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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 & Breakfast

09:00 – 10:30 Welcome and Keynote Remarks

- **Robert Amenta**, Managing Director, Financial Intelligence & Investigations Unit, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- **Maria Judah,** Director - Terrorist Financing Targeting Center, Assistant Director- Middle East Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- **Wissam H. Fattouh**, Secretary General, Union of Arab Banks – PSD Co-Founder
- **Barry Schindler**, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- **Sean O'Malley** – Former Managing Director, and Head of the Financial Intelligence & Investigations Unit, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- **Wassim Manssouri,** First Vice Governor, Central Bank of Lebanon

Celebrating 20 Years of the PSD

- Commemorative Film: Celebrating 20 Years of the U.S. – MENA Public-Private Sector Dialogue (PSD). (TBD)
- Recognition of founding members of the PSD.
- Commemorative group photo

10:30 – 12:00 **Session I: U.S. regulatory priorities, sanctions and Illicit Finance Risks**

Session Overview:

- Evolving U.S. Treasury priorities and regulatory expectations for MENA banks.
- Navigating Evolving U.S. Sanctions and Identifying Indirect Exposure in Trade Finance, Beneficial Ownership structures, and Payment Networks while 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.

Scene Setter and Moderator:

Sean O'Malley, Former Managing Director and Head of the Financial Intelligence & Investigations Unit, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Panelists:

- **Jacqueline Shire**, Head of Financial Crime and Trading Compliance, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- **Chip Poncy**, Global co-Head, Financial Crimes Risk Management Practice, K2 Integrity, USA
- **Jesse Baker**, Managing Director, Head of AML and Sanctions Policy. Citi
- **Howard Mendelsohn**, President, Global Business Development and Engagement, Kharon. Former Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- **Faisal Ahmed**, Managing Partner, AKW Consultants, UAE

12:00 – 13:15 **Business Lunch & Networking**

13:15 – 14:45 **Session II: Financial Integrity, Correspondent Banking and MENA Financial Developments.**

Session Overview:

- Strengthening AML/CFT frameworks and regulatory effectiveness across the MENA region.
- Requirements for exiting the FATF grey list and the implications that follow.
- Understanding Correspondent Banking Requirements and the capabilities Banks need to develop and sustain International Banking Relationships
- Advancing responsible financial-sector reform amid current regional challenges.

Scene Setter and Moderator:

Chahdan Jebeyli, Esq., Senior International Advisor, Legal and Compliance, Union of Arab Banks and Lebanese Banks Association

Panelists:

- **Sarah K. Runge**, Executive Managing Director, K2 Integrity; Former U.S. Treasury FATF Lead, USA
- **Jamal El-Hindi**, Counsel, Clifford Chance US LLP, Former Deputy Director, FinCEN, U.S. Department of the Treasury, USA
- **Arz El Murr**, Senior Financial Expert, Legal Department, IMF
- **Nahla Khaddage Bou Diab**, CEO, AM Bank, Lebanon

14:45 – 15:45 Session III: Digital Assets, Payments and Emerging Financial Technology.

Session Overview

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

Scene Setter and Moderator:

Chahdan Jebeyli, Esq., Senior International Advisor, Legal and Compliance, Union of Arab Banks and Lebanese Banks Association

Panelists:

- **Howard Chang**, Founder & Chief Strategy Officer, EssentaTor, USA
- **Toufic Koussa**, Chairman, Whish Money, Lebanon
- **Nizar Adeeb**, CEO, Reputell, USA

15:45 – 16:30 Closing Session and Remarks

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