings will take place if required.	LIBOR Transition Seminar (Simmons & Simmons) – 17 November
EMIR Margin Implementation Requirements FCA/PRA	Delayed due to COVID-19	A roundtable with FCA/PRA for trade associations and representative AFB members is being planned for early 2021.	
Return to working in the office	Ongoing	The AFB undertook surveys on returning to the office of its members in June and July. A further survey requesting an update was sent on 2 September. Results were circulated to CEO and PRN contacts on 18 September.	
Money Laundering Reporting (following implementation of 5MLD) FCA	Ongoing	AFB is gathering information from working group members on the prescribed responsibilities of SMFs 16 and 17 within firms. A working group meeting took place on 21 Oct to discuss the response. A follow up meeting has been arranged for 5 November.	
Financial Services Skills Commission HMT	Ongoing	A summary of the structure and aims of the FSSC can be accessed here . Interested members have been invited to consider representing the AFB on the FSSC workstreams.	
CP20/20: Our approach to international firms FCA	Submission of consultation response by 27 November 2020	A meeting of the policy working group considering the CP took place on 9 October where members discussed their initial reactions to the CP. A draft response is being prepared and will be circulated for member comment.	
Future Regulatory Framework Review HMT	Submission of consultation response by 19 January 2021	A request has been made for interested members to form a working group to prepare a response to the FCACP 20/20 consultation paper. Any member interested in joining this working group should please contact Dami Oluwa, AFB Policy Associate	