

Covering insights into regulatory updates and compliance trends that will shape the future of crypto assets in South Africa

# CRYPTO ASSETS REGULATION & COMPLIANCE CONFERENCE 2026

18 & 19 MARCH 2026 | INDABA HOTEL | JOHANNESBURG

## SESSIONS TO BE COVERED

- Overview of the crypto assets regulation and compliance landscape
- Evolution of legal & regulatory landscape of crypto assets
- Cryptocurrencies and technology (i.e., blockchain, tokenization)
- Identifying, assessing & mitigating risks associated with crypto
- Money laundering through cryptocurrencies
- Crypto payments, exchange controls & cross-border flows

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# CRYPTO ASSETS REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE CONFERENCE IS OFFICIALLY BACK ON THE AGENDA

It is now 3 years that crypto assets was declared as a financial product under section 1 of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services (FAIS) Act.

Much has changed over the last 3 years.

The risk and compliance approach of the different players in the crypto space, are different, but the rules and regulations are the same.

There are many challenges on the compliance front due to an ever changing regulatory environment.

Regulators are expected to keep on updating frameworks to address the evolving crypto environment. Transparency is very important while awaiting the introduction of the Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework (CARF) to be released next year.

Key challenges to crypto asset compliance in South Africa include the inherent anonymity of transactions, the cross-border nature of assets, technology challenges, the significant cost and complexity of implementing compliance systems, and the need for businesses to navigate an evolving regulatory framework.

All the above issues amongst others be addressed at the Crypto Assets Regulation & Compliance Conferences 2026

The event taking place on 18 & 19 March 2026 in Johannesburg, follows in the footsteps of last year's very successful first event that was attended by close to 200 attendees.

With excellent feedback received, the event is back on the calendar in 2026.

The programme will cover issues such as: regulation and compliance, risk management, money laundering, impact on financial institutions and technology.

As South Africa continues to navigate the evolving digital asset landscape, this conference provides a timely platform for key stakeholders—regulators, financial institutions, legal experts, fintechs and crypto assets service providers—to engage on the latest regulatory developments, compliance strategies, and emerging risks & opportunities in the crypto space.

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this pivotal industry event — we welcome all potential delegates to attend!

## BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE CRYPTO ASSETS REGULATION & COMPLIANCE CONFERENCE 2026

1. Get to know compliance trends that will shape the future of crypto assets in South Africa
2. Keep up with the latest regulatory developments in South Africa
3. Understand stricter AML and KYC procedures and enhanced due diligence practices
4. Examine the impact of global regulatory standardization
5. Learn more regarding the rules for obligatory crypto reporting and SA tax compliance
6. Get to grips with leveraging technology for compliance purposes
7. Get behind the issues of tackling money laundering and terrorist financing risks in crypto asset services
8. Get to know why AML and cybersecurity are critical to Africa's crypto future
9. Meet and learn from cutting edge speakers from regulatory bodies and compliance professionals active in the regulatory environment
10. Network with fellow delegates, speakers and exhibitors and improve your business contacts and relationships.

## WHO MUST ATTEND?

From the following industries:

crypto asset and blockchain providers \* financial intermediaries \* transaction processors \* trading platforms \* payment and wallet providers\* government\* banks \* betting companies \* global cryptocurrency & blockchain thought leaders \* private equity entities \* fintech professionals \* forex & cryptocurrency traders \* cryptocurrency mining entities \* cryptocurrency exchanges \* retail & institutional investors \* venture capitalists \* accountants & auditors \* attorneys \* regulators \* compliance officers \* global policy makers

Personnel dealing with the following:

compliance \* product development\* innovation \* technology \* IT \* blockchain \* digital transformation \* risk \* AI \* digital assets \* trading \* fintech \* ecosystem \* foreign exchange \* legal \* anti-money laundering \* fraud \* cross border payments \* supervision & enforcement \* regulatory \* KYC & due diligence \* transaction monitoring \* market & conduct risk \* reporting \* audit \* customer \* tax \* monitoring & testing \* wealth & investment \* business development \* inspections

## ORGANISATIONS ATTENDING THE 2026 CRYPTO CONFERENCE



# MEET OUR TOP-TIER SPEAKER PANEL



Prof. Angela Itzikowitz  
**Executive: Banking and Finance**  
ENSafrica



Preeta Bhagattjee  
**Director and Head of the Technology & Innovation Practice**  
Werksmans Attorneys



