

A large, stylized map of the Middle East region, including the Arabian Peninsula and surrounding areas, is rendered in a light teal color. The map is overlaid with a pattern of horizontal teal stripes of varying thicknesses, creating a textured effect. This graphic serves as a background for the main title.

# The Compliance Leaders Forum 2026

| **Marriott Downtown, Abu Dhabi, UAE**  
| 21 – 22 October 2026

Global Payments Event Organized by Buna  
**The Arab Regional Payments Clearing and Settlement  
Organization ("ARPCSO")**

# Welcome to Compliance Leaders Forum 2026

Welcome to the Compliance Leaders Forum (CLF) is a two-day event dedicated to advancing dialogue and collaboration in the field of financial compliance. Following the success of the inaugural forum held in 2025, Buna is pleased to host the second edition of the event on 21–22 October 2026 in Abu Dhabi.

The inaugural Compliance Leaders Forum attracted more than 120 participants, over 20 speakers, representatives from more than 20 countries, and over 80 institutions, with the support of four sponsors. Building on the valuable discussions, strong engagement, and positive feedback received from participants, the 2026 edition will continue to provide a platform for knowledge sharing, thought leadership, and collaboration among compliance professionals and industry experts.

This year's forum is expected to bring together approximately 200 participants and more than 20 distinguished speakers representing regulatory authorities, central banks, commercial banks, financial market infrastructures, international organizations, and leading industry partners. Through keynote addresses, panel discussions, and interactive sessions, participants will exchange insights, explore emerging trends, share practical experiences, and discuss strategies for addressing current and future compliance challenges.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Compliance Leaders Forum 2026.

## Compliance Leaders Forum 2026 Organizing Team

# Day 1

## 21 October 2026

| Time          | Topic                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 - 9:00   | Registration                                                                                                                                            |
| 9.00 - 9:15   | Welcome Speech                                                                                                                                          |
| 9:15 - 09:45  | <b>Keynote Session:</b><br>The Future of Financial Crime Supervision: Supervisory Expectations in a Fast-Evolving Risk Landscape.                       |
| 09:45 – 10:30 | <b>Panel Discussion:</b><br>The Impact of Instant Cross-Border Payments on Financial Crime Risk: Can Compliance Keep Pace?                              |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | <b>Keynote Session:</b><br>Countering Cross-Border Fraud and Scams in Arab Countries: Key Findings and Recommendations from the Buna-FNA Working Paper. |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | <b>Morning Refreshments</b>                                                                                                                             |
| 11:30 – 12:15 | <b>Panel Discussion:</b><br>Cyber Risks in Digital Payments: Staying Ahead.                                                                             |
| 12:15 – 1:00  | <b>Panel Discussion:</b><br>Building a Trusted Regional Payment Ecosystem: The Role of Effective Financial Crime Risk Management                        |
| 1:00 – 2:00   | <b>Networking Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                 |

# Day 1

## 21 October 2026

| Time        | Topic                                                                                             |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2:00 – 2:45 | <b>Keynote Session:</b><br>Sanctions and Financial Stability: Addressing Emerging Global Threats  |
| 2:45 – 3:30 | <b>Panel Discussion:</b><br>Transaction Monitoring: Managing Risks in the Era of Instant Payments |
| 3:30 – 3:45 | <b>Closing Remarks</b>                                                                            |

# Day 2

## 22 October 2026

| Time          | Topic                                                                                                                    |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00 – 9:30   | <b>Keynote Session:</b><br>Managing Fraud in Real-Time Payments: Risks, Controls and Prevention                          |
| 9:30 - 10:15  | <b>Panel Discussion:</b><br>Beyond False Positives: Measuring the Effectiveness of Financial Crime Programmes            |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | <b>Panel Discussion:</b><br>Artificial intelligence in Financial Crime Compliance: Game Changer or Governance Challenge? |
| 11:00 –11:45  | <b>Panel Discussion:</b><br>Financial Crime Risks in Digital Assets and Tokenized Finance                                |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Closing Remarks - Day 2                                                                                                  |
| 12:00 - 2:00  | <b>Networking Lunch</b>                                                                                                  |