

New BAFT White Paper Analyzes Digital Currencies and Financial Crimes Concerns

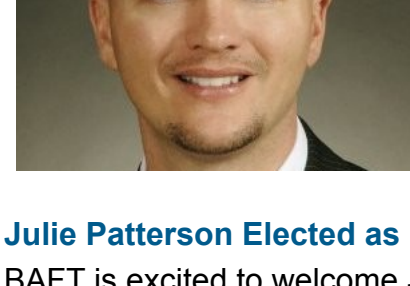
BAFT has released a comprehensive white paper, "Digital Currencies and Financial Crimes Concerns", offering a thorough examination of the intersection between digital currencies and the challenges posed by financial crimes. This timely publication explores the evolving landscape of digital currencies and their implications for anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorism financing (CTF) efforts.

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

Coming soon! A few new resources will be available in September:

- White Paper providing guidance for applying Net Zero standard to transaction banking
- Comments on the FRB's proposal to expand operating hours to 22/7/365
- Comments on the FSB's consultation regarding Uneven Payments Regulations globally
- White Paper analyzing ISO 20022 Migrations: Guidance and Best Practices

Download other BAFT industry guidance documents for more insight.

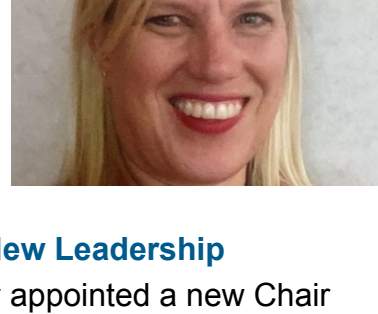


Andy Arduini Elected as BAFT North America Council Co-Chair

BAFT is excited to welcome Andy Arduini, Senior Vice President - Corporate Banking Team Leader of Huntington National Bank, as the new North America Council Co-Chair.

Julie Patterson Elected as BAFT Asia Council Co-Chair

BAFT is excited to welcome Julie Patterson, Executive, Specialised Lending Operations Corporate and Institutional Banking of NAB as the Asia Council Co-Chair.



BAFT's Women in Transaction Banking Council Announces New Leadership

The BAFT Women in Transaction Banking (WTB) Council recently appointed a new Chair and two new Vice Chairs! We look forward to their leadership as we work to empower women professionals by providing them with the necessary resources, networking opportunities, and mentorship to thrive in transaction banking roles.



Chair

Sereen Ahmed, Americas Head of Trade and Working Capital, Barclays

Vice Chair

Renata Vilanova Lobo, Managing Director, J.P. Morgan

Vice Chair

Vanessa Manning, MD, EMAE Head of Transaction Banking, MUFG

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](#).

[Learn more](#) about all of the BAFT Leadership Councils and Committees.

Have a Burning Question? Ask a BAFT Expert!

Members can propose a question to BAFT's Committees for clarification on industry practice through Ask-the-Expert. This is your opportunity to share an issue or ask a question to our committees and get feedback on industry practices and interpretations from subject matter experts. [Learn more](#).

BAFT in the News



The Basel Endgame: Implications for US Credit Insurance

Trade Finance Global (TFG) spoke to industry leaders including BAFT President and CEO Tod Burwell, looking at the implications of Basel III implementation in the US, and what this means for the trade finance and credit insurance sector. [Learn more](#).

Podcast | Using Deep-Tier Supply Chain Financing's Potential to Unlock Capital

The recent white paper, "Deep-Tier Supply Chain Finance: Unlocking the Potential", explores some of the more opaque aspects of deep-tier supply chains. Trade Finance Global spoke with Tod Burwell to discuss the paper and better understand how it can promote financial stability, risk management, and sustainability. [Learn more](#).



2024 BAFT and CGI Trade Technology Survey: Navigating the future of trade and technology

This annual survey, which marks its fourth iteration, is pivotal in capturing the pulse of technology advancements in the global trade finance sector. [Read more](#).