Leopoldt Jansen van Vuuren  
**Head of On-Chain Analytics**  
Provenance



Alwie Carstens  
**Compliance Officer**  
Masthead



Nicky Downing  
**Chief Executive Officer & Founder**  
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**Associate Director**  
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Shaun Strydom  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
Contactable



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**Managing Counsel: Group Legal**  
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Darryl Bernstein  
**Partner in Litigation Practice**  
White & Case



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Johann van der Lith  
**Regulatory Specialist**  
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**Partner**  
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**Digital Innovation Specialist**  
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**Executive Director**  
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Yurika Pistorius  
**Head of Compliance**  
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Robyn Lawson  
**Head of Digital Assets**  
Product: Custody  
Absa



Rob Mackay  
**Investor Manager Lead**  
Mesh Trade



Kamla Govender  
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Johan Hetzel  
**Global Head:**  
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Fintech & Digital Assets  
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Greg Serandos  
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Henco Vorstman  
**CEO**  
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Tshepang Moagi  
**Analyst**  
Financial Intelligence  
Centre



Tayyibah Suliman  
**Sector Head: Technology & Communications |**  
Director -Corporate &  
Commercial  
Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr

08:30 Opening of conference and chairperson remarks

### OVERVIEW OF THE CRYPTO ASSETS REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE LANDSCAPE

08:45 **Navigating risk and regulation in the crypto economy**

- traditional vs. digital (business and compliance models)
- crypto compliance challenges
- key risk factors for crypto businesses
- preparing for shifting regulatory landscapes
- navigating global regulatory fragmentation
- building the compliance function of the future

**Rianne Potgieter, Compliance specialist, EXP Group and former CEO of the Compliance Institute of South Africa**

09:20 **Regulatory landscape for crypto assets - The shift from regulatory uncertainty to a formal, multi-agency regulatory framework**

- what financial institutions need to know about the COFI Bill
- overview of the Financial Markets Act review
- spotlight on tokenization and stablecoins and the involvement of the Intergovernmental Fintech Working Group

**Dr Johann van der Lith, Regulatory Specialist: Regulatory Frameworks Department, Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA)**

### EVOLUTION OF LEGAL & REGULATORY LANDSCAPE OF CRYPTO ASSETS

09:55 **Virtual assets regulation in Southern Africa: A regional comparative analysis**

- regulatory maturity
- legislative frameworks and enforcement mechanisms
- licensing requirements and market entry
- operational requirements
- anti-money laundering and compliance obligations

**Lerato Lamola, Partner, Webber Wentzel**

10.30 Tea/coffee & refreshments

10:55 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Crypto risks amid regulatory gaps**

Regulatory gaps in the crypto ecosystem create risks for financial crime, consumer protection, market integrity, and operational security. Fragmented and inconsistent rules enable regulatory arbitrage, hinder compliance, and increase vulnerability to fraud, hacks, and systemic instability. Panelists will discuss these risks, the challenges for CASPs and regulators, and the need for coordinated frameworks to ensure safe, transparent, and sustainable growth.

- **Alwie Carstens, Compliance Officer, Masthead**
- **Angela Itzikowitz, Executive | Banking and Finance, ENS**
- **Lindo Ntuli, Managing Legal Counsel, Transunion**
- **Nicole Britton, Partner, Clyde & Co**
- **Greg Shapiro, Partner || Co-Head – Corporate & Commercial, Eversheds Sutherland**

11:45 **DIRECTIVE 9 concerning the implementation of the “Travel Rule” relating to crypto asset transfers in accordance with the Financial Action Task Force Recommendations**

**Kamla Govender, Legal and Policy Advisor/ Senior Specialist, Financial Intelligence Centre & Tshepang Moagi, Analyst, Financial Intelligence Centre**

### IDENTIFYING, ASSESSING & MITIGATING RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CRYPTO ASSETS

12:20 **Navigating rapidly evolving stablecoin regulations**

- global regulatory trends and South Africa’s path to adoption
- ensuring financial stability through robust issuance frameworks
- consumer protection and the critical role of independent verification

**Dr Wiehann Olivier, Partner and Head of Fintech & Digital Assets, Forvis Mazars**

12:55 Lunch and networking

13:50 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Risk & compliance framework for digital assets**

Panelists will discuss the need for tailored risk and compliance frameworks for digital-asset businesses, focusing on regulatory compliance, AML/CFT measures, and operational and cybersecurity controls. The discussion will also cover collaboration with regulators and best practices for building secure, transparent, and resilient digital-asset operations.

