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BUILDING RESILIENCE IN AN ERA OF STRATEGIC UNCERTAINTY

GEOPOLITICAL RISK MANAGEMENT FOR BANKS & BANKING SUPERVISORS

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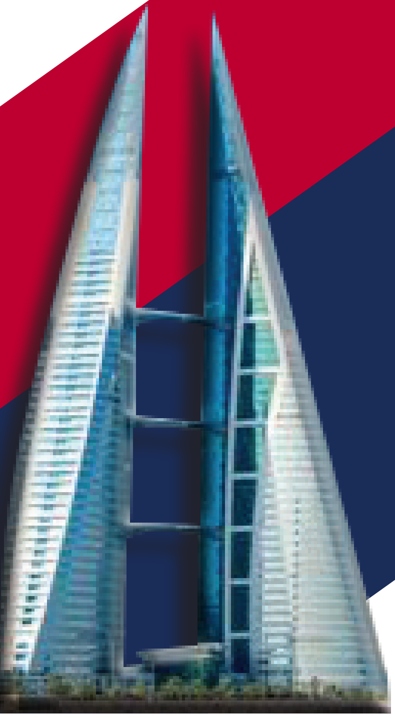

«From global tensions
to financial resilience:
transforming uncertainty into
preparedness»

BACKGROUND

The global banking landscape is being reshaped by an increasingly complex geopolitical environment characterized by geopolitical tensions, economic fragmentation, trade disputes, sanctions, regional conflicts, cyber threats, supply chain disruptions, and the accelerating pace of technological and policy change. These developments have transformed geopolitical risk from a strategic concern into a core financial risk that can materially affect banks› capital adequacy, liquidity, operational resilience, profitability, and overall financial stability.

International standard setters and supervisory authorities increasingly expect banks to identify, assess, monitor, and manage geopolitical risks within their enterprise risk management, governance, stress testing, and capital planning frameworks. At the same time, banking supervisors are enhancing their supervisory methodologies to evaluate institutions› preparedness for geopolitical shocks and their potential systemic implications.

This intensive three-day workshop provides participants with a comprehensive framework for understanding how geopolitical developments translate into banking and prudential risks. It equips both banks and supervisory authorities with practical tools to identify emerging vulnerabilities, integrate geopolitical risk into governance and ICAAP processes, develop robust stress testing and scenario analysis frameworks, strengthen operational resilience, and enhance supervisory review and crisis preparedness.

By combining international good practices, supervisory perspectives, practical case studies, and simulation exercises, the workshop enables participants to build institutional resilience and strengthen their organizations› ability to navigate an increasingly uncertain global environment while safeguarding financial stability.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Central Bank Supervisors
- Banking Regulators
- Risk management department
- Regulatory compliance department
- Internal audit department
- Financial control department
- Regulatory reporting unit
- Financial Stability Departments

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the workshop participants should be able to:

- Understand geopolitical risks and their transmission mechanisms into the financial sector.
- Integrate geopolitical risk into enterprise risk management.
- Assess macro-financial vulnerabilities arising from geopolitical shocks.
- Design supervisory expectations for geopolitical risk governance.
- Develop stress testing and scenario analysis frameworks.
- Strengthen operational resilience under geopolitical disruptions.
- Improve crisis preparedness and supervisory coordination.

TRAINER
MR. SHADI B. RIACHI

Mr. Riachi is a Senior Manager at EY Advisory Services in Luxembourg, where he specializes in Financial Services Risk Management (FSRM). With over 20 years of experience in the financial sector, he has established himself as an expert in banking regulations and analysis, risk management and capital adequacy.

Prior to joining EY, Mr. Riachi held managerial positions at the Lebanese Banking Supervisory Authority, where he honed his skills in regulatory compliance and risk assessment. His extensive knowledge in these areas has made him a sought-after speaker in the fields of Risk Management and Banking Regulations. He regularly conducts seminars and workshops for industry professionals in Lebanon and Saudi Arabia, covering a wide range of topics including banking regulations, capital adequacy, lending practices and financial statement analysis.

