



PROGRAM

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📅 May, 8th 2026



BCEAO
CENTRAL BANK OF
WEST AFRICAN STATES





TIME	AGENDA
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8:00 am 8:30 am	Welcoming participants
8:30 am 9:00 am	Arrival of Officials
9:00 am 9:40 am	Official Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group photo• Welcome address by the Governor of the BCEAO• Opening remarks by the Senegalese Authorities
9:40 am 10:10 am	Introductory address on the theme: Digital assets and their use in financial trading markets Governor Lisa D. Cook , Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

10:10 am 11:20 am	PANEL 1: DIGITAL INNOVATIONS AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL LANDSCAPE
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Objective: *This panel will present an overview of the challenges associated with recent developments in the financial ecosystem, including the rise of FinTechs, the expansion of instant payment infrastructures, the tokenization of financial assets, and the emergence of new financial service delivery models.*

Moderator:

Mr. Abdoulaye DIALLO, Partner, Advisory Services in Regulatory and Risk Management, KPMG Canada.

Keynote Speakers:

- **Dr. Michel RUIMY**, Lecturer-researcher at Sciences Po Paris and Paris Dauphine University.
- **Mr. Bertrand MILOT**, President and co-founder of Bradley & Rollins, Associate Researcher at the Canada Research Chair in Cybersecurity, Université de Montréal.

Panelists:

- **Dr. Emomotimi AGAMA**, Director General of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Nigeria;
- **Mr. Carel de JAGER**, Founder & CEO of Sixpence, a blockchain analytics firm. Thought leader in the South African blockchain industry;
- **Dr. Erik FEYEN**, Head of Global Macro-Financial Monitoring and Lead Financial Sector Economist, Finance Global Practice, World Bank.

11:20 am 11:35 am	Coffee Break
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11:35 am
12:50 pm

**PANEL 2: THE RISE OF STABLECOINS: IMPLICATIONS FOR MONETARY
POLICY AND FINANCIAL STABILITY**

Objective: *The discussions will examine the potential effects of stablecoins on monetary policy transmission, the structure of bank balance sheets, financial disintermediation, and the preservation of financial stability.*

Moderator:

Dr. Michel RUIMY, Lecturer-researcher at Sciences Po Paris and Paris Dauphine University.

Keynote Speakers:

- **Mr. Oumar Diallo**, Founder and Senior Partner of RegelWerk Strategies™, specializing in regulatory strategy, governance, and international trade;
- **Dr. Luca Antonio RICCI**, Assistant Director and Mission Chief at International Monetary Fund's (IMF).

Panelists:

- **Mr. Yvon SANA BANGUI**, Governor of the BEAC (Bank of Central African States);
- **Dr. Ibrahim Lahai STEVENS**, Governor of the Central Bank of Sierra Leone;
- **Dr. Kamau THUGGE**, Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya.

1:00 pm
2:15 pm

**PANEL 3: REGULATION, PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION, AND REGIONAL
COOPERATION**

Objective: *This panel aims to identify avenues for strengthening regulatory and supervisory frameworks suited to the expansion of crypto-assets, the implementation of Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs), and the transformations brought about by tokenization. Discussions will also highlight the importance of monetary sovereignty, inter-institutional cooperation, and dialogue among public authorities, the financial sector, and innovation stakeholders.*

Moderator:

Mr. Eric Amah EKUE, Former Secretary-General of the WAMU Banking Commission.

Keynote Speakers:

- **Mr. Abdoulaye DIALLO**, Partner, Advisory Services in Regulatory and Risk Management, KPMG Canada;
- **Mr. Juan Carlos CRISANTO**, Deputy Head of the Financial Stability Institute (FSI); Expert in financial regulation and banking supervision.

Panelists:

- **Dr. Priscilla MUTHOORA THAKOOR**, Governor of the Central Bank of Mauritius;
- **Dr. Rogério Lucas ZANDAMELA**, Governor of the Central Bank of Mozambique;
- **Mr. Ivan ODONNAT**, Director General for Financial Stability and Operations, Banque de France.

2:15 pm
3:15 pm

LUNCH



3:15 pm
4:30 pm

**PANEL 4 : CYBERSECURITY, FINANCIAL INTEGRITY, AND CENTRAL BANK
DATA PROTECTION**

Objective: *This panel will focus on identifying and managing operational risks associated with the accelerating digitization of financial services. Topics will include the risks of cyberattacks, fraud, money laundering, terrorism financing, as well as challenges related to central bank data protection and digital sovereignty.*

Moderator :

Mr. Bertrand MILOT, President and Co-founder of Bradley & Rollins, Associate Researcher at the Canada Research Chair in Cybersecurity, Université de Montréal.

Keynote Speakers :

- **Dr. Albert ANTWI-BOASIAKO**, Executive Chairman, e-Crime Bureau;
- **Dr. Badr BELLAJ**, Director of innovation and technology at Mchain;
- **Mr. Kevin HUARD**, Expert in technological transformation and artificial intelligence, Boston Consulting Group.

Panelists :

- **Mr. André WAMESO**, Governor of the Central Bank of Congo;
- **Dr. Kealeboga MASALILA**, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Botswana;
- **Mr. Mourad ABDESSALEM**, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia.

4:30 pm
4:45 pm

Coffee Break

4:45 pm
6:15 pm

**CENTRAL BANK GOVERNORS' ROUNDTABLE: «CRYPTO-ASSETS AND DIGITAL
INNOVATIONS: WHAT LESSONS FOR CENTRAL BANKS?»**

Objective: *This session will offer Governors the opportunity to: (i) share their strategic vision on the regulation of digital assets; (ii) identify common priorities regarding financial stability and the preservation of monetary sovereignty; and (iii) define the pillars of regional cooperation for a safe and controlled adoption of emerging financial technologies.*

Moderator :

Dr. Norbert TOE, Former Deputy Governor of the BCEAO.

Intervenants :

- **Dr. Jean-Claude Kassi BROU**, Governor of the BCEAO (Central Bank of West African States);
- **Mr. Yvon SANA BANGUI**, Governor of the BEAC (Bank of Central African States);
- **Dr. Priscilla MUTHOORA THAKOOR**, Governor of the Central Bank of Mauritius;
- **Mr. Henry F. SAAMOI**, Governor of the Central Bank of Liberia;
- **Dr. Rogério Lucas ZANDAMELA**, Governor of the Central Bank of Mozambique;
- **Mr. Agostinho QUARESMA DOS SANTOS AFONSO FERNANDES**, Governor of the Central Bank of de São Tome e Principe.

6:15 pm
6:45 pm

Vote of thanks and closing remarks by the Governor of BCEAO

8:00 pm
10:00 pm

Gala Dinner