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Navigating the Next Era of Financial Crime Risk & Compliance



The annual Anti-Money Laundering & Financial Crime Southern Africa Conference is back on the calendar this year and will take place for the 11th time.

After years of remediation programmes, technology advances, lookbacks, updating local and international standards and ever-increasing policies, many companies, especially in the financial sector will hope that 2026 and beyond will be more of the same.

But here is the bad news..... It will not!

Compared to only five years ago, Anti-Money Laundering (AML) in 2026 has shifted from a static, rule-based, manual documentation process to a dynamic, AI-driven, real-time risk management framework.

Remember criminals are clever people who will find new avenues all the time to overcome hurdles in their way.

Key changes include the mainstreaming of artificial intelligence, stricter global regulations targeting beneficial owners, expanded coverage of digital assets, and the integration of fraud detection with AML systems.

Across the world and southern Africa anti-money laundering (AML) is shifting from a defensive compliance exercise into a strategically scrutinised capability, judged on outcomes, not effort. This article focuses on what is genuinely new, not recycled advice. We are at the cutting edge.

Despite significant progress in developing a robust AML framework, South Africa still faces challenges in implementing and enforcing its regulations. Limited resources, capacity constraints, and the need for better coordination among regulators and law enforcement agencies have been identified as key obstacles to effective enforcement.

This year's programme will address all the important issues mentioned above. Our speaker panel includes representatives from the most important organisations in the AML ecosystem.

Nearly 300 people attended this annual gathering last year.

We once again invite all potential delegates to this important and popular industry event.

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND
THE AML & FINANCIAL CRIME SOUTHERN AFRICACONFERENCE 2026?

Professionals dealing with the following areas are expected to attend this conference:

financial crime * risk * governance* compliance * regulation * transaction monitoring * anti-money laundering * regulation * virtual assets * exchange control * auditing * fraud * enhanced due diligence * customer screening * sanctions * regulatory oversight * aml reporting * financial surveillance * investigations * auditing * forensics * tax * financial crime enforcement * bribery& corruption * cybersecurity * data privacy * emerging technology * insurance * third party risk * wealth management * kyc * digital identity verification



TOP 7 REASONS

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND
THE AML & FINANCIAL CRIME
SOUTHERN AFRICA CONFERENCE 2026

01 GAIN VALUABLE INSIGHTS
into the latest trends, challenges, and emerging best practices in anti-money laundering and financial crime prevention

02 STAY INFORMED
on current regulatory developments, compliance requirements, and financial crime risk management within the SADC region

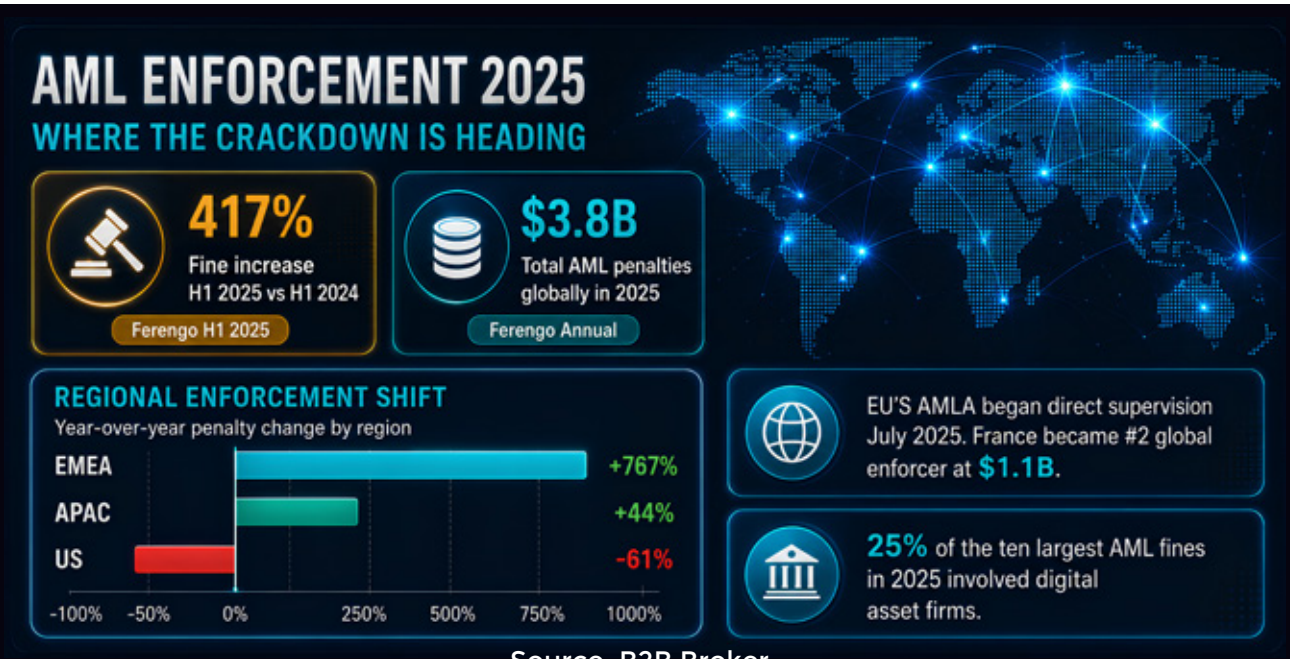
03 LEARN FROM LEADING INDUSTRY EXPERTS
and practitioners from banks, insurance companies, regulatory bodies, government institutions, and other organisations involved in combating financial crime and fraud

