



BAFT Hires New Vice President of International Policy
BAFT has named Andrew Price as its new vice president of international policy. Andy will lead the association's international policy advocacy efforts and relevant councils and committees. [Read full press details.](#)

Women in Transaction Banking Initiative Launched at 2024 Global Annual Meeting

BAFT established the **Women in Transaction Banking (WTB)** initiative to promote gender diversity and inclusion within the transaction banking industry. The program's unveiling was held during the BAFT Global Annual Meeting last May. [Read full press details.](#)

This new initiative is open to all members, regardless of gender. If you are interested in joining the WTB Council as a Regional Head or one of its committees, please contact [Deepa Sinha](#).



BNP Paribas' Suresh Subramanian Re-elected to Lead Board of Directors
Suresh Subramanian of BNP Paribas was recently re-elected to serve a second term as the chair of the BAFT board of directors for the 2024-2025 association year. [Read full press details.](#)

BAFT Recognizes 2024 Ambassador of the Year Honorees at Global Annual Meeting

At the recent BAFT Global Annual Meeting, BAFT recognized its 2024 Ambassadors of the Year awardees for their invaluable contribution to the association and for continuously driving the mission and vision forward. Congratulations to **Brian Gordon**, Commerce Bank, **Renata Vilanova Lobo**, JP Morgan, **Amy Sahm**, Fulton Bank, and **Ken Wong**, TD Bank. [Learn more.](#)

New White Papers Now Available



Deep Tier Supply Chain Finance
BAFT and the Asian Development Bank co-authored a new white paper, *Deep-Tier Supply Chain Finance: Unlocking Potential*, which highlights the potential for deep-tier supply chain finance (DTSCF) to bridge the trade finance gap, drive liquidity to the most underserved segments of the trade market and enhance visibility within global supply chains.

Download the [white paper](#) and read full [press details](#).



Uneven Regulations in the Payments Industry
BAFT released a new white paper, *Uneven Regulations in the Payments Industry*. The paper sheds light on the disparities and challenges in regulatory frameworks governing the global payments landscape.

Download the [white paper](#) and read full [press details](#).

Future Leaders White Papers

The Future Leaders Class of 2024 produced white papers and guidance documents, free for members to download, on the following topics.

- [Developing a Client Due Diligence Questionnaire for Sustainability Purposes](#)
- [Harnessing the Power of Generative AI to Transform Transaction Banking](#)
- [HR Challenges in Transaction Banking – Post Pandemic](#)
- [Roadmap to Modernizing Wholesale Cross-Border Payments Under Today's Correspondent Banking Model](#)
- [Trade Digitization Strategy Guide](#)

Coming soon! *Digital Currencies & Financial Crimes Concerns*, a white paper providing a thorough examination of the intersection between digital currencies and the challenges posed by financial crimes, will be available by July.

[Download](#) other BAFT white papers and industry guidance documents.

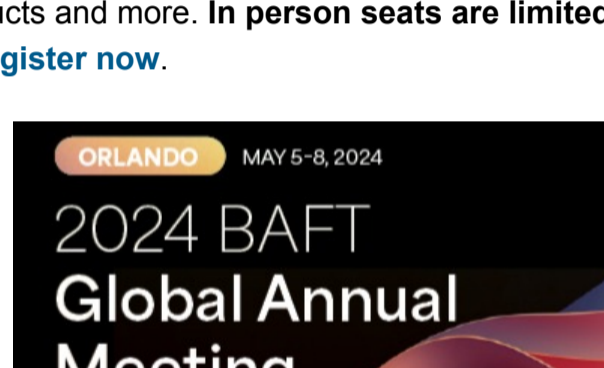
Conferences and Events



Earn 12 CPDs & Explore Letters of Credit
Join us on June 20 – 21 in Toronto or virtually from any corner of the globe for this year's interactive workshop centered around Letters of Credit and beyond. Get ready to dive deep, using real-life case studies, into traditional trade products and more. **In person seats are limited so register now.**

Global Annual Meeting Videos Available

This year's Global Annual Meeting explored building bridges amidst the changing world order. We are proud to have had a record-breaking attendance with over 500 banking professionals, representing nearly 150+ institutions across the globe. Select session recordings are now available. [Access the videos now!](#)



Networking Forums

BAFT hosted two regional networking forums this Spring.

West Africa Networking Lunch

On April 15, the BAFT Africa Council Co-Chairs and United Bank for Africa hosted a Networking Lunch exclusively for Nigerian banks to learn from one another and build lasting connections.



The Spring Event

The BAFT International Advisory Council in conjunction with ING recently hosted The Spring Event – Economic Update and Industry Leader Panel and Wine Tasting in New York last April 11.



