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**ACAMS 2016 EU conference: enabling European compliance  
in a highly regulated, global context**

- *ACAMS' 12<sup>th</sup> AML & Financial Crime Conference Europe, 24 – 25 May 2016, London*
- *Speakers from Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation, HM Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) US Treasury, The Financial Action Taskforce (FATF), Europol, International Centre for Counter Terrorism (The Hague), German Federal Ministry of Finance, and French Banking Federation, Spanish Ministry of Economics, Serious Fraud Office and UK National Crime Agency.*
- *Expert panels on Sanctions, KYC and CDD including identifying beneficial owners,, Terrorist Financing, Cybercrime, EU 4<sup>th</sup> Directive, Risk Appetite, Human Trafficking, FATF Forum on 'Benefits of National Risk Assessments'.*

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London, UK, 20 April, 2016 – identifying beneficial ownership, blocking terrorist funding with enhanced KYC and CDD, FinTech compliance challenges, human trafficking, sanctions compliance in a global context, analysing recent enforcement actions for lessons learned, establishing and measuring risk, public/private partnerships and overcoming the challenges of implementing the EU 4<sup>th</sup> AML Directive, are key themes of ACAMS (Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists) 12<sup>th</sup> Annual European conference entitled “Compliance Strategies for a Rapidly Changing Regulatory Landscape”. The event will take place on 24 and 25 May 2016 at the QEII Conference Centre in London.

At what promises to be ACAMS' most successful European conference ever, the agenda for this two-day event will address how European organisations can achieve compliance in an increasingly regulated, global context.

Headline speakers include David Lewis, Executive Secretary at the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and John Smith, Acting Director at the Office of Foreign Assets Control, (OFAC). The newly formed Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation at HM Treasury will give a special presentation on global sanctions compliance and Jonathan Benton, Detective Superintendent and Head of the Corruption Unit, Economic Crime Command, at the UK National Crime Agency and Mark Thompson, Head of Proceeds of Crime at the Serious Fraud Office, will provide insights into detecting and blocking the proceeds from bribery and corruption during a panel discussion.

In addition, Rick McDonell, Executive Director at ACAMS and former Executive Secretary at the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) will lead a FATF Forum entitled 'Evaluating the Benefits of National Risk Assessments' which will highlight the pivotal role that these play in fortifying AML regimes, enhancing reporting quality and building bridges between the public and private sectors. David Lewis, Executive Secretary, FATF will represent the global standard setter alongside delegation heads Raquel Cabeza Perez, Deputy Director-General at the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, Spain, Giles Thomson, Deputy Director, Sanctions and Illicit Finance at HM Treasury, United Kingdom and Ms. Cristina Collura, Director of the International Relations Unit, Ministry of the Economy and Finance, Italy.

"The feedback from last year's international conference delegates was extremely positive and this year our expectations are set even higher as we prepare to welcome Europe's top AML, CTF and financial crime prevention and detection specialists for our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual European Conference in London," says Angela Salter, Head of Europe at ACAMS. "The event offers a unique opportunity for non-stop learning about emerging money laundering and financial crime threats within sanctions, cybercrime, terrorism finance, regulatory compliance and human trafficking, plus a chance to network with hundreds of AML, AFC and compliance specialists from across Europe."

"In light of the last year's horrific terrorist attacks, the migrant crisis, challenges of identifying enhanced beneficial ownership as demanded by the EU 4<sup>th</sup> Directive, the further emergence of asset hiding strategies and common tax evasion typologies as underlined by the 'Panama Papers', this year's conference provides the public and private sector with a much needed opportunity to come together, share knowledge

and expertise and further develop international best practice,” says John Byrne, ACAMS Executive Vice President.

### **Full conference agenda**

Download a copy of the conference brochure to read a full list of speakers and the topics they will be addressing. Visit <http://www.amleurope.org/>.

*The ACAMS 12<sup>th</sup> Annual AML & Financial Crime Conference Europe – Compliance Strategies for a Rapidly Changing Regulatory Landscape, takes place on 24 – 25 May 2016 at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, with an additional pre-conference training day on 23 May.*

### **Notes to editors**

#### **About ACAMS (Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists)**

ACAMS is the largest international membership organisation dedicated to enhancing the knowledge and skills of AML and financial crime professionals from a wide range of industries, with extensive resources designed to develop and sharpen the skills required for superior job performance and career development. Its CAMS certification is the most widely recognised AML certification among compliance professionals worldwide.

#### **Conference press pass availability**

Full conference passes are available upon request to approved members of the media who wish to attend and report on the event. To register your interest, please contact Lesley Muir in the first instance, by emailing [Lesley@good-pr.co.uk](mailto:Lesley@good-pr.co.uk) or call +44 7796 148 400.