04 EXPLORE INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES
and practical tools used to detect, prevent, and combat money laundering and related financial crimes

05 DISCOVER THE LATEST AML SOLUTIONS,
strategies, and technological advancements shaping the future of financial crime prevention

06 EXPAND YOUR PROFESSIONAL NETWORK
by engaging with delegates, speakers, exhibitors, and key stakeholders across the financial crime and compliance landscape

07 STRENGTHEN YOUR PROFESSIONAL PROFILE
by demonstrating your commitment to continuous learning and staying current in the evolving AML and compliance environment



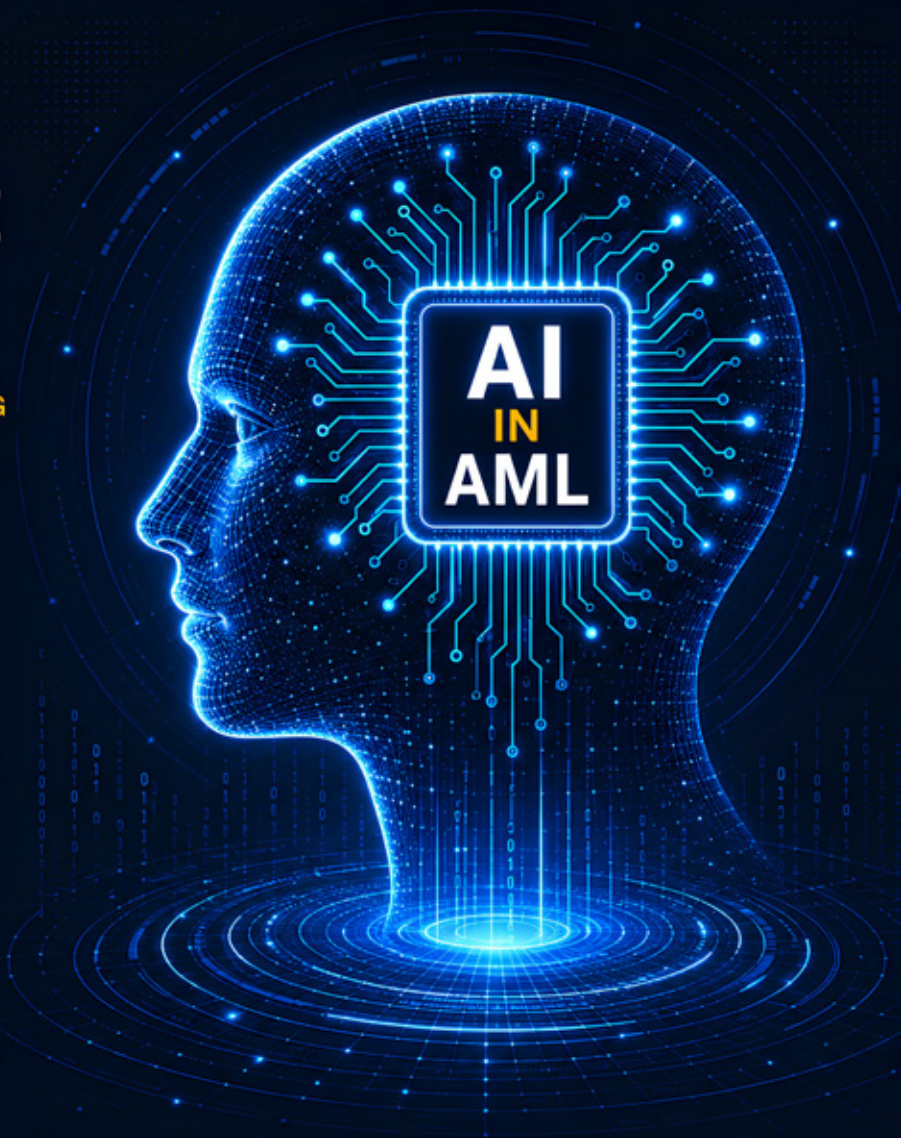
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ORGANISATIONS THAT ATTENDED THE
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HOW AI IS REVOLUTIONIZING THE AML LANDSCAPE

