



CRF 2024 Conference

Doha, Qatar

Programme

Sunday, November 3 – Thursday, November 7

(Subject to minor amendment)



A. Overview

Day	Event / Theme	Notes
0	Welcome Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CRF Exco Meeting• Pre-Conference Reception
1	Future of Registries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference Opening• Presentations by host jurisdiction• Conference Sessions*
2	Role of Registries in tackling economic crime and enabling sustainable growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Half day conference• Half day social events
3	Beneficial Ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting of CRF's Global Beneficial Ownership Working Group• Sessions on Beneficial Ownership and related matters
4	Global Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference Sessions• Updates from CRF's Partners and International Organisations• Announcement of CRF 2025• Conference Closing• CRF AGM - 2024 (for CRF members only)

**Conference Sessions include presentations, panel discussions and parallel breakaway sessions on subjects relevant to business registries.*



Sunday, November 3 (Day 0)

19.00 – 22.00

- Pre-conference reception at [Marsa Katara](#)



Monday, November 4 (Day 1)

Highlights of the Day: Opening Ceremony, Host Country Updates

Theme of the Day: Future Registries

Venue: Hotel Le Royal Méridien Doha, Lusail, Doha, Qatar

Time	Session	Speakers/Moderators
08.30 – 09.30	Registration and Networking (60 mins)	
08.30 – 09.15	CRF President's Meeting with Presidents of other Associations (invite only)	
09.30 – 11.00	Inauguration Ceremony (90 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Speech by Conference Director• Inaugural Address• Presidential Address by CRF President• Address by CEO of QFC Authority• Address by other dignitaries• Host country updates• Members roll call by CRF General Secretary	
11.00 – 11.20	Coffee Break (20 mins)	
11.20 – 11.50	Conference Session 1 (Presentation and conversation - 30 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) in registries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aditya Sinha, QFC• Seema Borkhataria, QFC



11.50 – 12.30

**Conference Session 2
(Panel Discussion - 40 mins)
(Session sponsored by Moody's)**

- Business registers as service providers: leveraging registry data
 - Organisational digital identity
 - Added value dashboards
 - APIs for mass consumption
 - What the public can do with our data

Moderator

- La Donna John, Belize

Speakers

- Charlie Boundy, UK Companies House
- Marco Vianello, InfoCamere Italy
- Johanna Konrad, Moody's

12.30 – 13.50

**Group Photo Session and Lunch Break
(80 mins)**

13.50 – 14.20

Conference Session 3 (30 mins)

- Role Legal Entity Identifiers
- Bringing sustainability reporting costs to an acceptable level for SMEs

Moderator:

- Chin Li Fen, ACRA, Singapore

Speakers:

- Ricco Dun, GLEIF
- Chris Taggart, Open Corporates

14.20 – 14.30

Sponsor slot (10 mins)

14.30 – 15.10

**Conference Session 4
(Panel Discussion - 40 mins)**

- Future of registries, challenges and priorities.
 - Digitisation and AI
 - Building Capabilities for Future of registry
 - How registries can use data to improve their services

Moderator:

- Tuifa'asisina Sieni Tualega-Voorwinden, Samoa International Finance Authority (SIFA)

Speakers:

- Charlie Boundy, UK Companies House
- Chin Li Fen, ACRA, Singapore



15.10 – 15.30

Coffee Break (20 mins)

15.30 – 15.50

**Conference Session 5
(Presentation - 20 mins)**

- Regulation of Company Service Providers

Presenter

- Wren Wu,
Hong Kong China

15.50 – 16.10

**Conference Session 6
(Presentation - 20 mins)**

- Registry Updates: Turkiye

Presenter

- Dr Recep Bozer,
Turkiye

END OF DAY 1 of the CONFERENCE

19.00 – 22.00

Cultural Gala Dinner at [Sharq Village resort](#)



Tuesday, November 5 (Day 2)

Highlights of the Day: Half day conference, half day social outing

Theme of the Day: Role of Registries in tackling economic crimes and enabling sustainable growth

Venue: Hotel Le Royal Méridien Doha, Lusail, Doha, Qatar

Time	Session	Speakers/Moderators
08.40 – 09.00	Networking (20 mins)	
09.00 – 09.10	Recap of the previous day (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martin Fidler Jones, CRF General Secretary
09.10 – 09.50	Conference Session 7 (Discussion - 40 mins) Strategic intelligence assessment and compliance framework, at Companies House, UK	Moderator/MC: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• La Donna John, Belize Companies & Corporate Affairs Registry Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martin Swain, UK Companies House
09.50 – 10.00	Sponsor slot (10 mins)	
10.00 – 10.20	Coffee Break (20 mins)	



10.20 – 11.50

Conference Session 8 (90 mins)

- Regional enforcement challenges, monitoring, enforcement, and effective penalty regimes (50 mins)
- **Regional Sessions in separate rooms** for:
 - Africa and Middle East
 - Europe
 - Asia and Pacific

Moderator:

- Bolen Ng, New Zealand

Regional Rapporteurs

- Africa and Middle East - Monaheng Monaheng, Lesotho
- Europe - Celia Johnson, Germany
- **Asia and Pacific** - Chin Li Fen, ACRA, Singapore

- **Global discussion**

- Regional reflections
- Validity of data
- Discrepancy reporting and whistleblowing

Global Discussion

- Martin Swain, UK Companies House
- Charlie Boundy, UK Companies House

11.50 – 12.00

Sponsor slot (10 mins)

