

AFB ROUND-UP

The Association of Foreign Banks: “Building Banking Business”



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AFB UPDATE

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Dear Members,

As the City starts gradually to re-open, banks are wondering how to react. Our **Workshop** with Marriott Harrison on **Post Lock-down Return to the Office Employment Law** on 10 September is now fully booked – but if you’re interested, do still register, because we will hold a repeat Workshop if demand is high enough. Our Autumn Schedule of Events is looking really good: **hold the dates** in your diary - and to keep up to date, follow us on Twitter @foreignbanksuk or on LinkedIn.

We have 20 events programmed for the rest of the year; and conference dates have now been confirmed: the **AFB Virtual Operations Conference** will be held on 20 October and the **AFB Virtual Tech Conference** on 26 November.

AFB Partners with Korn Ferry for an Exclusive Series of Events on D&I

The message is inescapable. People are calling for more - much more - from their leaders on diversity and inclusion. Not only is this a moral issue, it is a key plank of the ESG agenda, a driver of business performance and a reputational necessity.

The AFB is delighted to launch its partnership with global organisational consulting firm **Korn Ferry**, as well as with some exceptionally high profile, world-leading experts (**Ann Cairns, Trevor Phillips, Jacqui Gavin, Mike Adams, Pavita Cooper, Margot Zielinska**). Our three-event series includes an in depth **Survey of D&I** in foreign banks; an **‘In Conversation’ Event** with the Experts who are driving change; and a **Korn Ferry Workshop** to help you deliver the outcomes you, your staff and your customers demand.

Look out for the Registration email and make sure you **benchmark your performance, gain insight from the experts and create a D&I Action Plan**.

I’m especially excited this month to launch our partnership with global organisational consulting firm **Korn Ferry**, for a three-event series that will help you **benchmark your D&I performance, gain insight from the experts and create a D&I Action Plan**. This surely is a “must-do” event (see Box).

And also don’t forget the AFB Financial Crime (AML) Diploma has opened for registration: **Book your place now**

All AFB events are designed for Foreign Banks and *only* Foreign Banks: bringing you expert advice that you can implement Back@Bank. Our Virtual Seminars continue to be 2 for 1* until end 2020 and all AFB Virtual Workshops include a “Member Only Surgery Session”. Lastly, do check out the AFB’s programme of **Policy and Regulatory Affairs Projects**. Membership of the Policy & Regulatory Network is free for members: **sign up here**.

With my very best wishes as ever, Catherine

PRACTICE, EVENTS & TRAINING UPDATE: *A packed Autumn Semester to support you Back@Bank*

JUMP to **AFB EVENTS PROGRAMME** to see all events or **BOOK NOW** for:

Post Lock-Down Return to Office Employment Law – a Virtual Workshop followed by a member-only Surgery session

Financial Crime Compliance (AML) Diploma – a ten module course leading to a University Diploma: Click [here](#) to view course modules and dates

SEE OUR LATEST EXPERT PANEL OUTPUT PAPER – Heads of Legal Expert Panel - Post COVID-19 Crisis Loan Restructuring and Workouts

To view ALL Expert Panel Output Papers, visit the **AFB Member Library**

HOLD THE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- IFRS9 – 7 October
- Brexit Update – 21 October

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

- At the request of the members of the Money Laundering Reporting WG AFB staff is gathering information from working group members on how the prescribed responsibilities of SMFs 16 and 17 are allocated.
- The JMLSG Trade Finance WG is meeting on September 11 to discuss the final draft of Part 2, Sector 15 guidance redraft.
- The AFB sent letters on 14 August to the WG on **Sterling Risk-Free Reference Rates** and the **Loan Market Association** containing queries about LIBOR transition. Responses have been received and are being reviewed by the LIBOR Transition working group.

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. We have taken the decision that 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 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.