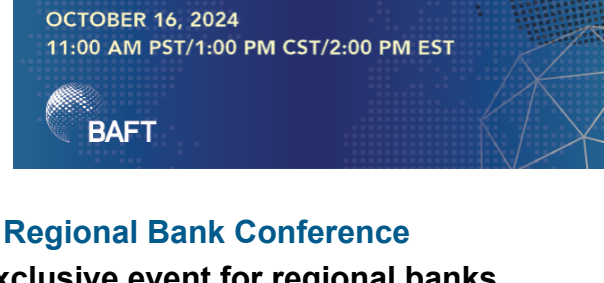
BAFT President and CEO Joins the Trade Finance Global Editorial Board

Trade Finance Global (TFG) recently announced the formation of its first-ever Editorial Board for trade, treasury and payments. The Editorial Board is comprised of five industry leaders including BAFT President and CEO Tod Burwell. [Learn more](#).

Conferences and Events

BAFT Webinar: Working Capital – Where the Private Sector and SBA Connect

BAFT is co-hosting this free webinar on October 16, which will explore access to capital with the Small Business Administration (SBA). [Register now](#).



2024 Regional Bank Conference

An exclusive event for regional banks (USD\$250B in asset size or less), globally. Regional Bankers are invited to join us on October 9 - 10 at the 2024 BAFT Regional Bank Conference, the premier event designed for regional bank executives. [Learn more](#).

Call for Speakers: Share Your Expertise at the 2025 BAFT MENA Bank to Bank Forum

We are excited to invite industry leaders, subject matter experts, innovators, and thought leaders to apply to speak at the BAFT MENA Bank to Bank Forum from January 21-22, 2025 in Dubai. [Learn more](#).



BAFT at Industry Events

BAFT Speaks at USC Marshall School of Business Summit

BAFT's President and CEO, Tod Burwell, joined the 12th Annual Global Supply Chain Excellence Summit on August 15. Tod participated in Plenary Panel 2: Supply Chain Finance. [Learn more](#).

BAFT Asia Forum Joined GTR Asia 2024 in Singapore

BAFT again hosted the Asia Bank to Bank Forum, in conjunction with GTR Asia, on September 4. The BAFT Asia Forum took place in the afternoon of GTR Asia Day 2 programming.

BAFT Education and Training



Expanded Certificate Offerings

BAFT is now offering 3 certificates in Spanish. All certificates, regardless of language, are approved for CPDs for recertification. Check out each certificate for additional CPD information.

- Certificate in Advanced Cash Management (CACM) | English and Spanish
- Certificate in Advanced Trade Finance (CATF) | English and Spanish
- Certificate in Foreign Exchange (CFX) | English and Spanish
- Certificate in Introductory Transaction Banking (CITB) | English
- Certificate in Transaction Risk for Trade (CRTT) | English
- Certificate for Respondent's Playbook (CRP) | English

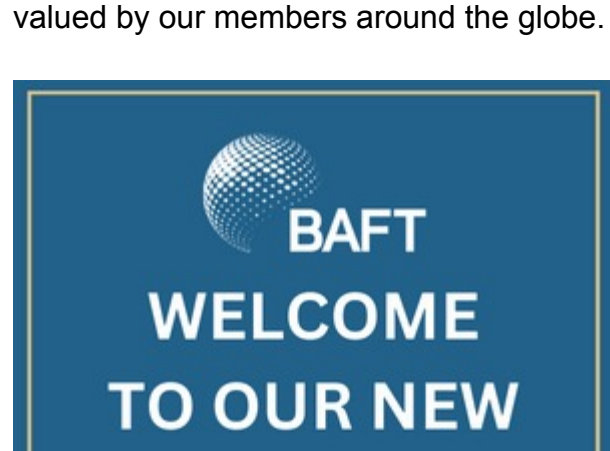
Custom training and other certificate courses are also available. [Learn more](#) or contact [Daniel Berenguer](#) for more information.

Future Leaders Class of 2025 Applications are Now Open

The BAFT Future Leaders program is now accepting applications for its tenth year! This program recognizes upcoming leaders in the global transaction banking industry. For more information, please contact [Daniel Pinho](#).

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.



- Bakift Bank
- Banco Internacional de Costa Rica
- Bank of Jordan
- BankCheck
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