The fight against financial crime is evolving—and **AI** is leading the charge.



SMARTER TRANSACTION MONITORING
AI reduces false positives by recognizing complex patterns that traditional rule-based systems often miss.

REAL-TIME RISK DETECTION
Machine learning models process vast data instantly, allowing faster response to potential threats.

ENHANCED KYC & CUSTOMER DUE DILIGENCE
AI automates identity verification, behavioral analysis, and ongoing monitoring—improving compliance and efficiency.

REDUCED OPERATIONAL COSTS
By automating repetitive tasks, AI enables compliance teams to focus on high-risk cases and strategic decision-making.

IMPROVED SAR QUALITY
AI-assisted analysis leads to better narratives, clearer risk insights, and stronger regulatory reporting.

Source: ComplyAdvantage

MEET OUR ELITE SPEAKER PANEL



Steven Powell
Head: Forensics Department
ENS Africa



Angus Brown
Chief Executive Officer
Minit Money



Kathy Nicoloau-Manias
Programme Director
International Economic Partnership Programme



Lerato Lamola
Partner
Webber Wentzel



Kgothatso Mahlangu
Head: Fraud Operations Management
African Bank



Adv. Jan Augustyn
Manager Supervision & Enforcement
Financial Intelligence Centre



Davina Myburgh
Senior Director: Fraud & Emerging Markets
Transunion



Andrew Keightley-Smith
Senior Associate: Forensics
ENS



Graham Pampel
Senior Manager: Risk Advisory
Deloitte



Francois Combrinck
CEO
Frame AML



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Deon Griessel
Director
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Section Head: Forensic Accounting Investigation
SAPS- Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (the Hawks)



Pieter Alberts
Executive Manager: State Forensic Capability
Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa



Willem Els
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Financial Intelligent Centre



Adv Carina Coetzee
Senior Public Prosecutor
NPA



Ursula Pearson-Williams
Head: Fraud Intelligence
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Rakhee Dullabh
Director: Technology and Data Privacy
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Kate Barnes
Payments Head
FirstRand Bank



Shaun de Villiers
COO
Treasury One



Nicola Eschenburg
EMEA AML Strategy Leader
NICE Actimize



Dirk Findeisen
Managing Partner
msg Rethink Compliance



Dr Johann van der Lith
Regulatory Specialist: Regulatory Frameworks Department
Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA)



Lucinda Steenkamp
Senior Legal Advisor: Corporate Legal and Policy Support
Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC)



Carl Holliday
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James Saunders
Chief Technology Officer
RelyComply