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE OPEN FOR BOOKING				
10 Sept	Virtual Workshop	Post Lock-down Return to the Office Employment Law	£220	Marriott Harrison
22 Sept	Virtual Workshop	Market Abuse Part I	£220	Duff & Phelps
29 Sept	Virtual Seminar	Fintech Digital Banking	£220*	Fox Williams
6 Oct	Virtual Workshop	Market Abuse Part II	£220	Duff & Phelps
8 Oct	Virtual Workshop	Managing S166 Reviews	£220	Dentons
13 Oct	Virtual Seminar	Climate Change	£220*	Norton Rose Fulbright
14 Oct	Virtual Workshop	DAC 6	£220	BCLP
15 Oct	Virtual Panel Discussion	D&I - The AFB CEO "In conversation with..." (Priority booking for Board Members & CEO Programme until 8 Sept)	£220	AFB
20 Oct	Virtual Conference	Operations Conference	£295	AFB
29 Oct	Virtual Workshop	Building a Diverse & Inclusive Organisation (Priority booking for Board Members & CEO Programme until 8 Sept)	£220	Korn Ferry
26 Nov	Virtual Conference	Digital Tech Conference	£295	AFB
AUTUMN SEMESTER EVENTS NOT YET OPEN FOR BOOKING – HOLD THE DATE!				
7 Oct	Virtual Seminar	IFRS9	£220*	BDO
21 Oct	Virtual Seminar	Brexit Update	£220*	Norton Rose Fulbright
22 Oct	Virtual Workshop	Operating Model	£220	BCS
27 Oct	Virtual Seminar	Cyber Crime Attacks	£220*	Baker McKenzie
28 Oct	HR Virtual Briefing	Governance & Corporate Practice	FREE	Simmons & Simmons
4 Nov	Virtual Seminar	ISO20022 Implementation	£220*	SWIFT/Temenos
5 Nov	Virtual Workshop	Operational Resilience Part I	£220	EY
10 Nov	Trade Finance Virtual Briefing	Fraud (Bills of Lading or Warehouse Receipts)	FREE	Themis
11 Nov	Virtual Workshop	Operational Resilience Part II	£220	EY
12 Nov	Finance Virtual Briefing	Pillar 2A 2B	FREE	PwC
17 Nov	Virtual Seminar	LIBOR Transition	£220*	Simmons & Simmons
AUTUMN SEMESTER TOPICS NOT YET OPEN FOR BOOKING – (DATES TBC)				
Nov	Virtual Workshop	Conduct & Culture	£220	TBC
Nov	Transaction Reporting Virtual Briefing	Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill	FREE	TBC
TBC	Lunch	Mansion House Lunch	£130	Mansion House
TBC	Dinner	Annual Banquet	TBC	Drapers Hall

AFB TRAINING PROGRAMME

FINANCIAL CRIME COMPLIANCE (AML) DIPLOMA

Following the successful completion of our first AFB Diploma course, we are continuing to partner with Great Chatwell Academy of Learning, to repeat this course during 2020/21.

Course participants can expect to benefit from:

- Ten separate learning modules that have been designed exclusively for AFB members
- Delivery via fully interactive on-line sessions
- Modules that include pre-reading, structured learning, practical-based exercises and case-study analyses
- The opportunity to meet and interact with other risk and compliance professionals
- End of module assessments
- CPD credits for all sessions attended, awarded by the CPD Certification Service

On successful completion of all assessments, participants will receive The AFB Financial Crime Diploma awarded in association with the University of Gloucestershire.

By the end of the course participants should be able to:

- Define the role of the MLRO and Nominated Officer and the skills that are required to be successful.
- Describe the international financial crime risks that must be assessed and managed by a regulated firm.
- Complete a financial crime risk assessment for a regulated firm.
- Define the systems and controls framework that is required to be managed to ensure that a regulated firm is not used by criminals or the financiers of terrorism.
- List all the UK and international financial crime laws, regulations and sources of best practices that are applicable to a foreign bank operating in the UK.
- Provide an assessment of future trends and emerging risks for 2020 and beyond, including cryptoassets.

A key aim of the course is that all delegates will be more confident and comfortable managing financial crime risks that are applicable to regulated services.

The course is limited to only 25 participants and is priced at £3,500 + VAT per participant.

Our first cohort included participants based outside of the UK and given that the course is now being delivered virtually, please feel free to pass on details of this course to colleagues in other locations.

