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Forum Guide

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Three inflection points are **reshaping** European finance in 2026

The digital money Europe uses, the AI Europe scales, the rules that govern both, and the capital Europe can mobilise. Their consequences run through European finance, and every global firm operating in it.

97% of the global stablecoin market is USD-pegged. Will Europe's settlement standard be European?

With Euro- and Swiss Franc-denominated stablecoins entering the market and the Digital Euro in its next preparation phase, the choice now sits with:

- European banks and stablecoin issuers weighing their issuance strategy under MiCA
- Payment networks rebuilding rails for agentic commerce
- Corporate treasurers choosing what to settle in

The settlement standard that emerges decides who builds Europe's payments rails, and who profits from them





MiCA has landed. The AI Act's high-risk rules apply 2 August 2026. Will Europe's rulebook hold at scale?

With MiCA transitional period ending 1 July and the AI Act classifying credit-scoring AI as high-risk, the rulebook now reaches:

- Digital asset firms in the MiCA licensing queue
- European banks and fintechs deploying AI in credit scoring, KYC, and customer onboarding
- Global firms whose access to 450 million EU customers depends on compliance

Europe's 2026 enforcement windows decide whether the rulebook delivers, and which firms can build under it.

EU equity markets sit at **73%** of GDP. US markets at **270%**. Can Europe close the gap to compete?

With the Savings and Investments Union action plan publishing this summer, the capital mobilisation runs through:

- European banks counting on a securitisation revival
- Pension funds and insurers redirecting long-term capital
- Founders weighing whether to list at home or in New York

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The Defining Conversations of 2026

Across Forum Stage keynotes, panels, and closed-door roundtables under Chatham House Rule, the Forum convenes Europe's policymakers, Switzerland's financial leadership, and the industry building under both, on the choices ahead for the region's money, rules, and capital.



Opening Fireside Chat

H.E. Maria Luís Albuquerque, Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union, European Commission

Karin Keller-Sutter, Federal Councillor and Head of the Federal Department of Finance, Switzerland

The Infrastructure Gap: What It Actually Takes to Put Assets

Burkhard Balz, Member of the Executive Board, Deutsche Bundesbank

Carolyn Rogers, Senior Deputy Governor, Bank of Canada

Sarah Breen, Deputy Governor, Bank of England

Leong Sing Chiong, Deputy Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore



A Stocktake on the Digital Euro

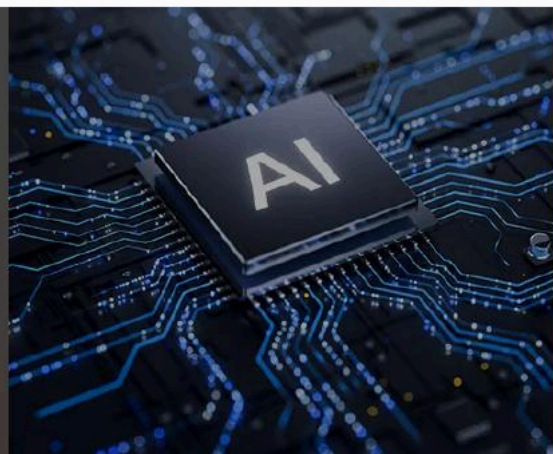
Piero Cipollone, Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank

Governing AI Agents and Frontier Models in Financial Services

Prof. Dr. Fritzi Köhler-Geib,
Member of the Executive
Board, Deutsche Bundesbank

Tommaso Mancini-Griffoli,
Head of the Innovation Hub,
BIS Innovation Hub

Kenneth Gay, Chief FinTech
Officer, Monetary Authority of
Singapore



ON THE FORUM STAGE

Tokenizing Trust: Programmable Money as the Infrastructure of Inclusive Global Finance

The \$320 Trillion Rewiring: Infrastructure, Rules and the Race to Move Money

MiCA, GENIUS, CLARITY and the Global Race to Write the Rules for Digital Assets

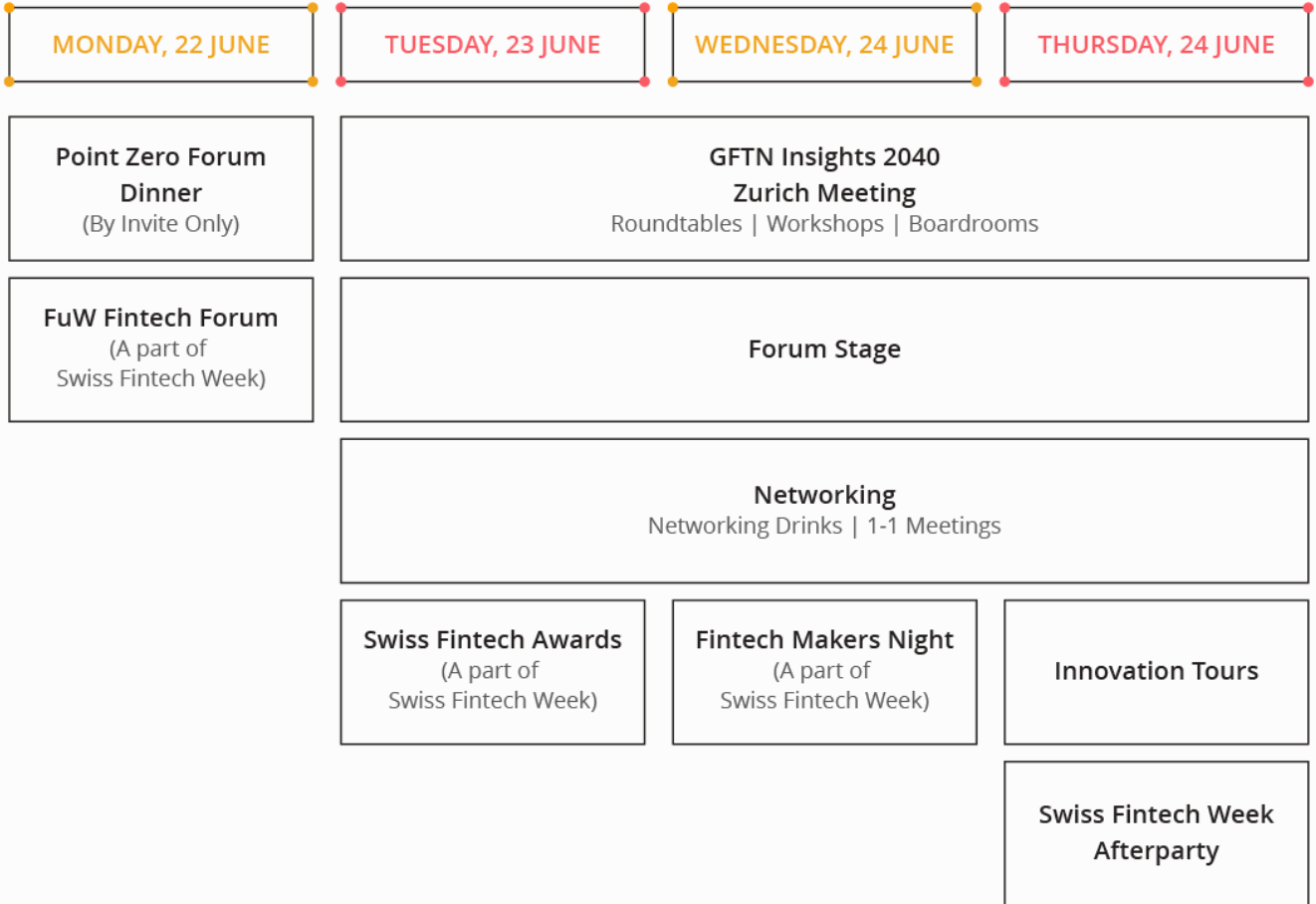
BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Solving for the Fundamentals: Identity Wallets, Trust Infrastructure, and Preparing for the Agentic Economy
























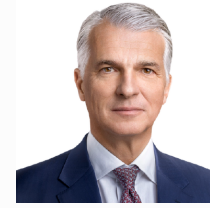
Agentic Commerce: Who Governs the Machine That Pays?









Unlocking Growth: Financial Markets and the Competitiveness of Europe

Forum Overview



Featured Speakers

 <p>Agustín Carstens International Advisory Board Member, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) & Former General Manager, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)</p>	 <p>Dr. Alexandra Hachmeister Director General Digital Euro, Deutsche Bundesbank</p>	 <p>Andréa M Maechler Deputy General Manager, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)</p>	 <p>Dr. Antoine Martin Vice Chairman of the Governing Board, Swiss National Bank</p>	 <p>Dr. Attilio Zanetti Alternate Member of the Governing Board, Swiss National Bank</p>	 <p>Dr. Axel Weber International Advisory Board Member, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) & President, Center for Financial Studies, Goethe University</p>
 <p>Brian Quintenz Advisor and Board Member, Ubyx, SUIG, KalshiEx</p>	 <p>Burkhard Balz Member of the Executive Board, Deutsche Bundesbank</p>	 <p>Frederik Gregaard Chief Executive Officer, Cardano Foundation</p>	 <p>Prof. Dr. Fritzi Köhler-Geib Member of the Executive Board, Deutsche Bundesbank</p>	 <p>Januš Kizenevič Vice-Minister of Finance, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania</p>	 <p>Dr. Jochen Papenbrock EMEA Head of Financial Technology, NVIDIA</p>
 <p>Justin Slaughter VP, Regulatory Affairs, Paradigm</p>	 <p>Karin Keller-Sutter Federal Councillor & Head of the Federal Department of Finance, Switzerland</p>	 <p>Leong Sing Chiong Deputy Managing Director, Markets & Development, Monetary Authority of Singapore</p>	 <p>H.E. Maria Luis Albuquerque Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union, European Commission</p>	 <p>Marlene Amstad Chair, Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA)</p>	 <p>Mikkel Grønlykke President, Banking Marlene Amstad Chair, Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA)</p>
 <p>Natia Turnava Governor, National Bank of Georgia</p>	 <p>Piero Cipollone Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank</p>	 <p>Rene Michau Global Head, Digital Assets, Standard Chartered</p>	 <p>Dr. Roman Studer Chief Executive Officer, Swiss Bankers Association</p>	 <p>Sarah Breen Deputy Governor, Bank of England</p>	 <p>Sergio P. Ermotti Group Chief Executive Officer, UBS Group AG Sarah Breen Deputy Governor, Bank of England</p>

