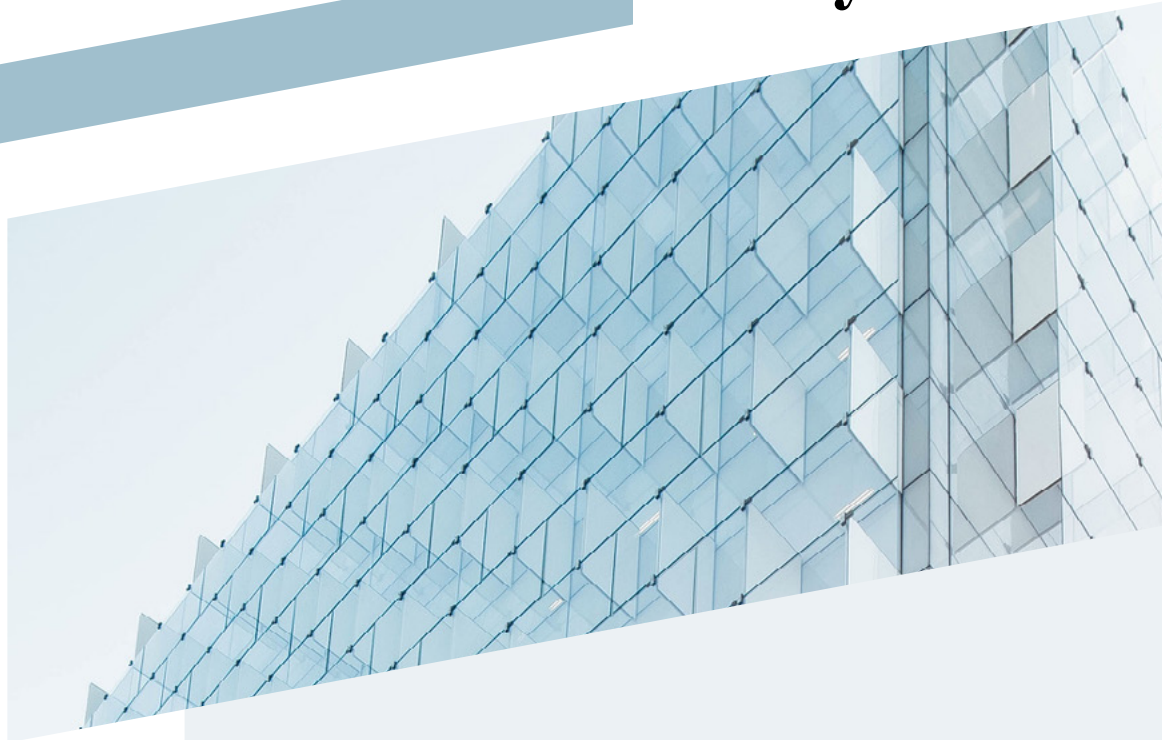


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About ABA

The Asian Bankers Association (ABA) was initially established in 1981 as Asian Bankers Council as one of the Product and Service Councils of the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI).

The ABA aims to provide a forum for advancing the cause of the banking and finance industry in the region and promoting regional economic cooperation. Its primary objectives include the following:

- To serve as a venue for an exchange of views and information on banking opportunities in the Asia-Pacific region;
- To facilitate the meeting of bankers in the region in an atmosphere of fellowship and friendship;
- To encourage joint activities that would enhance the role of its members in servicing the financial needs of their respective economies and in promoting regional development; and
- To undertake projects that will encourage trade, industrial, and investment cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.



The Asian Bankers Association (ABA) wishes to invite members and friends to join the 42nd ABA General Meeting and Conference at Kurumba Resort in Maldives on September 1-3, 2026, hosted by Bank of Maldives.

Set in a tranquil island environment, the venue provides an ideal setting for meaningful engagement, knowledge exchange, and strengthening connections among ABA members across the region.

Conference Theme

“Banking in Asia: Investing to Build Resilience”

This year’s theme reflects the evolving landscape of the banking industry, focusing on how institutions can navigate change, respond to emerging challenges, and build long-term resilience in a dynamic global environment.

Plenary Sessions

The programme will feature four plenary sessions covering key priorities for the industry:

- **Digital First for the Digital Era** – advancing digital transformation and innovation
- **Sustainability: Building Resilience** – integrating ESG and sustainable finance practices
- **Success Through Synergy: Leveraging Technology for Risk** – strengthening risk management through technology
- **Governors’ Roundtable** – engaging regulators on policy, stability, and future developments

Policy Advocacy

The Conference will continue to emphasize ABA’s commitment to policy advocacy, providing members with a valuable platform to exchange perspectives on key industry issues and contribute to shaping collective positions that support the sustainable development of the banking sector in Asia.

The topics this year are the following:

- Movable Finance
- Fraud and Cybersecurity
- Green and Sustainable Finance
- Ethical AI Governance and Policies
- Cross-Border Payments

In addition to these sessions, the Conference will include keynote addresses, internal ABA meetings, and networking opportunities designed to foster collaboration and exchange among members.

Please lock the dates in your diaries and contact ABA Secretariat at aba@aba.org.tw for more information!

ABA Webinars and Training Programs

ABA to Organize workshop on Fraud Management in Bangkok

The Asian Bankers Association (ABA) is pleased to invite members to participate in the upcoming **Fraud Management - Dealing with Scam Centres, Mule Accounts and Virtual Assets Regional Workshop** organized in association with Fintelekt Advisory Services, and to be held on June 11-12, 2026 at the Aloft Hotel, Bangkok.