12.00 – 12.30

Conference Session 9 (30 mins)

UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Key Principles of a Business Registry

Presenter:

- Monica Canafoglia, UNCITRAL

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch Break (60 mins)

END OF DAY 2 of the CONFERENCE

13.30 – 18.00

Social Outing

- Half day sightseeing tour of Doha in open double-decker buses
- Desert Safari (4 guests in one Landcruiser)



Wednesday, November 6 (Day 3)

Highlights of the Day: A full day of the conference dedicated for Beneficial Ownership and related topics. Overseen by CRF's Global Beneficial Ownership Working Group

Theme of the Day: Beneficial Ownership - Empowering Beneficial Ownership Globally

Venue: Hotel Le Royal Méridien Doha, Lusail, Doha, Qatar

Time	Session	Speakers/Moderators
08.40 – 09.00	Networking (20 mins)	
09.00 – 09.10	Recap of the previous day (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martin Fidler Jones, CRF General Secretary•
09.10 – 09.30	Opening of the Working Group (20 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speech by Working Group Chair.• Plans for the future	Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas, Malta Business Registry – Working Group Chair (online)• Martin Fidler Jones, CRF General Secretary
09.30 – 10.30	Conference Session 10 (Panel Discussion - 60 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Empowering Beneficial Ownership Globally	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martin Fidler Jones, CRF General Secretary Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stephen Abbott Pugh, Open Ownership• Karla Aman, France
10.30 – 10.50	Coffee break (20 mins)	

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Coffee break (20 mins)

10.50 – 12.00

Conference Session 11 (70 mins)

- AML Legal framework across the globe

Moderator:

- Andrew Schembri,
Malta Business Registry

Speakers:

- Gerard Prast Clavero,
Moneyval.
- Ulf Krause,
Bundesanzeiger.
- Adel Chouari,
Tunisia.
- Jean Paul Cassar,
Malta Business Registry

12.00 – 13.00

Lunch break (50 mins)

13.00 – 14.20

Conference Session 12 (80 mins)

- Global beneficial ownership insights

Moderator:

- Nor Azimah Abdul Aziz,
Companies Commission of
Malaysia (SSM)

Speakers:

- Chia-Tern Huey Min,
ACRA Singapore
- Khairani Yusof,
Companies Commission of
Malaysia (SSM)
- Claude Haylock,
Belize Companies &
Corporate Affairs Registry

14.20 – 14.40

Coffee break (20 mins)



14.40 – 16.10

Conference Session 13 (90 mins)

Navigating International Regulatory Frameworks: Perspectives and Experiences in Collaboration with FATF, MONEYVAL, and Beyond

Moderator:

- Martin Fidler Jones, CRF General Secretary

Speakers:

- Dr. Geraldine Spiteri Lucas, Malta Business Registry
- Alexandre Taymans, EU AML/ CFT Global Facility (online)
- Stephen Webster, UK Government
- Chia-Tern Huey Min, ACRA, Singapore
- Richard Chalmers

16.10 – 16.30

Conclusion of the Day's Sessions (20 mins)

- Recap of the day

Hilda Chang,
CRF Assistant Secretary

END OF DAY 3 of the CONFERENCE

19.30 – 22.30

Finale Dinner at [MIA Atrium](#)



Thursday, November 7 (Day 4)

Highlights of the Day: Conference Sessions, Updates from other organisations, Closing of the Conference and CRF AGM 2024

Theme of the Day: Global Cooperation among Registries

Venue: Hotel Le Royal Méridien Doha, Lusail, Doha, Qatar

Time	Session	Speakers/Moderators
08.40 – 09.00	Networking (20 mins)	
09.00 – 09.30	Signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) between CRF Member Jurisdictions (30mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MoU between Maldives and QFC• MoU between Maldives and ADGM	
09.30 – 09.40	Recap of the previous day (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martin Fidler Jones, CRF General Secretary
09.40 – 10.00	Conference Session 14 (20 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Registry Insights - trends in penalties across the globe	Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angela Doneva, North Macedonia• Christoph Labenski, Germany
10.00 – 10.20	Conference Session 15 (20 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissolution of Companies without liquidation – Challenges	Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sapiyah Ambo, Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM)• Yves Gonner, Luxembourg Business Registers



10.20 – 11.00

Conference Session 16 (40 mins)

- Corporate Redomiciliation – Challenges

Moderator:

- Tuifa'asisina Sieni
Tualega-Voorwinden,
Samoa International
Finance Authority (SIFA)

Speakers

- Abdul Rasheed Purayil,
QFC
- Antonina Buts,
Kazakhstan

11.00 – 11.20

**Conference Session 17 (20 mins)
Presentation by World Bank**

Presenter

- Frederic Meunier,
World Bank

11.20 – 12.20

Conference Sessions 18 (40 mins)

- Presentations by EBRA
- Presentations by IACA
- Presentations by AFREC
- Presentation by ASORLAC

12.20 – 13.20

Conference Conclusion (60 mins)

- Concluding remarks and next year's host announcement by CRF President
- Invitation address by 2025 host jurisdiction
- Vote of thanks and concluding remarks by Conference Director

13.20 – 14.20

Lunch (60 mins)

Conference Ends

14.30 – 15.10

2024 CRF Annual General Meeting (40 mins)

(local time 0600 Washington DC, 1900 Hong Kong, 0000 Wellington)