Charmian Simmons
Principal Strategic Advisor: FinCrime Compliance
SymphonyAI

AML CONFERENCE 2025 DELEGATE FEEDBACK



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME DAY 1 — 9 September 2026

OVERVIEW – REGULATORY SCRUTINY AND POST-GREY LISTING REMEDIATION

08:20 **Opening of conference**

08:45 **Continued regulatory tightening & enforcement**
- risk understanding across supervised sectors
- key supervision insights
- all roads lead to reporting
- effectiveness under the 5th FATF methodology

Adv. Jan Augustyn, Senior Operations Manager: Monitoring, Inspection and Enforcement, Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa

09:25 **Strengthening AML/CFT effectiveness through forensic collaboration: the role of the Shared Forensic Capability**
- SFC mandate and its role in enabling effective information sharing between intelligence, supervisory, and law enforcement functions;
- practical frameworks and tools used to translate financial intelligence into forensic ready outputs;
- inter-agency collaboration models supporting complex money laundering, corruption, and serious financial crime investigations;
- managing legal, governance, and confidentiality considerations when sharing sensitive financial evidence;
- lessons learned and value delivered from integrated forensic and data analytics approaches;
- emerging enablers (data analytics, technology, and operational coordination) to strengthen future AML/CFT outcomes.

Pieter Alberts, Executive Manager: State Forensic Capability, Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa

10:05 Tea time

10:25 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Impact of geopolitical changes and regulatory shifts on anti-money laundering**

This panel discussion will examine how geopolitical changes are reshaping the global financial crime landscape. Panellists will discuss the effects of political instability, international conflicts, sanctions, trade restrictions, and shifting global alliances on anti-money laundering efforts, regulatory compliance, and financial crime risk management. The discussion will also explore how organisations can remain resilient and responsive in an increasingly uncertain and interconnected environment.
- **Lerato Lamola, Partner, Webber Wentzel**
- **Kathy Nicolaou-Manias, Programme Director, International Economic Partnership Programme**
- **Patricia Zvarayi, Senior Analyst for Financial Institutions, GCR Ratings**
- **Kevin West, Senior Managing Director: Forensic & Litigation Consulting, FTI Consulting**

LATEST TRENDS IN AML

11:15 **How Agentic AI is transforming anti-money laundering and RegTech**
Charmian Simmons, Principal Strategic Advisor: FinCrime Compliance, SymphonyAI

11:55 **Client Lifecycle Management (CLM)**
Fenergo

12:35 **Stop chasing alerts - start disrupting financial crime**
- legacy, rules-based monitoring creating noise and reactive organisations
- need for FIs to start combining AI, behavioural analytics and network insights, enabling real-time, intelligence-lead detection and decisioning
- what a future of real-time detection and prevention might look like

Nicola Eschenburg, EMEA AML Strategy Leader, NICE Actimize

13:15 Lunch

AML RISKS IN 2026 AND BEYOND

14:15 **Data privacy considerations in AML strategies and programmes**
- tension between transparency and privacy obligations under South African laws;
- complying with the 8 processing conditions under POPIA in the AML context;
- considerations for cross-border data transfers and information sharing;
- using automated decision-making and profiling lawfully; and
- why conducting privacy impact assessments is best practice.

Rakhee Dullabh, Director - Technology and Data Privacy, ENS

14:55 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Convergence of fraud and AML (FRAML)**
This panel discussion will explore the growing convergence of fraud and anti-money laundering (FRAML) functions within financial institutions. Panellists will discuss how fraud and money laundering activities are increasingly interconnected, the benefits and challenges of integrating detection and investigation processes, and the role of data sharing, technology, and analytics in improving risk identification. The session will also consider operational, regulatory, and organisational implications of adopting a unified FRAML approach to strengthen financial crime prevention.

- **Kgothatso Mahlangu, Head of Fraud Operations Management, African Bank**
- **Ursula Pearson-Williams, Head: Fraud Intelligence , Payinc**
- **Francois Combrinck, Financial Crime Technology Specialist & CEO, Frame AML**
- **Davina Myburgh, Senior Director: Fraud & Emerging Markets, Transunion**
- **Andrew Keightley-Smith , Senior Associate: Forensics, ENS**
- **Graham Pampel, Manager - Risk Advisory, Deloitte**

15:50 **End of Day 1**

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WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF SENIORITY?