BAFT at Industry Events

BAFT Speaks at Two Events in Asia

BAFT's Asia Regional Representative, TS Shankar, recently moderated, *Fintech innovation in India: A market check on trade finance digitization and end-to-end trade solutions*, at GTR India 2024 on May 22.

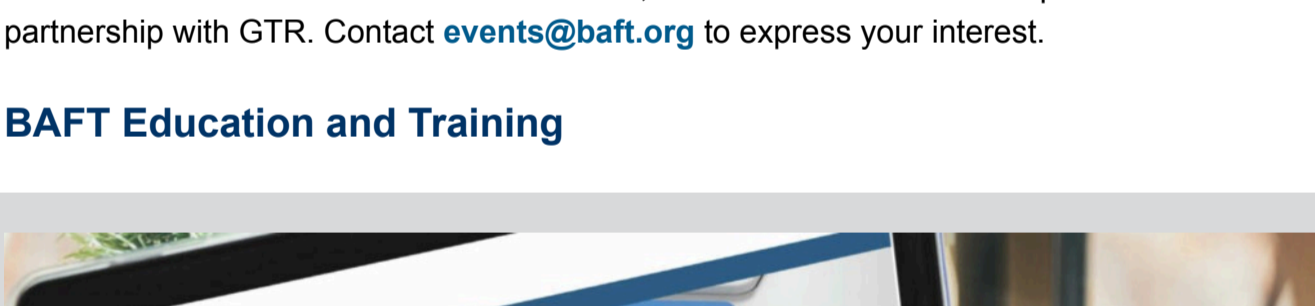
TS then joined the Asian Banker Summit on May 23 to moderate *Deep Tier Supply Chain Finance – Opportunities and challenges*.

BAFT Asia Forum Rejoins GTR Asia 2024 in Singapore

BAFT will once again offer the BAFT Asia Bank to Bank Forum, held in conjunction with GTR Asia, on September 4. The BAFT Asia Forum, scheduled in the afternoon of GTR Asia day 2 programming, is free for all to attend. Registration will open soon.

Members interested to also attend [GTR Asia](#), receive a 10% discount as part BAFT's partnership with GTR. Contact events@baft.org to express your interest.

BAFT Education and Training



BAFT Certificates Now Available in Spanish

Our educational and training programs provide professionals with both introductory and advanced courses necessary to succeed in the world of transaction banking. We're excited to expand our certificate offerings with three (3) Spanish versions of our popular certificates.

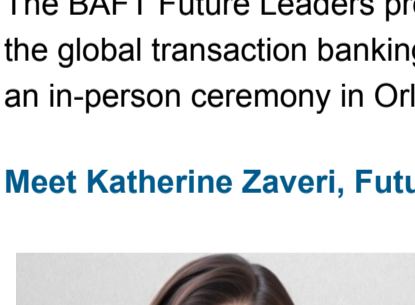
- CTFA - Certificado BAFT en Trade Finance Avanzado
- CCMA - Certificado BAFT en Cash Management Avanzado
- CFX - Certificado BAFT en Cambio de Divisa

Customized training in Spanish and other foreign languages are also available. Check out other [certificate and training offerings](#) or contact [Daniel Berenguer](#), Education and Training Manager for more information.

The Future Leaders Class of 2024 Graduates

The BAFT Future Leaders program – now in its ninth year – recognizes upcoming leaders in the global transaction banking industry. Thirty-nine Future Leader graduates were honored at an in-person ceremony in Orlando on May 7. [Read full press details.](#)

Meet Katherine Zaveri, Future Leaders Class of 2019



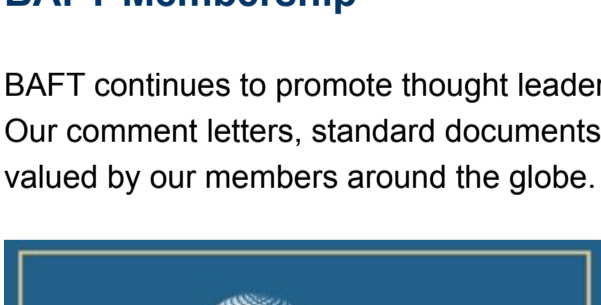
Q: What has the BAFT Future Leaders Program meant to you and your career?

A: I have always enjoyed BAFT conferences because of the great group of people who attend year after year. I was the first Future Leader from StoneX and the opportunity to meet other young professionals in my industry from around the world was unlike anything I'd ever done before. The program allowed me to expand my network professionally, but also personally. I have friends I still stay in touch with today, 5 years later.

[Read more](#) about Katherine and her Future Leaders experience.

BAFT Membership

BAFT continues to promote thought leadership and drive forward a broad list of initiatives. Our comment letters, standard documents, guidance documents and industry definitions are valued by our members around the globe.



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