[For further information please visit our website](#)

[Book your place now](#)

Financial Crime Compliance (AML) Diploma Course Modules and Dates	
6 Oct 2020	The Role of the MLRO/Head of Financial Crime and Nominated Officer
3 Nov 2020	AML (Retail Banking, Private Banking and Correspondent Banking)
1 Dec 2020	Trade-based Money Laundering (Financial Crime Risks)
5 Jan 2021	Managing Bribery and Corruptions Risk
2 Feb 2021	Managing Tax Evasion under the Criminal Finances Act 2017
2 Mar 2021	Managing Sanctions Risks and how to Identify Sanctions Evasion
13 Apr 2021	Identifying and Managing Fraud
4 May 2021	Combatting the Financing and Proliferation of Terrorism
8 Jun 2021	The Risk Based Approach to Customer Due Diligence
6 Jul 2021	New Technology – Fintech, RegTech and Cryptocurrency (CryptoAssets)

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
Operational Resilience/EBA Guidelines on Outsourcing Arrangements PRA consultation papers 29/19 & 30/19 FCA consultation paper 19/32	1 Oct 2020 (postponed from original date due to COVID-19)	The PRA met working group members on 29 July to discuss the consultation papers. A summary of the meeting is currently being prepared. A debrief meeting was held on 17 Aug.	Workshops being held in Semester 3. Expert Panel Output Paper
The Climate Financial Risk Forum Industry Guidance sponsored by PRA/FCA	Initial publication date 29 June (postponed from 31 March)	The industry guidance was published on 29 June. An AFB working group has been set up to review the guidance. A meeting of the group was held on 30 July to review the CFRF strategy document .	A Virtual Seminar is planned for Semester 3.
Redrafting JMLSG Guidance (Part II) on Trade Finance (Sector 15)	30 June 2020 (Target)	AFB is leading the update of this sector on behalf of the industry. PwC is assisting the preparation of a revised draft response. The next working group meeting will be held on 11 September to discuss the final draft.	
LIBOR Transition FCA/PRA	End Q3 2020 & End 2021	A virtual roundtable with the FCA for AFB members was held in May 2020, where the FCA responded to questions. A note of the key points discussed was agreed with the FCA and circulated to members. Subsequently AFB members have raised further queries about the transition process in the UK. As a result, the AFB sent letters to the Working Group on Sterling Risk-Free Reference Rates and the LMA and the responses have been circulated to the AFB WG.	Note of meeting/Q&A with the FCA held on 11 May A Virtual Seminar is being held on 17 November
EMIR Margin Implementation Requirements - FCA/PRA	Delayed due to COVID-19	A roundtable with FCA/PRA for AFB members is being planned.	
Transition to working in the office post COVID-19 FCA Survey	N/A	Engagement is ongoing with the FCA on how firms navigate the transition. A set of questions on returning to the office was sent to members on 14 May and a summary paper of the findings was distributed to AFB members on 29 May. The AFB circulated supplementary questions to members on their updated planning on 29 June. The responses to these questions were circulated to members on 9 July.	Briefing Paper – Planning a Return to the Office Webinar Recording - Planning a Return to the Office Survey Results: Planning a Return to the Office
Money Laundering Reporting (following implementation of 5MLD) FCA	Ongoing	The FCA held a virtual meeting on 14 May for trade associations to provide feedback on the effects of COVID-19 on financial crime control and governance frameworks. The first meeting of the MLR working group took place on 19 June and thereafter on 18 August. AFB staff is gathering information from working group members on how the prescribed responsibilities of SMFs 16 and 17 are allocated.	
Financial Services Skills Commission HMT	Ongoing	The AFB is investigating how it can become involved in the work of the FSSC. A summary of the structure and aims of the FSSC can be accessed here .	
Shariah Compliant Loan Financing/ Capital Gains Tax Query HMT	Ongoing	Following representations from PRN Members, the AFB has written to HMT asking for a review of the impact of capital gains tax on Shariah compliant home and buy-to-let purchase plans. The text of the submission can be accessed here .	