AML RISKS IN 2006 AND BEYOND (CONTINUED)

08:45 **Customer due diligence - identifying, verifying, and assessing the risk profile of customers to prevent financial crime**

- why traditional KYC is no longer sufficient
- from static customer files to dynamic risk intelligence
- convergence of AML, fraud, sanctions, and customer risk management
- role of AI and intelligent automation in the future of CDD
- building a scalable and regulator-ready operating model.

Dirk Findeisen, Managing Partner, msg Rethink Compliance

09:25 **Crypto assets – controls, risks and regulatory frameworks**
Dr Johann van der Lith, Regulatory Specialist: Regulatory Frameworks Department, Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA)

10:05 Tea-time and networking

10:25 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Key AML challenges in the payments landscape**
This panel discussion will explore how innovation and digital transformation are reshaping the global payments ecosystem and the impact of money laundering & fraud. Panellists will examine the rise of real-time payments, mobile money, digital wallets, and fintech-driven solutions, alongside the associated opportunities for financial inclusion and efficiency. The discussion will also address emerging risks, including fraud, money laundering vulnerabilities, regulatory challenges, and the need for stronger oversight in an increasingly fast-moving and interconnected payments environment.

- **Angus Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Minit Money**
- **Kate Barnes, Payments Head, FirstRand Bank**
- **Nadiah Maharaj, COO FSR Platform and Payments, Firstrand Bank**
- **Shaun de Villiers, COO, Treasury One**
- **James Saunders, Founder & Chief Technology Officer, RelyComply**
- **Carl Holliday, Attorney Compliance Specialist, BeCompliant**

11:15 **Regulator adopting a 'positive bias' approach to managing cross-border capital flows to prevent money laundering**
- an overview of the draft Capital Flow Management (CFM) Regulations, which stand to replace the existing Exchange Control Regulations of 1961 and are said to be aimed at, amongst others,
- aligning the exchange control framework with Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recommendations, which combat money laundering, terrorist financing & the proliferation of illicit financial flows;
- bringing crypto assets within the ambit of the exchange control framework in order to address risks and ensure oversight of emerging financial instruments;
- clarifying exemptions, permissions and conditions;
- imposing administrative sanctions where there is non-compliance; and
- complementing existing regulation by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) and Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC).

Deon Griessel, Director, Werksmans Attorneys

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING COMPLIANCE FOR FINTECHS AND NON-BANKS

11:55 **AML risk and control in fintechs and non-banks.**
- RBA - absence, ignorance and the effect on your ability to effectively assess risk
- fintech vs banks - But is it the same?
- 3rd party reliance - the flood of consultants and your interest
- misunderstanding or no understanding of each other's products and risks
- the way forward - specialist vs. generalist

Johan Hetzel, Global Head: Compliance & Anti-Money Laundering, Luno

TERRORIST FINANCING, ORGANISED CRIME AND CORRUPTION

12:35 **Measures and risk areas of terrorist financing**
- global terrorist financing developments: recent trends and typologies
- South African terrorist financing risk focus areas: context, scope & materiality
- new and emerging terrorist financing threats affecting South Africa
- terrorist financing trends, typologies and case studies
- mitigating measures for effective detection and disruption

Lize van Schoor, Senior Legal and Policy Advisor, Financial Intelligence Centre

13:15 LUNCH

14:55 **Forensic accounting investigations**
- investigating money laundering, and identifying money laundering typologies.
- conducting lifestyle audits (as part of flow of funds/ following the money).
- role of digital forensics.
- testifying in court (legal support)
- 1 case study that is already in the public domain.