- **Carel de Jager, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, SilverSixpence**
- **Rob MacKay, Investor Manager Lead, Mesh Trade**
- **Henco Vorstman, CEO, ChainEx**
- **Johan Hetzel, Global Head: Compliance & Anti-Money Laundering, Luno**
- **Yurika Pistorius, Head of Compliance, VALR**

14.40 Afternoon tea & refreshments

### CRYPTO CURRENCIES AND TECHNOLOGY

15:00 **Blockchain and Digital Assets - the evolution of innovation**

- the proliferation of innovations in tokenisation and digital assets
- blockchain IP - managing intellectual property rights
- public and private blockchains - legal risk considerations
- managing data on the blockchain
- ownership rights in digital assets

**Preeta Bhagattjee, Director and Head of the Technology & Innovation Practice, Werksmans Attorneys**

15:35 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Risks and opportunities of crypto currencies and technology**

Cryptocurrencies and blockchain offer major opportunities like decentralized finance, faster/-cheaper global transactions, transparency, and financial inclusion, alongside potential high investment returns. However, they face significant risks. Panelists will discuss the opportunities of cryptocurrencies, including financial inclusion, faster payments, innovation, transparency, and economic growth. They will also address risks such as financial crime, market volatility, regulatory gaps, operational and cyber threats, and governance challenges.

- **Shaun Strydom, Chief Executive Officer, Contactable**
- **Darryl Bernstein, Partner, White & Case**
- **Muvhango Livhusha, Vice President ISACA South Africa Chapter**
- **Greg Serandos, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, African Academy of Artificial Intelligence**
- **Tayyibah Suliman, Sector Head Director, Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr**

16.25 Closing of day 1

08:50 Opening of day 2 and chairperson remarks

### IDENTIFYING, ASSESSING & MITIGATING RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CRYPTO

09:00 **Can cryptocurrency replace cash as a store of wealth, medium of trade, and unit of account?**

- volatility vs. value preservation: can crypto be a credible store of wealth?
- frictionless payments promise vs. real world rails: medium of exchange realities
- unit of account: the last mile of monetary adoption
- regulatory clarity as the catalyst—or constraint—for substitution
- convergence: co-existence with fiat through stablecoins, tokenisation, and CBDCs

**Desiree Reddy, Director, Norton Rose Fulbright**

09:35 **Crypto audits, CASP's and institutional investors**

- SARS actively reviewing crypto activity
- what would trigger a crypto Audit
- issues found in audits
- how SARS views crypto
- capital vs. income classification is critical
- voluntary disclosure can reduce risk and cost
- best defense is good record keeping

**Jashwin Bajjoo, Associate Director, Tax Consulting SA**

10:10 **From policy to production: lessons from launching bank-grade digital asset custody**

- designing custody backwards from regulation, not technology
- balancing governance, risk and innovation to blockchain embedment
- translating fiduciary and prudential duty into on-chain controls
- key lessons from moving from POC to market scalability

**Robyn Lawson, Head of Digital Assets Product: Custody, ABSA**

10:45 Tea time

### MONEY LAUNDERING THROUGH CRYPTO CURRENCIES

- 11:05 **Tackling money laundering and terrorist financing risks in crypto asset services**
- evolving crypto compliance risk landscape - how crypto asset services are being exploited for money laundering and terrorist financing
  - regulatory expectations and global standards:
    - how to implement risk-based KYC, transaction monitoring, and blockchain analytics in a way that's proportionate, scalable, and suitable for crypto businesses operating in emerging markets.
  - practical risk mitigation strategies:
    - common money laundering and terrorist financing patterns seen in crypto asset services
    - what tools and techniques crypto businesses and regulators can use today
- Leopoldt Jansen van Vuuren, Head of On-Chain Analytics, Provenance**
- 11:40 **Role of supervision and enforcement**
- supervision of CASP's
  - issuing of guidance and directives
  - risk assessments of money laundering and terrorist financing risks facing the crypto sector
  - compliance obligations of CASP's under the FIC Act
  - role of Risk Management and Compliance Programmes (RMCP)
  - regulatory reporting
- adv Jan Augustyn, Senior Operations Manager: Monitoring, Inspection & Enforcement, Financial Intelligence Centre**
- 12:20 **Real-time transaction monitoring**
- identifying suspicious activities
  - meeting compliance requirements
  - managing risk
  - strengthening customer due diligence
  - best practice
- Valeriy Voditchenski, Executive Director, IMTF**
- 12.55 Lunch
- 13.55 **PANEL DISCUSSION: AML and crypto assets**
- Panelists will discuss the unique AML challenges posed by cryptocurrencies, including pseudonymity, cross-border transactions, and emerging financial crime risks. They will address regulatory requirements for CASPs, including customer due diligence, transaction monitoring, reporting obligations, and FATF Travel Rule compliance.
- **Brett Mostert, Digital Innovation Specialist, Standard Bank**
  - **Kent Davis, Partner, Webber Wentzel**
  - **Andrew Keightley-Smith, Senior Associate: Forensics, ENS**
  - **Nicky Downing, Chief Executive Office & Founder, Guideline BizTech**