 <p>Shriyanka Hore Managing Director, Swift</p>	 <p>Stephanie K. Wickihalder President, Swiss FinTech Innovations (SFTI)</p>	 <p>Steven Maijor Executive Board Member, De Nederlandsche Bank</p>	 <p>Stu Alderoty Chief Legal Officer, Ripple</p>	 <p>Hon. Sunil Sabharwal Board Member, Securitize.io</p>	 <p>Thomas Moser Alternate Member of the Governing Board, Swiss National Bank Hon. Sunil Sabharwal Board Member, Securitize.io</p>
 <p>Tom Mutton Executive Director of Payments Innovation & Fintech, Bank of England</p>	 <p>Yolande Piazza SVP and GM for Americas, Paypal</p>				

Attending Organisations 2026

Government, Central Banks, and Regulators

Arab Monetary Fund
Asian Development Bank
Austrian Financial Market Authority
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre
BaFin
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Bank for International Settlements (BIS)
Bank Negara Malaysia
Bank of Canada
Bank of England
Bank of Japan
Bank of Lithuania
Bank of Spain
Bank of Thailand
Bermuda Monetary Authority
BIS Innovation Hub
Caisse des dépôts
Central Bank of Armenia
Central Bank of Egypt
Central Bank of Eswatini
Central Bank of Ireland
Communications Regulatory Commission of Mongolia
De Nederlandsche Bank
Deutsche Bundesbank
Development Bank of Ethiopia
Eesti Pank (National Central Bank of Estonia)
European Banking Authority
European Central Bank (ECB)

European Commission
Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)
Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (Swiss FDFA)
Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)
Financial Stability Board (FSB)
FIU Switzerland (MROS)
Government of Bermuda – Ministry of Finance
Government of Jersey
Guernsey Financial Services Commission
Hellenic Capital Market Commission
Hong Kong Monetary Authority
International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Ministry of Finance, Malaysia
Ministry of Finance, Netherlands
Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania
Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)
National Bank of Georgia
National Bank of Romania
National bank of Slovakia
Non-Bank Financial Services Authority of Cambodia
Norges Bank
Ontario Securities Commission
Reserve Bank of New Zealand
Securities & Futures Commission of Hong Kong

Spanish National Securities Market Commission (CNMV)
State Bank of Pakistan
State Secretariat for International Finance (SIF)
Swiss Finance Council
Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA)
Swiss National Bank
The Bank of Korea
Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority (VARA)

Digital Assets, FinTech and Technology

Allium Labs
Amazon Web Services
Ant International
Ava Labs
Backbase
Binance
Bitpanda
ब्लॉक Inc.
Blockaid
Bloomberg
Bybit
Cardano Foundation
Chainlink
Chiliz
Cleanverse International
Coinbase
Concordium
Copper
CoreLedger
Deep Future Analytics
Digital Assets Research
Elliptic
Ethereum Foundation

Figment
Fireblocks
Forward Edge AIFuze
Giesecke+Devrient (G+D)
Google Cloud
Hawk AI
Hedera
IBM
IntellectEU
Kraken
Ledger Enterprise
Lynq
Mesh
Microsoft
NVIDIA
Ondo Finance
Paxos
Porter
R3
Ripple
Robinhood
SandboxAQ
SAP
Société Générale – FORGE
Spherity
Stellar Development Foundation
Stripe
Swift
Tether
Tempo
Tencent
tradius GmbH
TRM Labs
Ubyx Inc
Validation Cloud AG
Wallet by Telegram
XWeave.io
ZKsync (Matter Labs)
Zodia Custody
Zühlke

Financial Institutions and Investors

Akbank
Bank Julius Baer & Co. Ltd.
Bank Leumi
Banking Circle
Barclays
BCV
BEKB
Blackstone Growth Equity
Boerse Stuttgart Group
BX Swiss AG
CaixaBank
Citi
CLS Services
Commonwealth Bank of Australia
DBS Bank
Deutsche Bank
DTCC Europe Ltd
DWS Group
Entris Banking
Euroclear
Fidelity International
Habib Bank AG Zurich
HSBC
Incore Bank AG
Isbank
Kinexys by J.P. Morgan
LGT Bank Schweiz
Mastercard
MUFG Bank
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Taurus SA
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The Mauritius Commercial Bank
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UOB
Valiant Bank AG
Visa
Zürcher Kantonalbank

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Currency Research
Elvinger Hoss Prussen
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Hertoghs advocaten
Homburger AG
Lenz & Staehelin
MLL Legal AG
Oliver Wyman
Russell Reynolds Associates
Synpulse
Walder Wyss

Non-Profits, Think Tanks, and Associations

Asset Management Association Switzerland
Atlantic Council

Bitcoin Association Switzerland
Bretton Woods Committee
CMTA (Capital Markets and Technology Association)
CoinDesk
Emerging Payments Association Asia
Euro Banking Association (EBA)
Fintech Foundation
G-20 Group
Gates Foundation
Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC)
Global Digital Finance
Global Financial Markets Association
Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF)
ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability
Innovate Finance
Institute of International Finance (IIF)
International Capital Market Association (ICMA)
MAMA – Multichain Asset Managers Association
OpenWealth Association
Swiss Bankers Association (SBA)
Swiss FinTech Innovations (SFTI)
Switzerland Global Enterprise
Tokenized Economies Institute
UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
Verifiable.Trade Foundation

World Alliance of International Financial Centers

Beyond the Stage



Point Zero Forum Dinner (by Invite Only)

22 June 2026

This exclusive, invite-only dinner is open to speakers, VIPs, and Executive Pass holders as the prime networking opportunity ahead of the Forum dialogue at the main venue.

1-1 Meetings

23-25 June 2026

Connect, exchange knowledge and explore partnerships with C-suite executives and regulators at our dedicated meetings area. Simply make your 1-1 bookings through our dedicated Point Zero Forum app.



Innovation Tours

25 June 2026

Various Locations Across Zurich

Gain exclusive access to leading Swiss companies and innovation labs on the final day of the Forum. The Innovation Tours give participants the unique opportunity to experience cutting-edge projects and developments, offering a deep dive into the latest trends and technologies driving innovation.

Daily Networking Drinks

23-25 June 2026

Daily, post-programme

Unwind and continue the day's conversations over complimentary drinks at the venue. Join fellow delegates, speakers, and sponsors each evening to connect in a relaxed setting.



Tuesday, 23 June 2026
Forum Stage

<p>Tue, Jun 23 8:50am - 9:00am</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>Welcome to Point Zero Forum 2026</p> <p>Moderator: Manisha Tank, Broadcaster & TV Presenter,</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 23 9:00am - 9:30am</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>Opening Fireside Chat: Karin Keller-Sutter, Federal Councillor, Switzerland & H.E. Maria Luis Albuquerque, Commissioner, European Commission</p> <p>More details to follow soon.</p> <p>Speakers: Karin Keller-Sutter, Federal Councillor & Head of the Federal Department of Finance, Switzerland H.E. Maria Luis Albuquerque, Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union, European Commission</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 23 9:45am - 10:05am</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>Welcome Address by Agustín Carstens, International Advisory Board, GFTN</p> <p>More details to follow soon.</p> <p>Speaker: Agustín Carstens, International Advisory Board Member, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) & Former General Manager, Bank for International Settlements (BIS),</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 23 10:05am - 10:25am</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>Tokenizing Trust: Programmable Money as the Infrastructure of Inclusive Global Finance</p> <p>As programmable money matures from stablecoin to full financial infrastructure, the question shifts from whether it works to who it serves and how it's governed. This fireside with Tether CEO Paolo Ardoino explores the role of programmable assets in building a faster, more inclusive, and global financial system.</p> <p>Speaker: Paolo Ardoino, Chief Executive Officer, Tether</p> <p>Moderator: Sopendu Mohanty, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>

Tue, Jun 23
11:50am - 12:30pm

Kongresssaal, Level 1

The Agentic Leap: Deploying AI at Scale in Financial Services

AI agents are moving from impressive demos to live deployments - developing software, executing trades, processing credit decisions, managing liquidity, and engaging clients. But scaling agentic AI across a regulated institution demands more than a powerful model; it requires deliberate choices across all five layers of the stack, from energy and compute infrastructure to cloud architecture, model selection, and application design. This session maps the full journey from pilot to production - where the industry is succeeding, where it is stalling, and what the roadmap to truly intelligent financial services looks like.

Speakers:

Giuliano Benjamin Clark, Head of Product, Agentic Payments, Amazon

Ian Rogers, Chief Human Agency Officer, Ledger

Dr. Jochen Papenbrock, EMEA Head of Financial Technology, NVIDIA

Nicolas de Skowronski, Head Digital Business Transformation, Bank Julius Baer & Co. Ltd.

Tin Pei Ling, Co-President, MetaComp

Moderator:

Arjun Vir Singh, Partner, Global Head of Fintech & Digital Assets, Arthur D. Little

Tue, Jun 23
1:20pm - 2:00pm

Kongresssaal, Level 1

From Pilots to Plumbing: How Switzerland Is Building the Infrastructure for Programmable Money

Switzerland is not debating whether programmable money works - it is building it. Various pilots are now looking to answer the same question: how does programmable money move from laboratory to the infrastructure layer of everyday finance? This session examines where deposit tokens, stablecoins, and CBDCs serve genuinely different use cases, and what the rest of the world can learn from the Swiss approach.

