Guardians of Paradise: Outsmarting Financial Crime

22nd and 23rd October 2025

Hilton Mauritius Resort & Spa

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The 7th Annual Mauritian Financial Crime Conference, hosted by **Comsure Compliance Ltd** in partnership with **The Axis Academy**, will take place on **22 & 23 October 2025** at the Hilton Mauritius Resort & Spa.

Recognised as Mauritius's flagship compliance event, the 2025 edition brings together regulators, prosecutors, industry leaders, and international experts to explore the evolving landscape of financial crime, regulation, and enforcement. This year's theme — "Guardians of Paradise: Outsmarting Financial Crime" — focuses on national coordination, global AML/CFT trends, AI-driven risks, and emerging legal frameworks.

The two-day programme features keynote speakers, technical sessions, panel discussions, and networking opportunities, culminating in a formal gala dinner.

MQA approval is currently in process and the training will be eligible for HRDC refund.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME - DRAFT

Day 1 – Programme

Time	Details	Speakers
08.30 – 9.15	**Registration**	
09.15 – 09.30	**Welcome Address**	Mathew Beale, CEO of Comsure Compliance Ltd Assad Abdullatiff, Managing Director, Axis Fiduciary Ltd
9.30 – 10.00	**Keynote Address**	Speaker to be confirmed
10.00 – 10.30	**TEA BREAK**	
10.30 – 11.15	**Session 1:** Global trends in AML/CFT Regulations: Are we moving towards Effectiveness or Exhaustion	Mathew Beale, CEO of Comsure Compliance Ltd
11.15 – 12.00	**Session 2:** Mauritius's National Strategy Against Financial Crime: Coordination and Accountability, Role of FCC, inter-agency collaboration, and future strategic direction	Speaker to be confirmed
12.00 – 13.30	**LUNCH**	
13.30 – 14.15	**Session 3:** Sanctions Compliance in a Fragmented World: Practical Challenges for Financial Institutions	Webber Wentzel South Africa
14.15 – 15.00	**Session 4:** Banking Pannel Session	**Panelists:** 1. Mathew Beale (Moderator) 2. Daniel Essoo, CEO, Mauritius Bankers Association 3. Ajam Joomun, Head of Compliance & Risk at Investec Bank Mauritius
15.00 – 15.30	**TEA BREAK & NETWORKING**	
15.30 – 16.15	**Session 5:** Fintech, Financial Services and AML Risks to Consumers and Financial Institutions: A Regulatory Perspective	Renu Audit- Director Financial Services Commission
16.15 – 17.00	**Session 6:** The New offence of fraud by Abuse of position: Implications for Directors and Fiduciaries	Assad Abdullatiff, Managing Director, Axis Fiduciary Ltd
17.00 – 17.10	**CONCLUDING REMARKS & END OF DAY 1**	Shammeemkhan Abdoolakhan, Director of Talent and Technical Development, Axis Eruditio Ltd
17.30 – 18.30	**Pre-Dinner Cocktail**	
18.30 – 21.00	**Gala Dinner**	

Day 2 – Programme

Time	Details	Speakers
09.15 – 09.25	**Welcome Address**	Shammeemkhan Abdoolakhan, Director of Talent and Technical Development, Axis Eruditio Ltd
9.25 – 10.10	**Session 7:** Client Onboarding in High Risks Contexts: Criminal Records, Allegations and Reputational Risk	Ammar Oozeer Partner & Head of regulatory & Compliance at BLC Robert & Associates
10.10 – 10.55	**Session 8:** The Prosecution of Financial Crime in Mauritius- Challenges and Progress	Rashid Ahmine Director of Public Prosecution
10.55 – 11.25	**TEA BREAK**	
11.25 – 12.10	**Session 9:** Latest Emerging Threats: Transnational organized crime trends	Abu Baker Mehtar, (CAMS) (CGSS), Customer and Third Party Risk Solutions - LSEG
12.10 – 12.55	**Session 10:** The evolutive approach to the strict requirements of the offence of Money Laundering in Mauritius	Saleem Abdullatiff Head of Risk and Compliance MATCO Ltd
12.55 – 14.25	**LUNCH**	
14.25 – 15.10	**Session 11:** Understanding Dual Use Goods: Compliance Challenges and Enforcement Trends	Ameer Caunhye, Head of Compliance and Risk Management, Axis Fiduciary Ltd
15.10 – 15.55	**Session 12:** Financial Crime in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI): Risks, Tools and New Frontier	Associate Professor (Dr) Sheeba Armoogum, Faculty of Information, Communication & Digital Technologies, University of Mauritius
15.55 – 16.25	**TEA BREAK**	
16.25 – 17.10	**Session 13:** Panel Discussion Red Flags in Real Estate and High value Goods: risks beyond the Financial Services Sector	**Panelists:** 1. Ameer Caunhye (Moderator) 2. Kevin Teeroovengadum, Group CEO, Janus Continental Group 3. Phillipe De Beer CEO & Founder Park Lane Properties 4. Manisha Meetarbhan, Corporate Legal Officer Poncini
17.10 – 17.20	**Concluding remarks and Words of Thanks**	Mathew Beale, CEO of Comsure Compliance Ltd

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Conference Pricing

Standard Rates:
Normal Price: **USD 1,000 (MUR 45,500)**
Early Bird Discount (applicable up to 31 August 2025): **USD 900 (MUR 41,000)**

Preferential Rates (for members of Mauritius Finance, Mauritius Bankers Association, STEP, CGI, or ACCA):
Normal Price: **USD 900 (MUR 41,000)**
Early Bird Discount: **USD 800 (MUR 36,500)**

Registration Fee

The registration fee covers full participation in the conference, including the cocktail reception, Gala dinner, lunch and all conference materials, which will be provided at the event. Please note that all registrations are considered final upon receipt of the completed registration form.

Cancellations

All cancellations must be submitted in writing.

- Cancellations made **30 days or more** before the conference date will receive a **full refund**.
- Cancellations made 2 weeks prior to the event will receive a **50% refund**.
- **No refunds** will be issued for cancellations made **less than 14 days** before the conference.

Accreditation

The event is currently under review for approval by the **Mauritius Qualifications Authority (MQA)**. The MQA application is being handled by **Axis Eruditio Ltd (trading as Axis Academy)**, which is a registered training institution. Invoices for the event will be issued under Axis Eruditio Ltd, and **certificates of attendance** will also be provided under its name.

Eligible firms may apply for a refund under the **Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) Grant Scheme**, subject to approval.

Disclaimer

Please note that, due to circumstances beyond the control of the conference organisers, it may be necessary to modify the programme content, schedule, or speakers.