



With the Participation of the U.S. Department of Treasury

20th Anniversary - US-MENA Private Sector Dialogue (PSD) 2026:

MENA Banks under Current U.S. Regulatory Focus, Challenges and Opportunities

Treasury Priorities / Secondary Sanctions, Financial Integrity, Future of Correspondent Banking

November 9th, 2026

Hosted by: **Federal Reserve Bank of New York**

Headquarters: 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045

AGENDA & TIME TABLE

08:00 – 09:00 Registration & Morning Coffee

Welcoming Speeches & Opening Remarks

09:00 – 10:30

Opening & Keynote Remarks

- New York FED
- UAB
- U.S. Treasury
- PSD Founders
- Governors of Arab Central Banks

Celebrating 20 Years of the PSD

- Commemorating founding members
- Group Photo

10:30 – 12:00

Session I: U.S. regulatory priorities, sanctions and financial-crime risks:
What MENA Banks Need to Know

This Session will focus on:

- Evolving U.S. Treasury priorities and regulatory expectations for MENA banks.
- Navigating Evolving U.S. Sanctions: Identifying Indirect Exposure in Trade Finance, Beneficial Ownership and Payment Networks, and Meeting Correspondent Banking Expectations.
- Risk-based due diligence for complex customers, transactions and higher-risk counterparties.
- Managing indirect sanctions exposure through intermediaries, opaque ownership structures and third-country transactions.

12:00 – 13:15

Business Lunch & Networking

13:15 – 14:45

Session II: Financial integrity, correspondent banking and MENA financial developments

Focus: Syria & Lebanon

This Session will address the following key topics:

- Strengthening AML/CFT frameworks and regulatory effectiveness across the MENA region.
- The requirements for exiting the FATF grey list.
- Understanding Correspondent Banking Requirements: What Banks need to Build and Restore International Relationships?
- Advancing responsible financial-sector reform, legitimate investment and global financial integration.

14:45 – 15:45

Session III: Digital assets, payments and emerging financial technology

This Session will focus on:

- The GENIUS Act and evolving U.S. supervisory expectations for banks engaging in digital-asset, stablecoin and tokenization activities.
- Digital Assets and international payment/credit card compliance issues
- KYC, AML/CFT, sanctions compliance, transparency and financial-crime risks in the digital financial ecosystem, including risks associated with cross-border payments.
- The use of artificial intelligence in financial-crime detection and risk management, with appropriate governance and accountability.

15:45 – 16:30

Closing Session / Remarks (UAB, New York FED)
Networking and B2B Meetings