Speakers:

Dr. Alexander Thoma, Head of Digital Assets, PostFinance

Frederik Gregaard, Chief Executive Officer, Cardano Foundation

Dr. Roman Studer, Chief Executive Officer, Swiss Bankers Association

Stephanie K. Wickihalder, President, Swiss FinTech Innovations | SFTI

Moderator:

Stefan Grasmann, Group Head of Thought Leadership & Chief of Blockchain, Zühlke

<p>Tue, Jun 23 2:00pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<h3>Policy-makers' Dialogue: Forging Europe's Strategic Autonomy in Finance</h3> <p>Europe's pursuit of digital sovereignty has become increasingly critical to financial and technological policy. As payments infrastructure, cloud services, digital identity systems, and digital currencies intersect with geopolitics, European policymakers are working to reduce strategic dependencies while maintaining financial stability, fintech prowess, and global openness.</p> <p>This session explores how European financial institutions can implement strategic autonomy without fragmenting the global financial system, the role of regulators in fostering conditions for greater digital self-reliance, and the practical steps needed to ensure Europe's financial system remains competitive, innovative, and resilient.</p> <p>Speakers: Januš Kizenevič, Vice-Minister of Finance, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania Peter Kerstens, Advisor, DG FISMA, European Commission Steven Maijor, Executive Board Member, De Nederlandsche Bank</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Ross Buckley, Scientia Professor, UNSW Sydney</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 23 2:30pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<h3>Industry Dialogue: Cloud, Control and Capital - What Digital Sovereignty Means for European Financial Institutions</h3> <p>The geopolitical case for European digital sovereignty is clear. The practical reality is harder. Across cloud infrastructure, AI models, data residency and application layers, European financial institutions are making decisions today about what to keep within the EU and how to structure arrangements that satisfy DORA, the EU AI Act and GDPR simultaneously. This session brings together the architects of the Financial Tech stack to ask the honest questions: what sovereignty is technically achievable, what it genuinely costs, and where the gap between regulatory requirement and operational reality remains dangerously wide for financial services.</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Alessandro Curioni, IBM Fellow, Vice President, Europe & Africa and Director, IBM Research - Zurich, IBM Research Martin Merz, President, Sovereign Cloud Solutions, SAP Sarah Levy, Head Swiss AI Platform, Swisscom</p> <p>Moderator: Oliver Bussmann, Chief Executive Officer, Bussmann Advisory</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 23 3:00pm - 3:40pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<h3>Tokenization 101 for Finance: What's Being Built, How, and Why It Matters</h3> <p>The word tokenisation gets used everywhere - but the infrastructure behind it is more nuanced, more varied, and more consequential than most realise. From fractionalised real estate to on-chain private credit to tokenised government bonds, this session deconstructs the mechanics of how different asset classes are brought on-chain, who the key players are, and what the market actually looks like in 2026.</p> <p>Speakers: Fernando Vázquez, President, Capital Markets, Chainlink Fiona Murray, Vice President & Managing Director, Asia Pacific, Ripple Kara Kennedy, Global Head of Market Development, Kinexys Kirit Bhatia, Chief Digital Assets Officer, Banking Circle Michelle Neal, Chief Executive Officer, Fnality</p>

<p>Tue, Jun 23 3:40pm - 4:20pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<h3>Tokenized Equities: How the Stock Market Gets Rebuilt On-Chain</h3> <p>Recent tokenisation pilots signal that T+0 equity settlement is no longer theoretical - it is arriving, and it will change how shares are issued, traded, and held. Digital exchanges, wealth managers, platforms and custodians now face a fundamental question: how do you integrate on-chain equities into portfolios and platforms? This session brings together the architects of digital equity tokens to map what the transition actually requires.</p> <p>Speakers: Irina Chuchkina, Chief Growth Officer, Wallet in Telegram Lamine Brahimi, Co-founder & Managing Partner, Taurus Marco Kessler, Head Product and Business Development for Digital Assets, SIX Group Nicola White, Vice President, Institutional Crypto, General Manager, Bitstamp, Robinhood</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 23 4:20pm - 5:00pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<h3>Tokenization, Stablecoins and DeFi: How Institutions Are Going On-Chain</h3> <p>Institutional finance is no longer watching stablecoins and DeFi from the sidelines - a growing cohort of banks and asset managers are deploying capital into permissioned on-chain liquidity pools, tokenised collateral markets, and stablecoin-settled instruments. This session explores how institutions are building the frameworks, partnerships, and guardrails to participate in on-chain markets at scale - and what it will take to bring the rest of the industry with them.</p> <p>Speakers: Jean-Marc Stenger, Chief Executive Officer, Societe Generale-FORGE Julian Sawyer, Chief Executive Officer, Zodia Custody Salim Dhanani, Chief Executive Officer, Pave Bank Sergio Mello, Global Head of Stablecoin Solutions, Anchorage Digital</p> <p>Moderator: Josh Lipsky, Vice President & Chair, International Economics , Atlantic Council</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 23 5:00pm - 5:40pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<h3>On-Chain Settlement: The Infrastructure for Atomic Finality</h3> <p>The promise of blockchain settlement has always been atomicity - simultaneous exchange of asset and payment, with finality in seconds rather than days. Live pilots from major exchanges, custodians, and correspondent banks are proving the technology works; the harder challenge is rebuilding the legal frameworks, operational workflows, and legacy infrastructure that surround it. This session examines what it genuinely takes to move from today's T+1 standard to a world where settlement is instantaneous, global, and always on.</p> <p>Speakers: Emanuel Vila, Director, Strategy and Innovation, CEO Office, CLS Services Isadora Arredondo, Vice President, Global Policy, Hedera Ryan Hayward, Managing Director, Digital Assets , Barclays Sébastien Van Campenhoudt, Director, Innovation & Digital Assets, Tokenized Cash Lead, Euroclear Tim Way, Senior Director, Global Banking Initiatives Lead, Fireblocks</p> <p>Moderator: Laura Navaratnam, UK Policy Lead, Crypto Council for Innovation</p>

Tue, Jun 23
5:40pm - 5:55pm

Industry Project Announcement

More details to follow soon

Tuesday, 23 June 2026

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<p>Tue, Jun 23 12:00pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 1, Ground Floor</p>	<p>AI Pathfinders: Racing Ahead or Playing It Safe?</p> <p>This roundtable discussion will examine the critical transition from establishing AI governance principles to their practical implementation across organisations. Participants will explore how to effectively translate high-level frameworks into actionable policies and oversight mechanisms, addressing current implementation barriers and sharing proven strategies for embedding responsible AI practices. The discussion will particularly focus on preparing governance frameworks for emerging technologies such as agentic AI systems in finance.</p> <p>Moderator: Alan Lim, Director & Head, Financial Infrastructure & Artificial Intelligence Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 23 12:00pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 3, Ground Floor</p>	<p>Agorá - How Moving Money Matters</p> <p>Project Agorá tests the hypothesis that a multi-currency settlement mechanism that leverages tokenisation and programmability could mitigate inefficiencies and frictions in cross-border payments, making them faster, more transparent and safer.</p> <p>To examine this, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and the Institute of International Finance (IIF) combined forces to convene seven central banks and over 40 international financial institutions to test the tokenisation of commercial bank deposits and central bank reserves on a unifying ledger. The roundtable will bring together Project Agorá public and private sector participants to reflect on the project and lessons learned.</p> <p>Speakers: Sabih Behzad, Head of Digital Assets & Currencies Transformation, Deutsche Bank AG London Masashi Watanabe, Managing Director, Head of Digital Assets, MUFG Bank, Ltd. Holger Neuhaus, Head of Market Innovation & Integration, European Central Bank Jesse McWaters, EVP, Head of Global Policy, Mastercard</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 23 12:00pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 2, Ground Floor</p>	<p>Agentic Commerce: Who Governs the Machine That Pays?</p> <p>AI agents are already initiating real financial transactions - booking, subscribing, settling, and disbursing without a human approving each step. The commerce and payments infrastructure built around human decision-makers was not designed for a counterparty that never sleeps, cannot be held to a contract in the traditional sense, and can be compromised at the model layer rather than the credential layer.</p> <p>This session convenes payments architects, legal practitioners, and AI deployment leads to work through the practical questions the industry is looking to answer: how do you authenticate an agent, assign liability for an autonomous transaction gone wrong, and design governance frameworks for a technology that is already in production.</p> <p>Participants will examine the specific mechanics of agentic payment flows - wallet delegation architectures, spending limit enforcement, multi-agent authorisation chains, and the emerging standards around agent identity that are still being written in real time by consortia that have not yet reached consensus.</p> <p>The session will also surface the fraud and risk management implications: how transaction monitoring systems designed to flag anomalous human behaviour respond to the high-frequency, pattern-consistent activity of a well-functioning agent - and what entirely new risk frameworks may be required when the buyer is a model, the merchant is an API, and the dispute resolution process was designed for neither.</p> <p>Speakers:</p>

	<p>Amira Karim, Head of International Public Policy, Payments & Financial Services, Amazon Georg Schneider, Global Head of RWA, Digital Asset Nicole Sandler, Chief Ecosystem Officer, Ubyx Inc Simon Taylor, GTM, Tempo Sophie Gilder, Managing Director, Blockchain & Digital Assets, Commonwealth Bank Australia Tang Wei, Head of Public Policy, Southeast Asia & Greater China, Stripe Caroline Louveaux, Chief Privacy, AI & Data Responsibility Officer, Mastercard Thibault Murel, CISO, DFNS Chan Yam Ki, Managing Director, Asia Pacific, Circle Dea Markova, Director of Policy, Fireblocks</p> <p>Moderator: Jaskaran Bhalla, Head of Content, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 23 2:00pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 1, Ground Floor</p>	<p>AI Pathfinders: The Agentic Frontier</p> <p>The Roundtable discusses financial sector AI adoption and development as financial institutions move into Agentic AI. Hear from leaders in leading financial institutions and the AI innovation space on practical financial sector enterprise AI, considerations of collective AI toolkits and the transformational impact on new AI native business models.</p> <p>Speakers: Shayan Hazir, Chief Digital Officer, Asia (xHK) & MENAT, HSBC Imam Hoque, Co-Founder, Quantexa Kelvin Li, General Manager of Platform Tech, Ant International Tobias Schweiger, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Hawk AI Maria Apazoglou, Group Head of AI Engineering & Platforms, Zurich Insurance Group</p> <p>Moderator: Kenneth Gay, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 23 2:00pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 3, Ground Floor</p>	<p>Central Banking in the Age of AI: Cybersecurity, Resilience and Trusted Adoption</p> <p>AI adoption by central banks, the financial institutions they supervise, and in financial systems and infrastructure is growing, even as AI's capabilities and the AI risk landscape is rapidly evolving.</p> <p>Increasingly powerful frontier models can enhance efficiency and decision making, whilst posing cybersecurity and financial system resilience risks as they can autonomously identify and exploit software vulnerabilities, raising significant implications for critical financial infrastructure such as national payment systems and the wider financial industry.</p> <p>This roundtable discusses how central banks can prepare and respond to the next and future generations of AI capabilities and risks, ensuring cybersecurity, resilience and the trusted adoption of AI. The session will highlight best practices, challenges, lessons learnt and opportunities for cross-border collaboration in implementing and scaling AI safely and securely.</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Nino Landerer, Deputy Director General Strategy & Innovation, Deutsche Bundesbank Dr. Jochen Papenbrock, EMEA Head of Financial Technology, NVIDIA</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 23 2:00pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 2,</p>	<p>The Future of Commercial Bank Money On-Chain</p>