The workshop will explore how modern fraud schemes operate, including scam operations, mule account networks, and the use of virtual assets in fraud.

The programme will focus on strengthening institutional responses through effective governance, improved detection using technology and analytics, and stronger investigation and collaboration mechanisms.

By bringing together practitioners facing similar challenges, the workshop will support knowledge sharing and provide practical insights to help institutions strengthen their frameworks for detecting and preventing fraud.

By the end of this two-day workshop, participants will be able to:

- Understand the evolving fraud landscape, including organised scam ecosystems and the role of mule account networks.
- Recognise key fraud typologies, including scams involving digital payments, social engineering, and virtual assets.
- Identify gaps in fraud controls and governance frameworks within financial institutions.
- Strengthen institutional responses to fraud, including detection, investigation, and collaboration mechanisms.

This intensive workshop is recommended for: Fraud risk management and fraud prevention teams, AML/CFT and financial crime compliance professionals,



transaction monitoring and investigations teams, risk management and operational risk professionals, digital banking, payments, and fintech risk specialists, internal audit and control functions.

Regular fee per participant is USD 425; ABA member's special price is USD 350.

Seats are limited. Please contact Tanya Tanisha, Regional Sales Manager, Mobile / WhatsApp / Viber: +91 75459 49111 or at tanya@fintelekt.com

For more details and complete description of the Agenda, please visit <https://fintelekt.com/regional-workshop-fraud-management/>

About Fintelekt Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd.

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ABA Webinars and Training Programs

Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC) to host Short-Term Visiting Program on June 24-25



The Asian Bankers Association (ABA), in collaboration with Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC), is pleased to announce the Short-Term Visiting Program to be held on June 24-25, 2026 in Manila, Philippines.

This 1.5-day program will bring together industry leaders and practitioners to exchange insights on key developments shaping the banking landscape, with a focus on digital innovation, financial inclusion, and emerging technologies. Topics are expected to cover areas such as digital banking platforms, open finance, payments innovation, and new frontiers including AI and stablecoin applications.

The program will feature a mix of expert-led sessions and interactive discussions, providing participants with practical perspectives and opportunities for knowledge exchange.

Further details, including the finalized program, session speakers, and recommended accommodations,



will be shared in due course.

Participation Details:

- Dates: June 24-25, 2026
- Venue: RCBC Plaza, Makati City, Philippines
- Capacity: 30–50 participants

Participation Fee: Free for ABA members, US\$ 200 for non-members

We encourage ABA members to take advantage of this opportunity to learn from RCBC's digital banking experience. For more information or to register for the program, please contact the ABA Secretariat at aba@aba.org.tw.

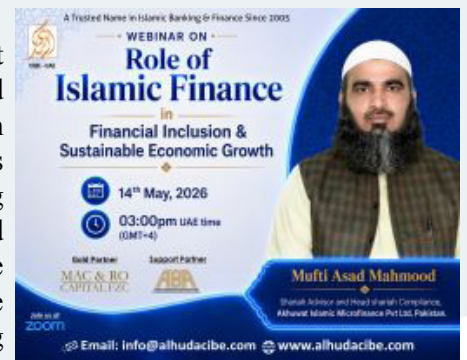
ABA Supports Webinar on Islamic Finance and Sustainable Economic Growth

The Asian Bankers Association (ABA), as a Supporting Partner, was pleased to support the webinar entitled “The Role of Islamic Finance in Financial Inclusion & Sustainable Economic Growth,” organized by AlHuda Centre of Islamic Banking and Economics on May 14, 2026.

The webinar brought together industry professionals and participants from across the region to discuss the growing role of Islamic finance in fostering financial inclusion, responsible investment, and sustainable economic development. Discussions highlighted how Islamic finance principles can contribute to empowering underserved communities, supporting ethical financial practices, and promoting long-term socio-economic

growth.

The event also provided participants with valuable insights into emerging opportunities and challenges in the Islamic finance sector, reinforcing the importance of collaboration in building a more inclusive and sustainable global financial ecosystem.



ABA Webinars and Training Programs

ABA Invites Members to Global Sustainable Finance Conference 2026



GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE FINANCE CONFERENCE

The invitation from the European Organisation for Sustainable Development to attend the Global Sustainable Finance Conference 2026 (GSFC 2026) to be held on 27-28 August 2026 in Karlsruhe, Germany.

The conference is held annually in Germany, GSFC is a senior international forum bringing together decision-makers from banking, finance, business and the public sector to address the practical challenges shaping the future of capital, competitiveness and growth.

The theme of this year's Conference of which the ABA is a supporting organization is **Turning Global Disruption into Investment at Scale.**

At a time of geopolitical uncertainty, capital market shifts, supply chain transformation and rising investment needs, GSFC 2026 focuses on the following practical priorities:

- Mobilising capital into productive sectors
- Financing infrastructure and sustainable growth

The Asian Bankers Association (ABA) would like to convey

- Building investment-ready pipelines
- Strengthening financial and banking resilience
- Translating disruption into long-term opportunity

Should your institution wish to participate in GSFC 2026, you are invited to submit an Expression of Interest, together with the names and designations of the proposed representatives.

Recognition of Excellence – Sustainable Finance Awards 2026

During the conference, a select group of institutions and leaders will be recognised for outstanding contributions to sustainable banking and finance in the following categories:

- Best Innovation in Sustainable Financial Products & Services
- Outstanding Sustainable Project Financing
- Outstanding Business Sustainability Achievement
- Sustainability Leader of the Year

For Expressions of Interest, participation enquiries or awards nominations, please contact: mail@eosd.org

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