In addition to his advisory role, Mr. Riachi has shared his expertise as a lecturer at several universities, focusing on accounting, finance, and risk management. He has also served as a trainer for various banking certification programs and has been an instructor at the Finance and Risk Institute (FRI), where he teaches the CFA program.

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OUTLINE

DAY 1: IDENTIFYING & MEASURING GEOPOLITICAL RISK

Session 1: From Geopolitical Events to Prudential Risks
- Global geopolitical trends affecting financial systems
- Transmission channels from geopolitical events to banking risks
- Mapping geopolitical drivers to Basel risk categories
- Implications for financial stability

Session 2: Building a Geopolitical Risk Taxonomy
- Classification of geopolitical risk drivers
- Internal and external sources of exposure
- Geopolitical risk registers and key risk indicators
- Integration into Enterprise Risk Management

Session 3: Measuring Bank Exposure to Geopolitical Risk
- Country, sovereign and sector concentration analysis
- Cross-border and correspondent banking exposures
- Funding, liquidity and operational dependencies
- Development of exposure dashboards

Session 4: Supervisory Identification of Emerging Risks
- Early warning indicators and supervisory intelligence
- Macro-financial monitoring tools
- Supervisory heat maps and risk dashboards
- Escalation and intervention triggers

DAY 2: BANK GOVERNANCE, ICAAP AND STRESS TESTING

Session 5: Governance Expectations

- Board and senior management responsibilities
- Risk appetite and governance frameworks
- Roles of control functions
- Supervisory assessment of governance effectiveness

Session 6: Embedding Geopolitical Risk into ICAAP

- Materiality assessment of geopolitical risks
- Capital planning & internal capital adequacy
- Recovery planning and management actions
- Integration into strategic risk management

Session 7: Stress Testing Methodology

- Design of geopolitical stress scenarios
- Calibration of macro-financial shocks
- Assessment of capital, liquidity and profitability impacts
- Reverse stress testing techniques

Session 8: Operational Resilience under Geopolitical Stress

- Critical operations and business services
- Third party and ICT dependencies
- Business continuity and cyber resilience
- Operational resilience testing

DAY 3: SUPERVISORY REVIEW AND FINANCIAL STABILITY

Session 9: Supervisory Review Process (SREP)

- Incorporating geopolitical risk into supervisory reviews
- Assessment of governance, capital and liquidity
- Supervisory findings and remediation plans
- Risk-based supervisory practices

Session 10: Macro-prudential Surveillance

- Systemic risk and financial stability monitoring
- Contagion and interconnectedness analysis
- Sectoral and cross-border vulnerabilities
- Macro-prudential policy responses

Session 11: Supervisory Expectations and Good Practices

- Supervisory expectations for banks
- Governance, reporting and risk management practices
- Stress testing & operational resilience requirements
- Documentation and evidence of effective oversight

Session 12: Integrated Crisis Simulation

- End-to-end geopolitical crisis scenario
- Bank and supervisory decision-making
- Crisis coordination and communication
- Lessons learned & supervisory recommendations

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PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

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DATE: 28 – 30 September 2026

TIME: 09:00 am – 15:00 pm

LOCATION: MANAMA – KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

LANGUAGE: English

Important: Kindly ensure to complete all the information requested, without any abbreviations.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Name: ____________________

Position: ____________________

Institution Name: ____________________

Participant Contact Details (Tel - email): ____________________

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Participant Social Media: ____________________

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

GULF HOTEL From: __________ To: __________

Single Room: 55 BD(146$) ☐
Double Room: 64(170$) ☐

Participant Signature:

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Date: ____________________

MEANS OF PAYMENT:

FEES: UAB MEMBERS: $1250
UAB NON-MEMBERS: $1500

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