<p>Ground Floor</p>	<p>As the adoption of stablecoins accelerates globally, policymakers and financial institutions are confronting a deeper structural question: what form of money will anchor the next generation of digital finance?</p> <p>Deposit tokens have emerged as one of the leading responses to this challenge, combining the safeguards of the traditional banking system with the programmability and efficiency of distributed ledger technology. However, despite growing institutional interest, most initiatives remain confined to pilots and closed networks, even as stablecoins rapidly achieve scale, distribution, and integration across digital asset ecosystems.</p> <p>This roundtable brings together banks, infrastructure providers, and policymakers to examine the regulatory, legal, operational, and governance challenges that constrain adoption of tokenized deposits, and the extent to which deposit tokens will coexist with or compete against stablecoins and other forms of digital money. It will also explore the growing push by jurisdictions worldwide to develop local-currency stablecoins as a strategic counterweight to dollar-denominated instruments and what these twin approaches - local currency stablecoins vis-a-vis on-chain commercial bank money - mean for the future shape of digital money.</p> <p>Critically, the discussion will pose a broader strategic question for policymakers and financial institutions alike: whether tokenized commercial bank deposits can provide a sovereign and trusted foundation for the digital economy, or whether the future of digital money will be predominantly shaped by private stablecoin ecosystems, and the role of jurisdiction-specific stablecoin models therein.</p> <p>Speakers: Mai Kaneko, International Business Lead, DeCurret DCP Inc. Omar Azhar, VP of Business Development, Matter Labs ZKsync</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 23 4:00pm - 5:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 1, Ground Floor</p>	<p>Practical Settlement Options in Tokenised Markets</p> <p>The development of tokenized settlement assets plays a key role in enhancing liquidity and improving settlement efficiency in financial services. Yet the diversity of settlement assets – regulated stablecoins, tokenized deposits, tokenized central bank reserves – could introduce fragmentation and substitution risk if token interoperability, yield and incentive mechanisms, and financial stability considerations are not well addressed.</p> <p>This roundtable brings together the financial industry and policymakers to address the multi-faceted considerations for tokenized settlement assets, ensuring they are fit-for-purpose across banking, capital markets, and wholesale payments.</p> <p>Speakers: Tang Wei, Head of Public Policy, Southeast Asia & Greater China, Stripe Vid Hribar, Head of Institutional Partnerships, Qivalis</p> <p>Moderator: Alan Lim, Director & Head, Financial Infrastructure & Artificial Intelligence Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 23 4:00pm - 5:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 3, Ground Floor</p>	<p>Measuring What Matters: Building a Global Index for the Future of Fintech Regulation</p> <p>Countries worldwide are competing to attract fintech investment, talent, and innovation. But understanding the quality of fintech regulation remains a work-in-progress. Are rules and institutions working in lockstep to promote fintech? Are these rules findable, coherent, and comprehensive enough to give firms, consumers, and supervisors genuine confidence? Can they promote innovation, market access as well as economic opportunity?</p> <p>The Financial Regulatory Futures Index (FRFI) is a joint initiative of the Fintech Foundation and GFTN designed to fill that gap. Structured around five analytical pillars, the FRFI will assess regulatory environments not by</p>

perception or reputation, but by reference to verifiable primary sources: statutes, supervisory guidance, licensing frameworks, and enforcement records. Its methodology is being developed by five specialist working groups comprising leading regulators, central bankers, academics, and industry practitioners from over 30 jurisdictions. An Executive Council – comprising globally recognized thought-leaders and experienced policy innovators – will oversee the development of this initiative.

This roundtable will offer one of the first public windows into the emerging draft methodology, including how the Index defines and scores: regulatory clarity and comprehensiveness, consumer protection and market conduct, innovation and market infrastructure, resilience and integrity as well as economic opportunity and market access.

It will open a moderated discussion on the Index's intended policy impact, the trade-offs embedded in any cross-jurisdictional benchmarking exercise, and how the FRFI can best serve as a tool for peer learning and reform rather than as a simplistic league table. Feedback from regulators, practitioners, academics and subject matter experts in this conversation will inform the methodology ahead of its launch at DC Fintech Week in October 2026.

Speakers:

Maha El Dimachki, Chief Executive Officer, GFTN Solutions, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)
Peter Kerstens, Advisor, DG FISMA, European Commission

Moderator:

Prof. Yesha Yadav, Professor and Associate Dean, Vanderbilt Law School

Tue, Jun 23
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Roundtable Room 2,
Ground Floor

Solving for the Fundamentals: Identity Wallets, Trust Infrastructure, and Preparing for the Agentic Economy

By the end of 2026, all EU member states will be required to issue the European Digital Identity Wallet (EUDI), with a goal of achieving 80% voluntary adoption by 2030.

While much of the current focus has been on user adoption and interoperability, a more fundamental shift in the economy is underway: the rise of AI agents capable of acting, transacting, and coordinating on behalf of individuals and businesses. This raises a critical question: how can these agents be trusted to act, transact, and take decisions safely across platforms and jurisdictions?

Identity-wallets and verifiable credentials hold the potential to become foundational trust infrastructure that unlocks this shift, by authenticating identity, delegating authority from human to agent, and resolving KYC and liability questions. With the right design choices today, the EUDI could evolve into a global benchmark not just for digital identity, but for programmable, interoperable trust.

Yet, critical questions remain around adoption, sustainable business models, and resilience to emerging technological risks. As the deadline draws closer, this roundtable will convene financial institutions, digital identity and verifiable credentials providers, technologists, and policymakers to examine key design and coordination challenges and trade-offs facing identity wallet ecosystems today.

Speakers:

Patrick Hansen, Senior Director, EU Strategy & Policy, Circle
Dr. Nicolas Jacquemart, Chief Legal Officer, Cardano Foundation
Aoife Houlihan, Vice President, Government Affairs, Visa
Isabella Chase, Head of Policy, EMEA, TRM Labs
Livia Benisty, Chief External Affairs Officer, Banking Circle

Tuesday, 23 June 2026

Workshops

Tue, Jun 23
2:00pm - 3:00pm

Workshop Room, Level 1

Resilience Runs on Trust: Securing Payments in an Uncertain World - Powered by Visa

Today's heightened geopolitical uncertainty (fragmentation, cyber risk, and macroeconomic volatility) is testing the resilience of the global payments system, which depends fundamentally on trust and security to function at scale.

This session explores how public authorities and the private sector can work together to preserve confidence, continuity, and cross-border connectivity through information-sharing, interoperable standards, and regulatory approaches that strengthen resilience without fragmenting the ecosystem. It also explores how Visa is innovating for resilience, including through offline solutions that safeguard transactions in low-connectivity or high-risk environments.

The discussion aims to highlight how security and fraud prevention are not peripheral issues but core pillars of payments resilience.

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Launchpads

Tue, Jun 23
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Launchpad Room, Level 1

Unlocking a Cross-Border Multi-Moneyverse: From Fragmentation to Integration - Powered by Giesecke+Devrient

The digital currency landscape is expanding rapidly into multi-currency, cross-jurisdictional ecosystems spanning CBDCs, stablecoins, tokenised deposits, and commercial bank money tokens. How can these forms of money operate simultaneously across borders and platforms? What bridging architecture is needed to ensure seamless interoperability, instant exchangeability, and coherent governance, without recreating the very fragmentation tokenisation was meant to solve?

This workshop moves from strategic paradigm to implementation architecture. Participants will examine concrete use cases, explore cross-border design patterns, and identify the regulatory and liquidity conditions required to make the multi-moneyverse a reality. It is designed for decision-makers ready to move from roadmap to execution.

Moderator:

Dr. Wolfram Seidemann, CEO Currency Technology, Giesecke+Devrient

Wednesday, 24 June 2026

Forum Stage

<p>Wed, Jun 24 8:50am - 9:00am</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>Welcome to Point Zero Forum 2026 - Day 2</p> <p>Moderator: Manisha Tank, Broadcaster & TV Presenter,</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 24 9:00am - 9:20am</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>Fireside with Antoine Martin, Vice Chairman of the Governing Board, Swiss National Bank</p> <p>More details to follow soon.</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Antoine Martin, Vice Chairman of the Governing Board, Swiss National Bank</p> <p>Moderator: Manisha Tank, Broadcaster & TV Presenter,</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 24 9:20am - 9:45am</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>The Opportunity Imperative: UBS Group CEO Sergio P. Ermotti on AI and Switzerland's Moment</p> <p>A global bank managing trillions in assets, UBS is heavily investing in AI and positions itself for the major international wealth transfer, which is creating new opportunities for clients. In this fireside chat, Sergio P. Ermotti discusses UBS's approach to AI, explains how UBS is responding to evolving client needs, and outlines how Switzerland can remain competitive in an era of change.</p> <p>Speaker: Sergio P. Ermotti, Group Chief Executive Officer, UBS Group AG</p> <p>Moderator: Manisha Tank, Broadcaster & TV Presenter,</p>

<p>Wed, Jun 24 10:20am - 11:00am</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<h3>The \$320 Trillion Rewiring: Infrastructure, Rules and the Race to Move Money</h3> <p>The global payments system is being rebuilt simultaneously across every layer: real-time rails, ISO 20022, CBDs, stablecoins, and B2B clearing infrastructure are all live at once, each pulling in different directions. Leaders representing the full stack - from consumer networks and B2B rails to global messaging, public digital money, and the next frontier of SME payment access debate the architectural choices that will define how \$320 trillion moves each year.</p> <p>Speakers: Arjun Varma, General Manager, GCash International Mikkel Grønlykke, President, Banking Circle Shriyanka Hore, Managing Director, Swift Tim Moncrieff, Managing Director of Visa Payments & Currencycloud & VP, Strategic Initiatives & Execution, Visa Direct, Visa Yolande Piazza, SVP and GM for Americas, Paypal</p> <p>Moderator: Anthony Thomas, Chief Strategy & Growth Officer, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 24 11:00am - 11:20am</p>	<h3>Europe's Currency at a Crossroads: Digital Euro, Stablecoins, and the Mutiny of Money</h3> <p>The digital euro and dollar-denominated stablecoins represent two distinct approaches to programmable money - one rooted in central bank architecture and monetary sovereignty, the other in private infrastructure and market-driven adoption. Each carries different implications for how money is issued, held, settled, and governed in a digital economy. This session explores the fundamental design choices behind both instruments, what they are each built to do, and how they are likely to coexist - or not - as Europe's digital currency landscape takes shape.</p> <p>Speaker: Dante Disparte, Chief Strategy Officer and Head of Global Policy & Operations, Circle</p> <p>Moderator: Josh Lipsky, Vice President & Chair, International Economics , Atlantic Council</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 24 11:20am - 11:40am</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<h3>The Exchange as Settlement Layer: How Tokenization Rewires the Role of a Crypto Platform</h3> <p>Tokenization of real-world assets is no longer a proof of concept - it is becoming load-bearing infrastructure. This session examines what that transition demands of exchanges: not incremental product updates, but a fundamental rethink of how clearing, custody, and liquidity are architected when the underlying assets are programmable.</p> <p>Speaker: Ben Zhou, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Bybit</p> <p>Moderator: Pat Patel, Chief Executive Officer, MEA, USA, LATAM & Forums, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>

