

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026 MAIN CONFERENCE DAY ONE	
8:00 AM – 4:45 PM	<i>Registration Desk Open</i>
8:00 AM – 5:45 PM	<i>Exhibit Area Open</i>
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<i>Networking Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Area</i>
GENERAL SESSION	
9:00 AM – 9:10 AM	Welcome Remarks
9:10 AM – 9:40 AM	Keynote Address with Q&A
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM PANEL DISCUSSION	<p>A Year in Review: Looking at Canada's Evolving Compliance Landscape</p> <p>Canada's regulatory landscape has undergone a significant transformation, marked by the impact of recent changes to the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act, alongside the introduction of Bill C-12 which expands obligations around risk management. This panel will explore these changes, as well as the importance of understanding AML program effectiveness, FATF's latest mutual evaluation report and its potential impact on national priorities, and the launch of the new Financial Crime Agency.</p>
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	<i>Networking and Refreshment Break in Exhibit Area</i>
GENERAL SESSION	
11:00 AM -11:50 PM AML OPERATIONS	<p>MICRO-LEARNING</p> <p>Prove It: Managing E-KYC and Digital Identity Challenges</p> <p>This panel unpacks the real-world compliance hurdles of digital identity verification and electronic Know-Your-Customer processes in Canada.</p> <p>This session will help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand key challenges and best practices for robust digital onboarding and record-keeping • Examine the intersection of digital identity solutions with privacy obligations



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen E-KYC programs to mitigate fraud risks and meet regulatory expectations
<p>11:50 AM – 12:20 PM</p> <p>VIRTUAL ASSETS</p>	<p>The ACAMS Great Debate: Stablecoins: Friend or Foe?</p> <p>This edition of the ACAMS Great Debate takes a hard look at the risks and rewards of stablecoins. Skeptics argue that stablecoins — now linked to a significant share of crypto-related financial crime — pose serious AML challenges, expose regulatory gaps between Canada and the U.S., and remain difficult to monitor and trace effectively. Advocates point to faster cross-border payments, lower transaction costs, and increased efficiency and inclusion for Canadian businesses. They contend that with strong regulation and compliance frameworks, stablecoins can play a valuable role in Canada's evolving digital economy. One topic. Two opposing opinions. Who will get your vote?</p>
<p>12:20 PM – 1:30 PM</p>	<p><i>Networking Luncheon</i></p>
<p>1:30 PM - 2:20 PM</p> <p>AML OPERATIONS</p>	<p>DEEP DIVE Lessons from the Trenches: AML System Implementations That Work</p> <p>This panel shares hard-won lessons from real AML platform implementations that can make or break a program's effectiveness. Speakers will break down common challenges, including unclear ownership across compliance, business, and technology teams and risks during the transition from legacy systems. The discussion will also explore how to effectively use implementation partners and manage change to ensure successful adoption.</p>
<p>2:20 PM – 3:10 PM</p> <p>SANCTIONS</p>	<p>Sanctions Spotlight: Conflicts, Evasion and Enforcement</p> <p>This panel will examine the ever-changing sanctions landscape and its practical impact on Canadian financial institutions and businesses.</p> <p>This session will help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand how to manage conflicting sanctions regimes, including new U.S. secondary sanctions on Cuba Apply key updates on Iran, Russia, and North Korea sanctions enforcement Identify cross-border evasion typologies and strengthen due diligence practices
<p>3:10 PM – 3:40 PM</p>	<p><i>Networking and Refreshment Break in Exhibit Area</i></p>