Brigadier Mafiwa Modise, Section Head: Forensic Accounting Investigation, SAPS- Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (the Hawks)

15:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Challenges of combatting organised crime in southern Africa**

This panel discussion will examine the key challenges in combating organised crime across Southern Africa. Panellists will dissect the evolving nature of transnational criminal networks, including, corruption and illicit financial flows, and how these activities impact regional stability and financial systems. The discussion will also highlight barriers to effective enforcement such as limited cross-border cooperation, resource constraints, regulatory inconsistencies, and information-sharing gaps, while considering strategies to strengthen regional collaboration, law enforcement capabilities, and financial crime prevention frameworks.
- **Carina Coetzee, Senior State Prosecutor, National Prosecuting Authority**
- **Steven Powell, Head: Forensics Department, ENS**
- **Lucinda Steenkamp, Senior Legal Advisor: Corporate Legal and Policy Support, Companies And Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC)**
- **Willem Els, Senior Training Coordinator and Senior Researcher in the ENACT programme, Institute for Security Studies**

16:20 **Closing of conference**

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WHAT ATTENDEES SAID



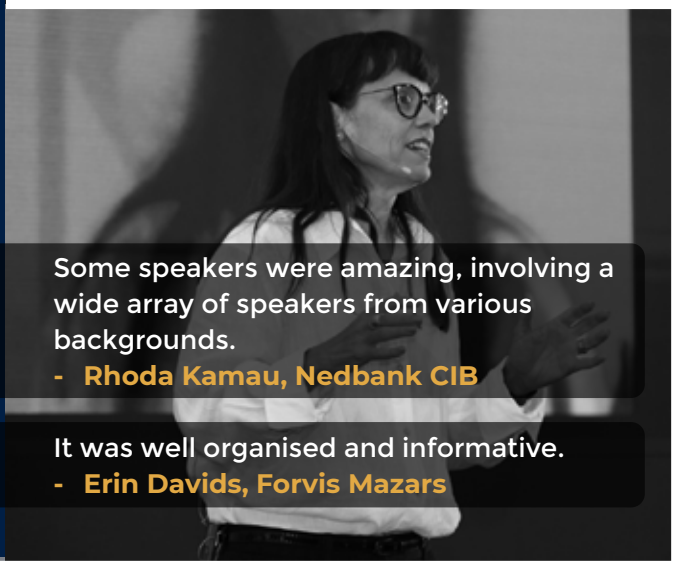
Panel members were well equipped in answering questions. Well organised and TCI staff are so efficient and friendly. A pleasure to deal with.
- **Janine Walker, Nedbank Group AML**

Although the session on the first day started with delay due to external event, the conference chairperson kept an effective time flow. Thank you.
- **Américo Jose Ubisse, First Capital Bank**



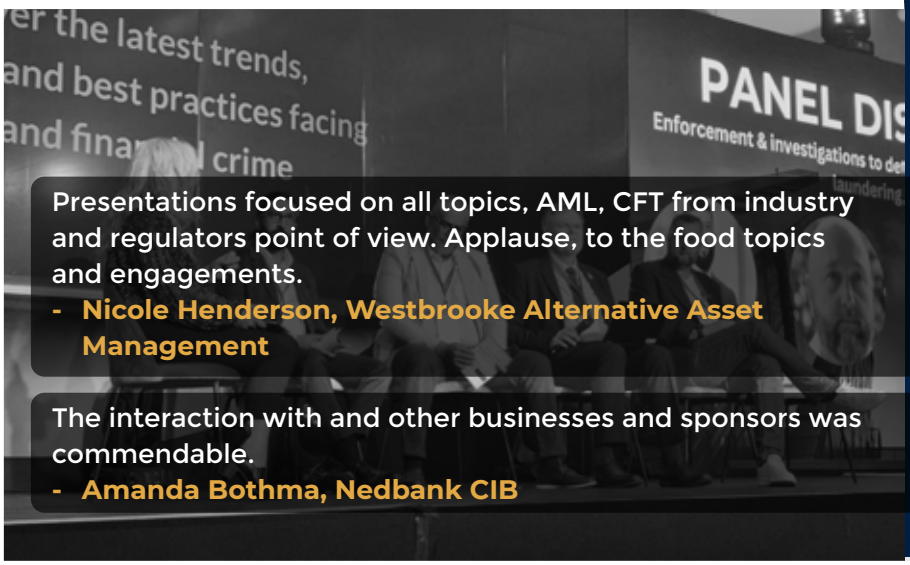
Speakers from NPA, border management had interesting insights.
- **Nthabiseng Maliehi, Absa**