<p>Wed, Jun 24 11:40am - 12:20pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<h3>The Agentic Checkout: When AI Becomes the Buyer</h3> <p>AI agents are already booking travel, managing subscriptions, and initiating B2B purchases - without a human clicking confirm. As agentic commerce scales, the payments infrastructure built for human decision-makers faces fundamental questions: how do you authenticate a machine, assign liability for an autonomous transaction, and prevent fraud when the buyer never sleeps? This session examines the emerging architecture of machine-to-machine commerce and what it means for every layer of the payments stack.</p> <p>Speakers: Saira Zahid, Director, Agentic Payments, Amazon Sam Hinton-Smith, Head of International Public Policy, Stripe Shayan Hazir, Chief Digital Officer, Asia (xHK) & MENAT, HSBC Tom Mutton, Executive Director of Payments Innovation & Fintech, Bank of England</p> <p>Moderator: Nicole Sandler, Chief Ecosystem Officer, Ubyx Inc</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 24 1:20pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<h3>The Infrastructure Gap: What It Actually Takes to Put Assets On-Chain at Scale</h3> <p>The technology is proven. The regulation is arriving. So why aren't tokenised assets mainstream yet? The answer lies not in the rails themselves, but in the institutional plumbing around them: interoperable networks, central bank money that can settle on-chain, and regulatory frameworks that work across jurisdictions simultaneously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can central bank money underpin private tokenisation markets without constraining innovation? • Can MiCA, the GENIUS Act, and Asia-Pacific frameworks converge enough to allow truly cross-border tokenised asset flows? <p>Speakers: Burkhard Balz, Member of the Executive Board, Deutsche Bundesbank Carolyn Rogers, Senior Deputy Governor, Bank of Canada Leong Sing Chiong, Deputy Managing Director, Markets & Development, Monetary Authority of Singapore Sarah Breeden, Deputy Governor, Bank of England</p> <p>Moderator: Maha El Dimachki, Chief Executive Officer, GFTN Solutions, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 24 2:30pm - 2:40pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<h3>Introducing the FinTech Regulatory Futures Index: A Global Benchmark for the Future of Fintech Regulation</h3> <p>Every year, trillions of dollars move through fintech markets governed by rules that no one has systematically measured, compared, or ranked across sectors.</p> <p>At PZF 2026, the Fintech Foundation and GFTN introduce the FinTech Regulatory Futures Index, the first rigorous, evidence-based benchmark that measures regulatory quality across jurisdictions.</p> <p>The Index aims to function as a public-interest instrument and a call to action for every market that wants to lead. Built with regulators, practitioners, and academics from over 30 countries, the Index is designed to become the definitive global reference point for what good fintech regulation looks like, and what it costs when it falls short.</p> <p>Speaker: Maha El Dimachki, Chief Executive Officer, GFTN Solutions, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>

<p>Wed, Jun 24 2:40pm - 2:55pm</p>	<h3>Quantum Tech in Financial Services: A Primer Keynote</h3> <p>More details to follow soon.</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 24 2:55pm - 3:35pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<h3>The Quantum Horizon: Applications, Readiness and What Finance Must Do Next</h3> <p>Quantum computing is no longer a distant theoretical promise - leading institutions are already running portfolio optimisation, derivatives pricing, and compliance simulations that classical computers cannot match for speed or accuracy. But readiness across the industry remains deeply uneven, the talent gap is acute, and the post-quantum cryptography migration clock is ticking loudly. This session brings together pioneers to map where quantum technology genuinely stands in financial services - and what it will take to move from early advantage to industry-wide transformation.</p> <p>Speakers: Charlie Markham, Technical Specialist, Emerging Tech & Research, Financial Conduct Authority Eric Adolphe, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Forward Edge-AI, Inc. Kelly Richdale, Venture Partner, Amadeus Capital Partners & Senior Advisor, SandboxAQ, SandboxAQ Melissa Chambers, Co-Founder / Chief Executive Officer, Sitehop</p> <p>Moderator: Camilla Bullock, Chief Executive Officer, Emerging Payments Association Asia</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 24 3:35pm - 3:50pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<h3>A Stocktake on the Digital Euro: A Fireside Chat with Piero Cipollone, Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank</h3> <p>As the European Central Bank advances the Digital Euro towards legal and operational readiness, key design choices today will shape Europe's payments architecture for decades. In this fireside, Piero Cipollone, Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank will be sharing the latest strategic updates on the Digital Euro initiative.</p> <p>Speaker: Piero Cipollone, Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank</p> <p>Moderator: Maha El Dimachki, Chief Executive Officer, GFTN Solutions, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>

Wed, Jun 24
3:50pm - 4:30pm

Kongressaal, Level 1

What the Future Holds for Europe's Digital Currencies and Payments Landscape

Europe's monetary architecture is being actively redefined: central bank digital currencies (CBDCs), local currency denominated stablecoins and tokenised deposits have been added to the mix of public and private money in Europe's digital financial system. This session brings together central banks and industry leaders to assess the emerging landscape of digital currencies in Europe and to confront the key design trade-offs around privacy, interoperability, and distribution. From the role of intermediaries to the risk of fragmentation across competing forms of digital money, the discussion will explore how Europe can balance innovation, sovereignty, and financial stability in its future financial infrastructure.

Speakers:

Dr. Alexandra Hachmeister, Director General Digital Euro, Deutsche Bundesbank

Andrus Alber, Deputy Governor, Eesti Pank (Bank of Estonia)

Dr. Christian Pirkner, Chief Executive Officer, Blue Code International AG

Janine Hirt, Chief Executive Officer, Innovate Finance

Nadia Filali, Head of Innovation & Development, Caisse des Dépôts

Moderator:

Anne-Sophie Gogl, Vice-Chairwoman, Digital Euro Association

Wed, Jun 24
4:30pm - 5:10pm

Towards Trusted Global Payment Infrastructure for a Multi-Asset Economy

As financial flows increasingly move across fiat, stablecoins, and tokenised assets, the infrastructure supporting global value transfer is rapidly evolving. From settlement networks and on/off ramp infrastructure to multi-asset treasury and liquidity flows, institutions are rethinking how value moves across borders in a more digital, always-on economy.

But scaling these systems globally requires trusted governance, regulatory alignment, and coordinated technical standards that allow value to flow across jurisdictions. This session convenes infrastructure providers and financial institutions to explore what will be needed to support the next phase of global connectivity and adoption.

Speakers:

Chan Yam Ki, Managing Director, Asia Pacific, Circle

Lu Yin, Head of APAC, Solana Foundation

Dawei Wang, Senior Vice President, Thunes

Jesse McWaters, EVP, Head of Global Policy, Mastercard

Moderator:

Lindsey Argalas, Chief Executive Officer, Taxbit

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Public-private Roundtables

<p>Wed, Jun 24 12:00pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 3, Ground Floor</p>	<p>Building Regulatory Maturity: From Quantum Security to Quantum Advantage</p> <p>To date, regulatory and industry engagement on quantum computing has largely focused on quantum security, with meaningful progress made in raising awareness, developing transition plans, and beginning the migration to post-quantum cryptography.</p> <p>This roundtable reflects on that momentum and asks a forward-looking question:</p> <p>What can the quantum security journey teach us about the regulator's role in enabling innovation and quantum applications in financial services?</p> <p>Starting with the lens of GFIN's Project Otto – Quantum Maturity for Regulators, this discussion will bring together regulators and industry to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect on what has worked well in progressing quantum security from awareness to early implementation • Discuss the regulatory tools, approaches, and mechanisms that have supported firm engagement and investment • Explore how these lessons can be applied to support firms in experimenting with, investing in, and ultimately deploying quantum-enabled use cases • Consider how regulators can balance risk mitigation with enabling growth, ensuring markets are prepared for both the challenges and opportunities quantum technologies present <p>By connecting lessons and experiences from quantum security to emerging quantum advantage, this roundtable aims to support more coordinated, proactive, and innovation-oriented regulatory approaches to quantum computing in financial services.</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Alessandro Curioni, IBM Fellow, Vice President, Europe & Africa and Director, IBM Research - Zurich, IBM Research</p> <p>Moderator: Charlie Markham, Technical Specialist, Emerging Tech & Research, Financial Conduct Authority</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 24 12:00pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 2, Ground Floor</p>	<p>Tokenised Financial Markets: Advancing Trust, Integrity and Compliance</p> <p>Tokenisation is reshaping wholesale payments, foreign exchange, and securities. As adoption grows across platforms and jurisdictions, it introduces fragmentation, operational complexity, and coordination challenges that may affect liquidity, settlement certainty, and systemic stability.</p> <p>This roundtable will examine the governance, control frameworks, and cross-border coordination needed to ensure trust, integrity, and resilience in tokenised financial markets. It will explore practical approaches to embed compliance, interoperability, and accountability, advancing trust in tokenisation, and enabling it to scale.</p> <p>Speaker: Marco Kessler, Head Product and Business Development for Digital Assets, SIX Group</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 24 12:00pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Global Stablecoin Regulatory Frameworks: From Principles to Practice</p>

Roundtable Room 1,
Ground Floor

The January 2026 publication of the GDF Global Stablecoin Regulatory Playbook marked a pivotal moment in the evolution of digital asset oversight. For the first time, a comprehensive, principles-based framework has been developed, by and for stablecoin issuers, to establish shared terminology, foundational concepts, and outcome-oriented principles for stablecoin regulation across jurisdictions.

