

Subject: Attendance approval request – ICA FinCrime & Banking Forum 2026

Dear [Approver's Name],

I'm writing to request approval to attend the **ICA FinCrime & Banking Forum**, taking place on **8 October 2026** at **1 America Square, London, EC3N 2LB**.

Organised by the **International Compliance Association (ICA)**, this is the only event dedicated exclusively to **senior financial crime prevention professionals working in the UK and European banking sector**.

With the landscape evolving rapidly - from sanctions and AI risks to fraud typologies and regulatory reform - this one-day forum offers concentrated, practical learning aligned to our challenges. It also contributes meaningfully to my **continuing professional development (CPD)** and certification requirements.

There is also the opportunity for delegates to extend their ticket to attend a pre-conference Masterclass on the afternoon of the 7 October, which may further support my business case for travel to London and time out of the office.

Key benefits of attendance

1. Targeted, banking-specific content

Every session is built around the realities of financial crime risk in the banking sector - ensuring content is directly relevant to our work. Topics include **AMLA readiness, SEPA Instant, AI governance, sanctions pressure, fraud convergence, and cross-sector information sharing** – as well as ongoing and evolving obligations under UK, EU and global regulation

2. Structured, accredited CPD

Attendance provides up to **9 CPD hours** supporting both my professional certification and our wider commitment to maintaining regulatory competence and audit-ready compliance frameworks. The agenda includes practical workshops, peer discussions, and strategic panels that contribute directly to my annual learning goals.

3. Peer benchmarking and network-building

With 200+ senior practitioners attending, the forum creates a unique opportunity to benchmark with banks facing similar challenges, explore best practices under Chatham House Rule, and strengthen our external network across the UK and EU compliance community.

4. Future-focused, actionable learning

The agenda goes beyond theory, offering tools to help shape our 2027 compliance strategy. This event offers a unique conversation between banks, which I believe we want to be a part of. Through a highly interactive agenda, **the primary focus is on shared learning, benchmarking and establishing best practice**. By attending, our organisation can keep up to date with the dynamic external environment and also bring back new ideas to solve critical internal challenges, as we face a new era of AI and automation.

Event details

- **Event:** ICA FinCrime & Banking Forum
- **Date:** 8 October 2026 (with Pre-Conference Masterclass 7 October from 1pm)
- **Location:** 1 America Square, London, EC3N 2LB
- **Organiser:** International Compliance Association (ICA)
- **Cost:** View the [event website registration form](#) (early-bird or ICA member discounts may apply)
- **More Info:** [ICA FinCrime & Banking Forum website](#)

Attending this forum is a valuable opportunity to support my own development and bring back practical insights that can strengthen our financial crime controls, risk frameworks, and regulatory readiness heading into 2027.

Thank you for considering this request. I'd be happy to provide more detail or discuss further.

Kind regards,

[Your Name]

[Your Job Title]

[Your Department]

[Contact Details]