Very informative and very well presented .
- **Kailin Sampson, Standard Bank Risk**



Some speakers were amazing, involving a wide array of speakers from various backgrounds.
- **Rhoda Kamau, Nedbank CIB**

It was well organised and informative.
- **Erin Davids, Forvis Mazars**



Presentations focused on all topics, AML, CFT from industry and regulators point of view. Applause, to the food topics and engagements.
- **Nicole Henderson, Westbrooke Alternative Asset Management**

The interaction with and other businesses and sponsors was commendable.
- **Amanda Bothma, Nedbank CIB**



The entire conference was very well executed. A special thank you to Zama, who ensured that I was able to attend despite my very late registration.
- **Unathi Gcilishe, Advocate**

Well organised. Enriched information – great regulatory participation.
- **Amritha Reddy, Transunion**



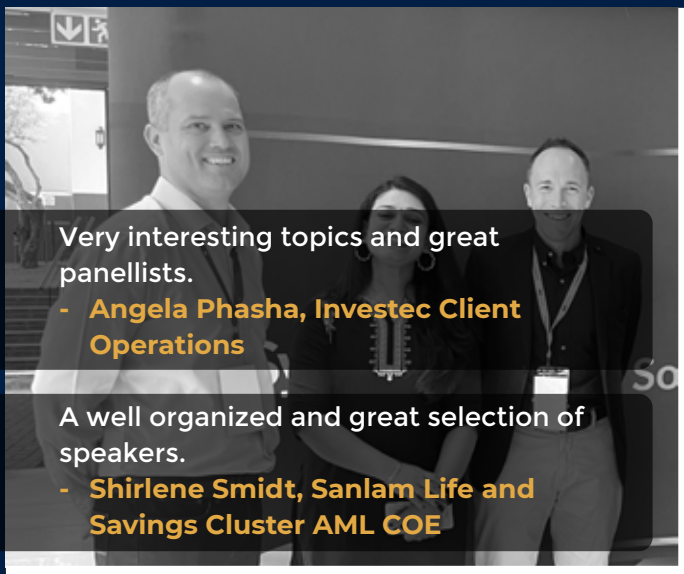
Thank you for organizing such events.
- **Nicole Majola, Nedbank Group AML**

Wonderful topics, speakers, coffee/tea and staff.
- **Nicole Handerson, Westbrooke Alternative Asset Management**

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Very interesting topics and great panellists.
- **Angela Phasha, Investec Client Operations**

A well organized and great selection of speakers.
- **Shirlene Smidt, Sanlam Life and Savings Cluster AML COE**



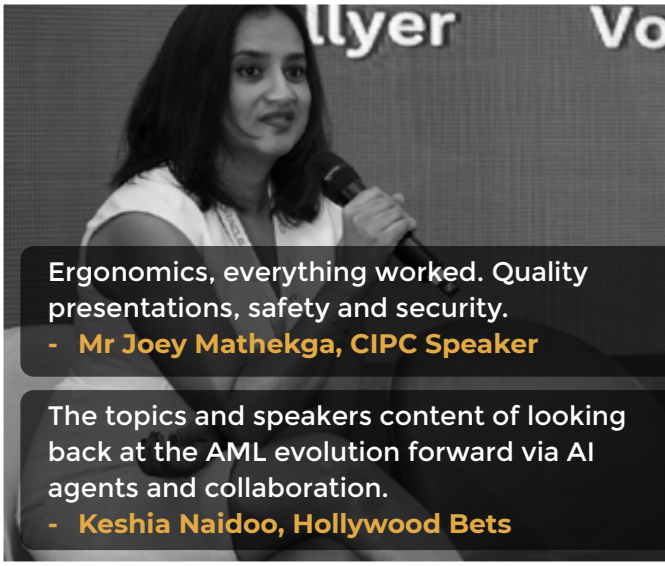
I'm in awe of the information shared with us over the 2 days, therefore Job well done sourcing the right speakers to participate.
- **Brenda Magoxo, Sanlam**

it was very informative conference that made me confident that, as a South African, we know that what needs to be done in order to get off the great list and stay off .
- **Tshepang Kere, The Banking Association South Africa**