Yet the core challenge identified by the Playbook remains urgent: despite growing convergence on broad objectives, significant divergence persists in legal classification, terminology, reserve requirements, and redemption standards across the US (GENIUS Act), EU (MiCA), UK, Singapore, UAE, and beyond.

This fragmentation creates compliance burdens for global issuers, undermines cross-border scalability, and risks undercutting the very benefits - frictionless payments, financial inclusion, monetary efficiency - that stablecoins are positioned to deliver.

This roundtable convenes regulators, policymakers, and senior industry participants to analyse the GDF Playbook's findings, stress-test its recommendations against real regulatory experience, and identify actionable pathways toward greater international alignment.

Why Now?

Stablecoins have moved decisively from experiment to infrastructure. The GENIUS Act has established a federal US framework; MiCA has come into force across the EU; Singapore, Hong Kong, the UAE, and the UK have each enacted or are finalising their regimes. The window for shaping global interoperability, before these frameworks calcify into divergent silos, is narrow.

The GDF Playbook provides a neutral, issuer-grounded reference point from which regulators, policymakers, and industry can build shared understanding. This roundtable is designed to translate that reference point into regulatory action - identifying where equivalence determinations are ripe, where supervisory cooperation agreements should be deepened, and where international standard-setters should focus their attention.

Speakers:

Jo Yeo, Director & Head, Payments Development & Data Connectivity Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Peter Kerstens, Advisor, DG FISMA, European Commission

Peter Goodrich, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board

Emma Butterworth, Head of Innovation & Payments Policy, Bank of England

Matthew Osborne, Director of Policy for Europe, Ripple

Patrick Hansen, Senior Director, EU Strategy & Policy, Circle

Nick Gersh, Senior Regulatory Counsel, Paxos

Stephanie Cabossioras, Chief Strategy & Global Policy Officer, Societe Generale-FORGE

Yannick Oberson, Head Governmental Affairs International, UBS

Moderator:

Jannah Patchay, Executive in Residence & Board Member, Global Digital Finance

Wed, Jun 24
2:00pm - 3:30pm

Roundtable Room 1,
Ground Floor

The Great Convergence: Building Tomorrow's Integrated Payments Networks

The consensus is clear: global payment networks see collaboration, not competition, as their path to future dominance. Major networks are already building bridges – Mastercard with Ant International, Swift with blockchain layers, NGP's Nexus connecting instant payment systems worldwide. But as these technical integrations accelerate, a critical question emerges: what policy frameworks will govern this interconnected future?

When payment networks interoperate across borders, whose rules apply? How do regulators ensure consumer protection when a transaction touches multiple jurisdictions and networks? As networks become more interdependent, how do policymakers balance innovation with systemic risk? And perhaps most importantly – how can policy frameworks evolve to support beneficial network effects while preventing any single player from wielding excessive market power?

This roundtable brings together payment network leaders, financial regulators, and policy experts to explore how regulatory frameworks must adapt to govern an era of payment network collaboration. The stakes are high: get the policy right, and we unlock unprecedented efficiency and inclusion in global payments. Get it wrong, and we risk creating new systemic vulnerabilities or stifling the very innovation that promises to transform how the world moves money.

Speakers:

Agnès Bastaert, Head of Global Affairs & Strategic Development, Europe, Ant International
Holger Neuhaus, Head of Market Innovation & Integration, European Central Bank
Lawrence Chan, Group Chief Executive Officer, Network for Electronic Transfers (Singapore)
Tim Moncrieff, Managing Director of Visa Payments & Currencycloud & VP, Strategic Initiatives & Execution, Visa Direct, Visa
Helena Forest, EVP, Real Time Payments Product & Commercial, Mastercard
Marc Schluep, Head of Banking Operations, Swiss National Bank
Mike Truter, Director, Head of Industry Engagement, Swift

Moderator:

Jo Yeo, Director & Head, Payments Development & Data Connectivity Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Wed, Jun 24
2:00pm - 3:30pm

Roundtable Room 3,
Ground Floor

Digital Money Meets Traditional Finance: Treasury, Cash Management, and Liquidity

Stablecoins have crossed \$300 billion in circulation. Tokenized deposits are live at various global banks. Yet for all the headline numbers, the hard question remains unanswered: how do programmable money instruments actually integrate with the treasury operations, correspondent banking relationships, and payments infrastructure that keep traditional finance running?

This session convenes senior practitioners from banks, corporates, and digital asset firms to examine the real friction points - legal, operational, and technical - where digital money collides with TradFi plumbing, and where the integration is showing progress. Participants will discuss strategies to scale the integration of digital assets within traditional operations, including updating risk management frameworks, adhering to regulatory requirements, and architecting interoperability across systems.

Speakers:

Arjun Vir Singh, Partner, Global Head of Fintech & Digital Assets, Arthur D. Little
Jesse McWaters, EVP, Head of Global Policy, Mastercard
Richard van Rees, Executive Director, Digital Money Products, UBS
Ceridwen Choo, Chief Executive Officer, Cleanverse International Pte Ltd
Alvinder Singh, Head, Innovation Acceleration Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore
Rahul Advani, Global Co-Head of Policy, Ripple
Dr. Alexander Thoma, Head of Digital Assets, PostFinance
Serena Sebastiani, Group Chief Strategy & Venture Officer, Head of Regulatory Affairs, Fuze

Moderator:

Steve Vallas, Chief Executive Officer, Blockchain APAC

Wed, Jun 24
2:00pm - 3:30pm

Roundtable Room 2,
Ground Floor

GL1 Dialogue: Institutional-Grade Ledger Infrastructures

As digital assets continue to expand across global markets, public and private sector stakeholders face growing complexities around operations, regulations, and scalability. Some advocate for a single global ledger, while others favour consistent standards to be applied across networks to enable seamless interoperability.

This roundtable will examine these perspectives and explore what it will take to build a scalable digital asset ecosystem on institutional-grade infrastructure.

Speakers:

Masashi Watanabe, Managing Director, Head of Digital Assets, MUFG Bank, Ltd.
Sandra Ro, Chief Executive Officer, Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC)
Holger Neuhaus, Head of Market Innovation & Integration, European Central Bank
Jean-Marc Stenger, Chief Executive Officer, Societe Generale-FORGE

Moderator:

Alan Lim, Director & Head, Financial Infrastructure & Artificial Intelligence Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Wed, Jun 24
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Roundtable Room 1,
Ground Floor

Investor Protection in the Age of Cryptocurrencies: Risk Management at Every Step of the Journey

In recent years, the function of popular cryptocurrencies has shifted. While originally designed as payment instruments, they are nowadays more frequently used as highly volatile investment objects by a variety of investors including retail investors. While a BIS Working Paper showed that between 2015 and 2022 an estimated 73-81% of retail investors have likely lost money on their initial investment in Bitcoin, recent reviews by IOSCO and FSB found that investor protection is still underdeveloped in this area.

This raises the question how and to what extent investors, especially retail investors, must be protected. Starting with a discussion on the available data, the panellists will discuss gaps in current regulation and concepts for an appropriate cryptocurrency regulation architecture in the area of (retail) investor protection.

Speakers:

Richard Gabbert, Chief of Staff, Crypto Task Force, US SEC

Sarah Jungo, Attorney-at-law / Senior policy advisor, State Secretariat of International Finance

Wed, Jun 24
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Roundtable Room 2,
Ground Floor

Digital Capital Markets: Taking the Stack On-Chain

The stock market is going on-chain. The NYSE-DTCC Russell 1000 pilot, the explosion of tokenized Treasuries past \$11 billion, and a generation of on-chain private credit platforms are no longer proofs of concept - they are live infrastructure. The question has shifted from whether capital markets can tokenize to how fast the supporting stack - prime brokerage, custody, clearing, compliance, and investor access - can be rebuilt for on-chain settlement.

This roundtable convenes the architects of Digital Capital Markets to map where the infrastructure is genuinely ready, where legacy systems are the bottleneck, and what it will take to move emergent infrastructure from pilots to the primary issuance venue of choice. Participants will examine the impact of specific on-chain mechanics on the next generation stock market, including:

1. how T+0 atomic settlement changes margin and liquidity requirements
2. what fractionalisation does to price discovery and secondary market depth, and
3. whether the current generation of permissioned chain architectures can deliver the throughput and finality guarantees that institutional issuers actually require.

The session will also address the regulatory frontier - jurisdictional recognition of on-chain ownership, the status of tokenized securities under existing market structure rules, and where the gaps between MiCA, the GENIUS Act, and emerging APAC frameworks create opportunities for either arbitrage or paralysis.

Speakers:

Frank Seibold, Global Head of Banking and Capital Markets Sales, Chainlink

Roy Choudhury, Managing Director and Senior Partner, BCG

Varun Paul, Senior Director, Financial Markets, Fireblocks

John O'Neill, Managing Director, Digital Assets & Currencies, CIB, HSBC

Arthur Carabia, Senior International Government Affairs Strategist, Robinhood

Georgina Jarratt, Managing Director, Head of FinTech & Digitalisation, International Capital Market Association

Alexandre Kech, Chief Executive Officer, Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF)

Matthias Wyss, Chief Executive Officer, Obligate

Moderator:

Thomas Moser, Alternate Member of the Governing Board, Swiss National Bank

Wed, Jun 24
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Roundtable Room 3,
Ground Floor

Agentic AI: From Automation to Autonomy: Is Liquidity About to Run Itself?

Autonomy of automated systems is increasing rapidly thanks to advances in agentic AI technology. This development impacts not just our everyday life but the economic framework and established systems in various ways, ranging from the automation of simple tasks to increasingly autonomous systems of agents interacting with minimal oversight.

This roundtable unpacks the impact such developments have on both traditional and on-chain payment systems and explores risks and opportunities emerging as adoption progresses.

A diverse group of roundtable participants representing the “full-stack” of payment system actors, including central and commercial banks, regulators, payment providers, digital asset platforms and technology providers, will discuss implications for liquidity management on both an individual and systemic level, uncover design principles for safe agent-based payment systems, and provide insights on priorities for regulatory coordination.