<p>3:40 PM – 4:30 PM</p> <p>FINANCIAL CRIME RISKS</p>	<p>THE BRIEFING An engaging session delivering critical updates on emerging financial crime risks and trends.</p> <p>Clear & Present Danger: Illicit Finance and National Security</p> <p>This high-impact discussion explores how illicit finance is increasingly affecting Canada's national and economic security.</p> <p>This session will help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how foreign interference and espionage financing threaten Canada's economy • Identify terrorist financing risks associated with crowdfunding platforms and online fundraising • Identify practical strategies to detect and disrupt financial flows connected to hostile state actors
<p>4:30 PM – 4:35 PM</p>	<p>Day 1 Closing Remarks</p>
<p>4:35 PM – 5:35 PM</p>	<p><i>Networking Reception in Exhibit Area</i></p>

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026
MAIN CONFERENCE DAY TWO**

<p>8:00 AM – 3:20 PM</p>	<p><i>Registration Desk Open</i></p>
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<p>8:00 AM – 9:00 AM</p>	<p><i>Networking Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Area</i></p>

GENERAL SESSION

<p>9:00 AM – 9:05 AM</p>	<p>Opening Remarks</p>
<p>9:05 AM – 9:35 AM</p>	<p>Special Presentation with Q&A</p>
<p>9:35 AM – 10:30 AM</p> <p>PANEL DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Meeting of the Minds: An Executive Roundtable</p> <p>Seen from the C-suite, the compliance landscape has few clear paths and plenty of pitfalls. Leaders have had to provide direction despite regulatory uncertainty and economic volatility. In this session, hear top executives' points of view on compliance-related topics. Expect to learn how they are</p>



	addressing challenges in the regulatory environment and economic climate, as well as other topics that keep them up at night.
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	<i>Networking and Refreshment Break in Exhibit Area</i>
GENERAL SESSION	
11:00 AM – 11:50 AM FINANCIAL CRIME RISKS	<p>Facing the Next Wave: Fighting Emerging Threats in Canada</p> <p>This panel delivers a practical, up-to-date look at evolving financial crime typologies that financial institutions are seeing with increasing frequency.</p> <p>This session will help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot the red flags of money mule networks operating within modern payments ecosystems • Examine trade-based money laundering, tariff evasion schemes, and other techniques used to exploit cross-border commerce • Strengthen detection and reporting to detect and disrupt human trafficking and forced labor schemes.
11:50 AM – 12:20 PM	<p>FIRESIDE CHAT</p> <p>Culture Shock: Building Real Accountability in AML</p> <p>Drawing on OSFI's heightened expectations around culture risk management and strong responsibility, this panel highlights practical ways to embed AML accountability into performance frameworks, strengthen escalation processes, and improve onboarding of high-risk industries.</p>
12:20 AM – 1:30 PM	<i>Networking Luncheon</i>
GENERAL SESSION	
1:30 PM – 2:20 PM PANEL DISCUSSION	<p>In the Headlines: Analyzing Late-Breaking AML Developments</p> <p>Can't recall a calm day in AML? Neither can anyone else. Because the ACAMS conference agenda is set months ahead, important news often breaks after it's published. This session covers the latest developments — major cases, new regulations or global events — giving you up-to-date insights and analysis on issues that matter now to Canadian AML professionals</p>
2:20 PM – 3:10 PM TECH TRENDS	<p>Details are Everything: Data's Role in Agentic Artificial Intelligence</p>



	<p>This forward-looking session examines how Canadian institutions are implementing Agentic AI in anti-financial crime and explores why data readiness is now the single biggest barrier to success. Practitioners will share practical use cases where AI delivers measurable value on both the compliance and business sides, along with proven approaches to model validation, explainability, and responsible scaling.</p>
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<p>3:40 PM – 4:30 PM</p> <p>FINANCIAL CRIME RISKS</p>	<p>DEEP DIVE</p> <p>Pay Up or Else: The Rise of Extortion</p> <p>This panel examines the alarming increase in extortion and protection schemes targeting specific sectors and regions throughout Canada. Drawing on the latest FINTRAC reporting trends and the Minister of Finance's directive to prioritize this threat, the session highlights real-world examples as well as effective detection and prevention strategies.</p>
4:30 PM – 4:35 PM	<p>Closing Remarks</p>