### CRYPTO PAYMENTS, EXCHANGE CONTROLS & CROSS BORDER FLOWS

- 14:45 **Exchange control in South Africa and how it impacts crypto currency**
- what is exchange control - concept explained & contextualised
  - legal framework underpinning the South African exchange control regime
  - can the 1961 exchange control regulations in their current form apply to crypto currency?
  - seminal 2025 court judgement concerning exchange control and crypto
  - implications of judgement and announcement by Minister of Finance during the 2026 budget speech
- Deon Griessel, Director, Werksmans Attorneys**
- 15:20 **Role and accountability of key individuals in CASPs**
- KI personal liability: what really keeps you up at night
  - operating in regulatory grey: interpreting law written for fiat in a crypto context
  - from RMCP to real accountability: translating policy into operational control.
  - the KI as strategic enabler; not just a compliance gatekeeper
- Dr. Dalene Deale, Founder | KI for CASPs, BGH Solutions**
- 16:00 **Closing of conference and refreshments**

# FEEDBACK FROM DELEGATES THAT ATTENDED THE 2025 CRYPTO CONFERENCE

What I liked most about the conference was the various speakers from different sectors  
**- Nazley Herandien, Prescient**

A well-timed event within the crypto industry. Having the private and public sector in one room, presenting and asking relevant questions was encouraging and positive for the industry. One golden thread was that education, and public awareness remains at the forefront, and conferences like this provide the opportunity to bridge that gap. The speakers were top class, with the audience interacting and creating great dialogue. Looking forward to the next one and growing together. Well done!  
**- Leopoldt Jansen van Vuuren, Povenance**

As we promote the freedom of money, it was great to engage with such an informed gathering  
**- Sam Mkhize, Binance**

Good speakers and presentations  
**- Rob Downes, ABSA**

I liked the professionalism displayed by the organisers. Agenda was kept on time. Great scope of speakers and very open and honest discussions  
**- JJ Nel, Standard Bank**

Congratulations on the Crypto Asset Conference. It was well attended and very positively received  
**- Natalie Scott, Werkmans Attorneys**

I must just say I am so impressed with this organization. TCI, has exceeded all of our expectations. This is 100% the most well organized, well executed event that we have ever personally sponsored, the best turnout, the highest level, actual guests, I think, that we've ever interacted with. And a huge congratulations to the TCI team. And well done to everybody who has participated, everybody who's engaging. And we're growing this industry. Let's go!  
**- Jordan Sweke, Bybit**

Thank you for an amazing and insightful conference last week. It was truly a knowledge enriching experience - we are so happy that we have attended  
**- Sandi Isaacs, FNB Namibia**

Overall a good conference  
**- Farrel Mitchell, Capta Wealth**

Everything was good  
**- Hannes Gouws, Hannes Gouws Attorneys**

Attendees were a good mix. Topics were relevant and practical  
**- Thirumala Pillay, First Rand Group Compliance**

Incredible speakers and discussions  
**- Kamla Govender, Financial Intelligence Centre**

Excellent representation of both speakers and audience. Fantastic MC. Bent, well done  
**- Candice Mesk, First Rand**

## Overall how satisfied were you with the topics?

Very satisfied

54%

Satisfied

42%

Dissatisfied

4%

## The content of the programme met your expectations?

Strongly agree

64%

Agree

27%

Disagree

9%

## Was the conference worth attending?

Yes

69%

4%

No

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