Moderator:

Maha El Dimachki, Chief Executive Officer, GFTN Solutions, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Wednesday, 24 June 2026

Workshops

<p>Wed, Jun 24 12:00pm - 12:30pm</p> <p>Workshop Room, Level 1</p>	<p>The Autonomous Analyst – How Agentic Workflows are Solving the Source-of-Wealth Bottleneck in Private Banking - Powered by Julius Baer</p> <p>In this session, Julius Baer's Nicolas de Skowronski (Head of Digital Business Transformation) and Michael Zemp (Head of Service Engineering) pull back the curtain on how Julius Baer is deploying Agentic AI to solve the industry's most persistent "unsolvable" challenge: the Source of Wealth bottleneck. Participants will learn how to bridge the gap between business requirements and technical execution. They will walk away with a blueprint for turning a manual, friction-heavy onboarding process into a strategic advantage that redefines institutional trust.</p> <p>Speaker: Nicolas de Skowronski, Head Digital Business Transformation, Bank Julius Baer & Co. Ltd.</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 24 1:00pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Workshop Room, Level 1</p>	<p>From Fragmentation to Convergence: Uniting DeFi and TradFi Through Interoperability - Powered by Chainlink Labs</p> <p>As digital assets become core financial market infrastructure, the question is no longer whether DeFi and traditional finance will converge, but how. In this fireside chat with Swift and Chainlink, we discuss what it takes to achieve true interoperability across onchain markets and existing financial systems. From Swift's perspective at the heart of global financial messaging to Chainlink's leadership as the industry-standard oracle platform, the session will examine how institutions are moving beyond pilot programs toward scalable, live-in-production digital asset solutions.</p> <p>The discussion will dive into the practical realities of how to connect private and public blockchains, enable secure cross-chain transactions, and overcome fragmentation across disparate networks and standards. We'll also discuss the technical, regulatory, and coordination challenges that must be solved to reach critical mass, and what a future financial system looks like when DeFi and TradFi are one seamless interoperable ecosystem.</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 24 2:00pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Workshop Room, Level 1</p>	<p>Rethinking Onboarding: How Veridian and vLEI are Reshaping Regulatory Compliance for the Digital Age - Powered by Veridian by Cardano Foundation</p> <p>As regulatory complexity grows across global financial markets, organisations face mounting pressure to streamline onboarding while maintaining rigorous compliance standards. This session introduces Veridian's innovative technology offering and its vLEI onboarding solution — a next-generation approach to regulatory compliance that reduces friction for both institutions and their clients. Attendees will gain insight into how modern compliance infrastructure can be reimaged to be faster, more transparent, and fully aligned with evolving regulatory expectations. Whether you're a financial institution, a regulator, or a technology provider, this session will offer practical perspectives on the future of compliant digital onboarding.</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 24 3:00pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Workshop Room, Level 1</p>	<p>AI and Blockchain: Powering Innovation, Managing Risk, Shaping the Future - Powered by TRM Labs</p> <p>AI is driving progress across all sectors, including blockchain-powered financial services—accelerating efficiency and unlocking analytical capabilities that would have been unthinkable just a few years ago. The same capabilities transforming financial services are equally critical in managing the risks that come with</p>

them—from financial crime and illicit flows to smart contract vulnerabilities, operational and custody failures, and emerging threats to market integrity.

In this interactive workshop, leaders from financial intelligence, digital infrastructure, and global regulation come together to share what AI-powered risk management looks like on the ground today—the wins, the lessons, and the open questions. Rather than debating frameworks, this session will allow for honest exchange: what's being built, how it's landing, and what the path to responsible, explainable AI adoption might need from policymakers tomorrow.

Wed, Jun 24
 4:00pm - 4:30pm

Workshop Room, Level 1

Managing Enterprise Risk After OpenClaw: Identity, Privacy, and Governance - Powered by Terminal 3

OpenClaw has introduced the power of autonomous Agentic AI to the masses, powering real-world actions across innumerable consumer and enterprise systems. However, there is now a new class of security, identity, and compliance challenges that traditional infrastructure was never designed to handle.

In this session, Gary Liu from Terminal 3 explores how governed AI agents that can handle sensitive credentials — including payment data, PII, and API keys — without exposing them to risk, and what trustworthy, auditable agent deployment looks like in the age of OpenClaw.

Wednesday, 24 June 2026

Launchpads

Wed, Jun 24
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Launchpad Room, Level 1

Building the Bank-Grade Backbone: How Pioneer Banks Are Anchoring the Digital Asset Ecosystem - Powered by Banking Circle

The rails of money and assets are being redrawn. Digital assets are already reshaping treasury management, settlement, and payments, but making this technology work under a bank umbrella demands an entirely different standard of infrastructure. This session places first-mover banks at the centre of fast-growing digital asset ecosystems: as the trust anchor connecting stablecoin issuers, tokenized asset managers, payment companies, fintechs, and institutional settlement networks. Hear from the pioneers already building to that standard, and what it truly takes to get there.

Speakers:

Georg Schneider, Global Head of RWA, Digital Asset

Tero Reuna, Chief Executive Officer, Paxos Issuance Europe, Paxos

Thursday, 25 June 2026
Forum Stage

<p>Thu, Jun 25 8:50am - 9:00am</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>Welcome to Point Zero Forum 2026 - Day 3</p> <p>Moderator: Manisha Tank, Broadcaster & TV Presenter,</p>
<p>Thu, Jun 25 9:00am - 9:20am</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>The New Architecture of Wealth: Private Markets, Private Banks and the Decade Ahead</p> <p>The 60/40 portfolio is under structural pressure - and the \$145 trillion shift toward private markets is no longer a trend, it is a reconfiguration. A new generation of clients is demanding access - the platforms and institutions built to serve private wealth are both rebuilding their models at the same time. This session brings together two leaders who have shaped the industry from different vantage points to ask the defining question: when the clients, the assets, and the access points are all changing simultaneously, how does wealth management rebuild itself - and what does the private bank of 2030 actually look like?</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Axel Weber, International Advisory Board Member, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) & President, Center for Financial Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt,</p>
<p>Thu, Jun 25 9:20am - 10:00am</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>Digital Assets at the Crossroads: A CEO Dialogue</p> <p>For the first time, the industry has what it spent years demanding - regulatory clarity, with MiCA enforced, the GENIUS Act signed, and market structure reform unlocking institutional tokenisation at scale. Yet the tailwinds arrive alongside real headwinds: a fractured macroeconomic order, geopolitical realignments reshaping capital flows, and AI competing for the infrastructure investment and boardroom attention once directed squarely at digital assets. This gathering of industry CEOs takes an honest look at where the industry truly stands.</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Adam Back, Co-founder & CEO, Blockstream & BSTR Boris Bohrer-Bilowitzki, Chief Executive Officer, Concordium Christian Schmid, Senior Partner & Global Leader Global Banking & CIB, BCG Simone Maini, Chief Executive Officer, Elliptic Hon. Sunil Sabharwal, Board Member, Securitize.io</p> <p>Moderator: Sandra Ro, Chief Executive Officer, Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC)</p>

<p>Thu, Jun 25 10:00am - 10:40am</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>MiCA, GENIUS, CLARITY and the Global Race to Write the Rules for Digital Assets</p> <p>MiCA's 2026 deadline and the GENIUS Act's January 2027 compliance window represent two very different answers to the same question: how do you bring digital assets inside the regulatory perimeter without breaking what makes them work? The choices embedded in each framework - on reserve requirements, stablecoin volume caps, extraterritorial reach, and licensing architecture - will determine which markets lead and which lose ground. This session examines the design principles behind global digital asset regulation, and asks where the frameworks converge, where they conflict, and what a coherent global standard might actually look like.</p> <p>Speakers: Brian Quintenz, Advisor and Board Member, Ubyx, SUIG, KalshiEx Justin Slaughter, VP, Regulatory Affairs, Paradigm Lesley Chavkin, Head of Policy, Ribbit Capital Stu Alderoty, Chief Legal Officer, Ripple Vaida Česnulevičiūtė – Markevičienė, Deputy Chair of the Board, Bank of Lithuania</p> <p>Moderator: Candace Kelly, Chief Legal & Policy Officer, Stellar Development Foundation</p>
<p>Thu, Jun 25 10:40am - 10:55am</p>	<p>Sovereignty and Resilience in Digital Payments: Keynote by Danmarks Nationalbank Governor Ulrik Nødgaard</p> <p>More details to follow soon.</p> <p>Speaker: Ulrik Nødgaard, Governor, Danmarks Nationalbank</p>
<p>Thu, Jun 25 11:15am - 11:35am</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>Fireside Chat with Natia Turnava, Governor of the National Bank of Georgia</p> <p>Speaker: Natia Turnava, Governor, National Bank of Georgia</p> <p>Moderator: Pat Patel, Chief Executive Officer, MEA, USA, LATAM & Forums, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Thu, Jun 25 11:50am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>Geneva AI Summit 2027: The Road Ahead</p> <p>In this keynote address, Alexandra Baumann, incoming Swiss Ambassador to Singapore, explains why Geneva is uniquely positioned to serve as the global hub for AI governance, and why Switzerland is well placed to convene and lead this international dialogue. She outlines the vision for the Geneva AI Summit 2027 and what it means for the fintech sector.</p> <p>Speaker: Alexandra Baumann, Ambassador, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Switzerland</p>

<p>Thu, Jun 25 1:30pm - 1:45pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>State of Stablecoins: Keynote presentation by Simon Taylor</p> <p>More details to follow soon.</p> <p>Speaker: Simon Taylor, GTM, Tempo</p>
<p>Thu, Jun 25 1:45pm - 2:25pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>Tokenization of Treasury: The CFO's New Liquidity Playbook</p> <p>Idle corporate cash has long been a missed opportunity - but tokenised money market funds, on-chain repo, and atomic settlement are rewriting the treasurer's playbook. Major institutions are already delivering yield and instant liquidity through tokenised instruments, settling FX derivatives on-chain, and integrating programmable collateral into intraday operations. This session examines what the shift to programmable treasury infrastructure means for CFOs navigating 24/7 markets with systems built for banking hours.</p> <p>Speakers: Emmanuelle Pecenicic, Head of Digital Assets Distribution, Fidelity International Jerald David, Chief Executive Officer, Lynq Milind Sanghavi, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, XWeave.io Tony McLaughlin, Chief Executive Officer, Ubyx Inc Kelvin Li, General Manager of Platform Tech, Ant International</p>
<p>Thu, Jun 25 2:25pm - 3:05pm</p> <p>Kongresssaal, Level 1</p>	<p>From Law to Operations: The Digital Asset Ecosystem's New Reality</p> <p>Regulation is one thing; implementing new rules across live systems, global entities, and market infrastructures is another entirely. While firms grapple with operationalising evolving regimes such as MiCA and the GENIUS Act, policymakers and standard-setting bodies are simultaneously reshaping the principles that underpin tomorrow's financial market infrastructures (FMI).</p> <p>This session brings together policymakers, central bankers, and industry practitioners to examine where gaps between policy intent, global standards, and operational reality are widest, how industry, policymakers, and regulators can better coordinate in an environment where rules and infrastructure are being built in parallel, and what the future of the institutional digital assets ecosystem will look like.</p> <p>Speakers: Carlos Conesa, Associate Director General Operations, Markets and Payment Systems, Bank of Spain Isabella Chase, Head of Policy, EMEA, TRM Labs Tero Reuna, Chief Executive Officer, Paxos Issuance Europe, Paxos</p> <p>Moderator: Ceridwen Choo, Chief Executive Officer, Cleanverse International Pte Ltd</p>

Thu, Jun 25
3:05pm - 3:45pm

Unchaining Tokenized Money: Stablecoins, CBDCs, and the Race for Scale

As CBDCs move from pilots to policy and stablecoins scale into real-world payment and settlement use cases, digital money is entering a phase of practical deployment. Yet regulatory and technical fragmentation continue to threaten the efficiencies that tokenization at scale promises to unlock.