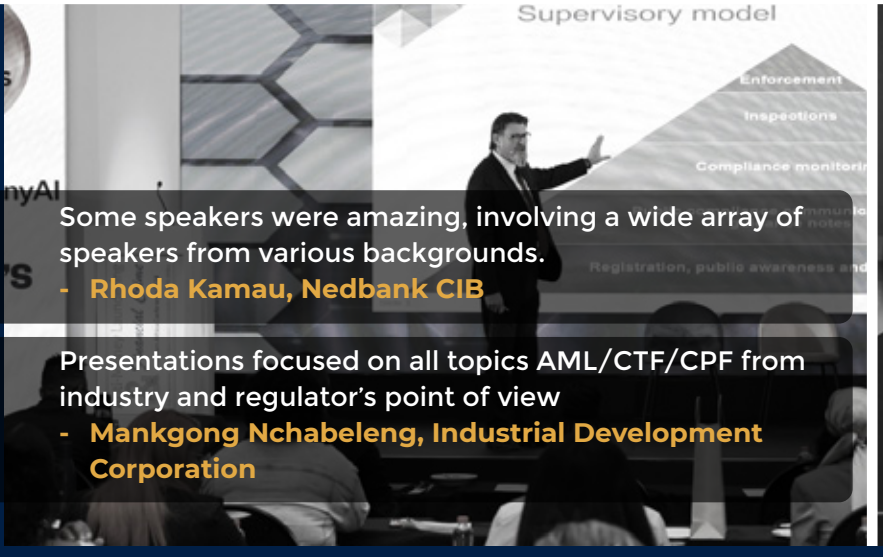
The conference was well organized and run. I thoroughly enjoyed General Chilembe's presentation. The cash discussion was informative, too. I loved how many gifts I got from sponsors, speakers were well chosen.
- **Busi Maqana, Nedbank Group AML.**

The speaker presentation especially the boarder management was fantastic.
- **Susan Boucher, Datanamix.**



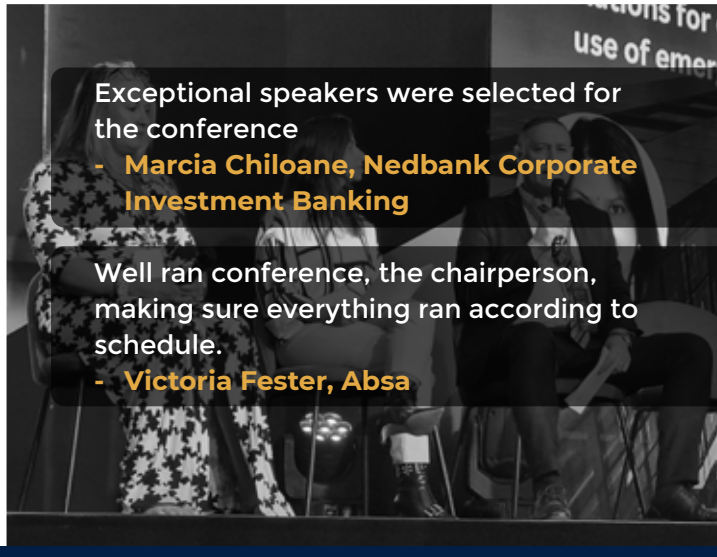
Ergonomics, everything worked. Quality presentations, safety and security.
- **Mr Joey Mathekga, CIPC Speaker**

The topics and speakers content of looking back at the AML evolution forward via AI agents and collaboration.
- **Keshia Naidoo, Hollywood Bets**



Some speakers were amazing, involving a wide array of speakers from various backgrounds.
- **Rhoda Kamau, Nedbank CIB**

Presentations focused on all topics AML/CTF/CPF from industry and regulator's point of view
- **Mankgong Nchabeleng, Industrial Development Corporation**



Exceptional speakers were selected for the conference
- **Marcia Chiloane, Nedbank Corporate Investment Banking**

Well ran conference, the chairperson, making sure everything ran according to schedule.
- **Victoria Fester, Absa**

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