The discussion will focus on where real adoption is already taking place today, what barriers are still preventing scale, and how central banks, financial institutions, and technology providers can unlock interoperability across CBDCs, stablecoins, and tokenized financial systems globally within current market conditions.

Speakers:

Dr. Alexander Bechtel, Global Head of Digital Products & Solutions, DWS Group

Dr. Wolfram Seidemann, CEO Currency Technology, Giesecke+Devrient

Thursday, 25 June 2026
Public-private Roundtables

<p>Thu, Jun 25 12:00pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 1, Ground Floor</p>	<p>Programmable Compliance: Opportunities, Risks, and Real Use-Cases</p> <p>The ever evolving and accelerating world of financial and payment services presents challenges for regulators and market participants. Regulators struggle with establishing an appropriate regulatory framework to effectively address the risks associated with services leveraging innovative technologies and market participants may reject new rules if compliance is perceived as too burdensome and costly.</p> <p>Technological advancement, however, not only presents challenges but also opportunities as rules and policies may be directly implemented into products and the provision of services to clients. At the roundtable, regulators, academics and industry leaders will explore the potential, risks and limits as well as regulatory requirements on a national and international level of this approach, which is commonly referred to as "programmable compliance".</p> <p>Speakers: Alexandre Kech, Chief Executive Officer, Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF) Aqsa Zubair, Deputy Director, FinTech Supervision, Bermuda Financial Authority</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Nina Reiser, Associate Professor of Financial Market Law, Center for Financial Services Innovation, University of St Gallen</p>
<p>Thu, Jun 25 12:00pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 3, Ground Floor</p>	<p>Governing AI Applications in Financial Services</p> <p>From autonomous agents to the management of LLM and other generative AI technologies, artificial intelligence disrupts conventional understandings of data governance, particularly within financial services. This disruption is engendering new trade-offs that policymakers, regulators, and financial institutions have to grapple with, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing digital dependencies vs engaging the realities of a borderless market • Preserving stability and building internal capabilities while optimising for speed and innovation • Managing regulatory divergence without sacrificing operational coherence across markets <p>As AI agents become increasingly empowered to execute transactions on behalf of individuals and businesses, and institutions become increasingly reliant on models developed by a concentrated pool of Big Tech players, how can governments, financial infrastructure operators, and financial institutions balance competing objectives? This session aims to develop a set of principles for governing the use of AI and data within financial services, capturing insights from across the ecosystem.</p> <p>Speakers: Isabelle Roccia, Managing Director, Europe, IAPP Fred Sun, Head of Europe, Tencent Cloud International Thiébaud Meyer, Director, Office of the CISO, Google Cloud Dr. Joseph Breeden, Chief Executive Officer, CALM XAI Eva Selamlar-Leuthold, Co-Chief Executive Officer / Board Member / Ambassador Swiss AI Summit, Think&Do Tank for Financial Innovation / Eurospider Information Technology AG / Swiss AI Summit</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Chia Tek Yew, Adjunct Professor, NUS - Asian Institute of Digital Finance</p>
<p>Thu, Jun 25</p>	<p>Stablecoins and the Monetary Order: What Is at Stake and What Should</p>

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Roundtable Room 1,
Ground Floor

Drive their Design?

The global monetary system has a plumbing problem. Correspondent banking is slow, expensive, and exclusive, and now a \$300 billion stablecoin market has grown around it. Yet 97% of that market is dollar-denominated, issuers hold hundreds of billions in short-term Treasuries, already impacting yields, and the largest stablecoin carries rating agencies' lowest stability ratings.

Stablecoins could become genuinely useful payments infrastructure: for cross-border payments, programmable settlement, and treasury operations. In this roundtable we explore what it takes to make stablecoins truly stable and useful for broad adoption, and why Switzerland is well-placed to help (re-)define what responsible stablecoin design looks like.

Speakers:

Dr. Attilio Zanetti, Alternate Member of the Governing Board, Swiss National Bank

Michael Manz, Head of the Financial Systems & Financial Markets Department, State Secretariat for International Finance SIF

Andreas Kubli, Managing Director
Group Head of Digital Assets, UBS

Christian Schmid, Senior Partner & Global Leader | Global Banking & CIB, BCG

Rebecca Mun, Director, S&P Global

Moderator:

Andrea Luca Aerni, Policy Advisor Digital Finance and Innovation, State Secretariat for International Finance (SIF)

Thu, Jun 25
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Roundtable Room 3,
Ground Floor

Navigating the New Digital Order: Regulatory Divergence, Monetary Architecture, and a Path toward Coordination

Digital assets, programmable money, and AI-driven transactions are crossing borders at increased speed. But the rules governing them are being written jurisdiction by jurisdiction, with no shared architecture in sight. As the US advances GENIUS Act rules for private-sector stablecoins, the EU deepens MiCA and pursues a digital euro, and China scales its state-backed e-CNY, three major economies are building divergent governance frameworks around one underlying technology — with significant implications for cross-border payments, monetary policy transmission, and AI in the global financial system.

This policy divergence is a compliance challenge for market participants, but it is also the early stage of a structural buildup. When domestically rational policy choices generate internationally costly spillovers — and when no coordinating mechanism exists to manage them — fragmentation compounds over time until the cost of inaction becomes prohibitive. Digital currencies and AI governance are following this trajectory, and while the window to get ahead of it remains open, it is closing.

Against this backdrop, Circle Internet Financial and the Bretton Woods Committee will convene a closed roundtable at Point Zero Forum on Thursday, June 25th to bring together global policymakers, central bankers, regulators, and private sector leaders to stress-test the diagnosis. This discussion will directly inform the Bretton Woods Committee's upcoming work, with a focus on the defining digital governance challenge of the moment: whether coordination across jurisdictions can accelerate to match the digital rails being built beneath the global financial system.

The roundtable will be a 90-minute discussion featuring 10 minutes of scene-setting remarks from featured speakers, followed by an open exchange among the broader group. A brief framing paper will be circulated in advance. The core question animating the discussion: What are the costs of continued fragmentation — and what global coordination mechanisms are necessary to manage the associated risks and opportunities?

Speakers:

Natalya Thakur, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Knova

Dante Disparte, Chief Strategy Officer and Head of Global Policy & Operations, Circle

Thu, Jun 25
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Roundtable Room 1,
Ground Floor

Beyond De-Risking: Are Stablecoins the Future of Trusted Cross-Border Payment Infrastructure?

Cross-border payments remain among the most expensive, slowest, and least accessible financial services globally. Stablecoins have emerged as a working alternative in the corridors underserved by traditional correspondent banking, processing significant volume alongside traditional rails, but questions of trust, reserve integrity, adoption, and systemic risk remain unresolved.

As regulatory frameworks mature across jurisdictions, this roundtable will explore the question of whether stablecoins are poised to graduate from a parallel system into genuine cross-border payment infrastructure, and what has to be true about their design, governance, and regulatory treatment for that to happen.

With issuers, exchanges, payment-native banks, institutional settlement networks, and central banks at the table, the conversation will move beyond the technology debate to the harder questions of standards, coexistence, and who bears the risk when settlement infrastructure fails at scale.

Speaker:

Julie Guetta, Product Solutions Lead, Mojaloop Foundation

Thu, Jun 25
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Roundtable Room 3,
Ground Floor

Defending the Chain: Financial Crime in a Tokenized System

Blockchain has created a new attack surface - from bridge exploits and mixer obfuscation to cross-chain layering that outpaces the tools regulators were given to fight it. As institutional capital flows onto on-chain infrastructure, the stakes of getting AML, sanctions screening, and transaction monitoring wrong have risen sharply.

This session brings together compliance leads, blockchain analytics practitioners, and regulators for an unfiltered conversation about what financial crime looks like in a tokenized system, what the current toolset can and cannot catch, and where the industry needs to move before the next major exploit exposes the gap.

Participants will examine the specific failure modes: how privacy-enhancing technologies complicate sanctions screening, why cross-chain bridges remain the highest-risk chokepoint in institutional flows, and what travel rule compliance actually looks like when assets move between permissioned and public infrastructure. The discussion will also touch on how intelligence is shared - or not - across institutional networks, and what it takes to make that collaboration work at scale.

The roundtable will also confront a harder structural question - whether the AML frameworks inherited from fiat finance are architecturally capable of governing a system where settlement is atomic, pseudonymous, and borderless by design, and what a purpose-built compliance regime for tokenized markets would need to look like.

Speakers:

Dr. Bernhard Gehra, Managing Director & Senior Partner
New York, BCG

David Rieder, Policy Advisor, Swiss State Secretariat for International Financial (SIF)

Wee Siang Lee, Executive Director (PDS), Head of APAC Compliance, Paxos

Patrick Green, Head of AML, Banking Circle

Ariadne Plaitakis, Deputy Director, Regulation, Policy, & Research, Gates Foundation

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