



# CRF 2024 Conference

## Doha, Qatar

### Programme

Sunday, November 3 – Thursday, November 7

(Draft, subject to further minor amendments)



## A. Overview

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

*\*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 and registration at Marsa Katara (<https://www.ghmhotels.com/en/katara/dining/la-marsa/>)



# 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	<b>Registration and Networking (60 mins)</b>	
08.30 – 09.15	<b>CRF Presidential Roundtable with Partner Associations (invite only)</b>	
09.30 – 11.00	<b>Inauguration Ceremony (90 mins)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Welcome Speech by Conference Director</li><li>· Inaugural Address</li><li>· Presidential Address by CRF President</li><li>· Address by CEO of QFC Authority</li><li>· Address by other dignitaries</li><li>· Member Roll Call by General Secretary</li></ul>	
11.00 – 11.20	<b>Coffee Break (20 mins)</b>	
11.20 – 11.50	<b>Conference Session 1 (30 mins)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Updates from Qatar</li></ul>	



11.50 – 12.30	<b>Conference Session 2 (Panel Discussion - 40 mins) (Session sponsored by Moody's)</b>	<b>Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>La Donna John, Belize</li> </ul> <b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charlie Boundy, UK Companies House</li> <li>Marco Vianello, InfoCamere Italy</li> <li>Johanna Konrad, Moody's</li> </ul>
12.30 – 13.50	<b>Group Photo Session and Lunch Break (80 mins)</b>	
13.50 – 14.20	<b>Conference Session 3 (30 mins)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role Legal Entity Identifiers</li> <li>Bringing sustainability reporting costs to an acceptable level for SMEs</li> </ul>	<b>Moderator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chin Li Fen, ACRA Singapore</li> </ul> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ricco Dun, GLEIF</li> <li>Chris Taggart, Open Corporates</li> </ul>
14.20 – 14.30	<b>Sponsor slot (10 mins)</b>	
14.30 – 15.10	<b>Conference Session 4 (Panel Discussion - 40 mins)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future of registries, challenges and priorities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digitisation and AI</li> <li>Building Capabilities for Future of registry</li> <li>How registries can use data to improve their services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Moderator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuifa'asisina Sieni Tualega-Voorwinden, Samoa International Finance Authority (SIFA)</li> </ul> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charlie Boundy, UK Companies House</li> <li>Chin Li Fen, ACRA, Singapore</li> </ul>



15.10 – 15.30

**Coffee Break (20 mins)**

15.30 – 15.50

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

**Presenter**

Wren Wu, Hong Kong China

- Regulation of Company Service Providers

15.50 – 16.10

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

**Presenter**

Dr. Recep Bozer, Turkiye

- Registry Updates: Turkiye

**END OF DAY 1 of the CONFERENCE**

19.00 – 22.00

**Cultural Gala Dinner at Sharq Village resort**

**<https://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/dohsq-sharq-village-and-spa-a-ritz-carlton-hotel/overview/>**



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



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
- **Global Discussion** (40 mins)
  - Regional reflections
  - Validity of data
  - Discrepancy reporting and whistleblowing

**Moderator:**

- Bolen Ng,  
New Zealand Companies  
Office

**Regional Rapporteurs**

- Africa and Middle East-  
Monaheng Monaheng,  
Lesotho
- Europe - Celia Johnson,  
North Rhine Westphalia
- Asia - Chin Li Fen, ACRA,  
Singapore
- Martin Swain,  
UK Companies House
- Charlie Boundy,  
UK Companies House

11.50 – 12.00

**Sponsor slot (10 mins)**

12.00 – 12.20

**Conference Session 9 (30 mins)**  
UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Key  
Principles of a Business Registry

**Presenter:**

- Monica Canafoglia,  
UNCITRAL

12.20 – 13.20

**Lunch Break (60 mins)**

**END OF DAY 2 of the CONFERENCE**

13.20 – 18.00

**Social Outing**

- Half day sightseeing tour of Doha in open double-decker buses
- Desert Safari





## 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	<b>Networking (20 mins)</b>	
09.00 – 09.10	<b>Recap of the previous day (10 mins)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Martin Fidler Jones, CRF General Secretary</li></ul>
09.10 – 09.30	<b>Opening of the Working Group (20 mins)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speech by Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas</li><li>• Plans for the future</li></ul>	<b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Martin Fidler Jones, CRF General Secretary</li><li>• Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas, Malta (online)</li></ul>
09.30 – 09.40	<b>Sponsor slot (10 mins)</b>	
09.40 – 10.40	<b>Conference Session 10 (Panel Discussion - 60 mins)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Empowering Beneficial Ownership Globally</li></ul>	<b>Moderator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Martin Fidler Jones, CRF General Secretary</li></ul> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stephen Abbott Pugh, Head of Technology, Open Ownership</li><li>• Karla Aman, National Council of Registrars of Commercial Courts Information, France</li><li>• Ramandeep Chhina, Director (AML/CFT), FLE Compliance, USA (online)</li></ul>



10.40 – 11.00

**Coffee break (20 mins)**

11.00 – 12.00

**Conference Session 11 (60 mins)**

- AML Legal framework across the globe

**Moderator:**

- Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas, Malta (online)

**Speakers:**

- Ulf Krause, Bundesanzeiger
- Adel Chouari, Tunisia

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, SSM, Malaysia

**Speakers:**

- Chia-Tern Huey Min, ACRA, Singapore
- Khairani Yusof, SSM, Malaysia
- Claude Haylock, Belize

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:**

- Stephen Webster, UK Government
- Alexandre Taymans, EU AML/CFT Global Facility (online)
- Chia-Tern Huey Min, ACRA, Singapore

16.10 – 16.30

**Conclusion of the Day's Sessions (20 mins)**

- Recap of the day
- Future plans

- Martin Fidler Jones, CRF General Secretary

**END OF DAY 3 of the CONFERENCE**

19.30 – 22.30

**Finale Dinner at MIA Atrium (<https://inq-catering.com/en/spaces/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	<b>Networking (20 mins)</b>	
09.00 – 09.10	<b>Recap of the previous day (10 mins)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Martin Fidler Jones, CRF General Secretary</li></ul>
09.10 – 09.30	<b>Conference Session 14 (20 mins)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business Registry Insights - trends in penalties across the globe</li></ul>	<b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Angela Doneva, North Macedonia</li><li>• Christoph Labenski, North Rhine Westphalia</li></ul>
09.20 – 09.40	<b>Conference Session 15 (20 mins)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissolution of Companies without liquidation – Challenges</li></ul>	<b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sapiah Ambo, SSM Malaysia</li><li>• Yves Gonner, Luxembourg Business Register</li></ul>
09.40 – 10.30	<b>Conference Session 16 (40 mins)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corporate Redomiciliation – Challenges</li></ul>	<b>Moderator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuifa'asisina Sieni Tualega-Voorwinden, Samoa</li></ul> <b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abdul Rasheed Purayil, QFC</li><li>• Nor Azimah, Companies Commission o Malaysia (SSM)</li><li>• Antonina Buts, Astana Financial Services Authority, Kazakhstan</li></ul>



10.30 – 11.00	<b>Conference Session 17 (30 mins)</b> Use of Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) in registries	<b>Presenter:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aditya Sinha, QFC</li> <li>Seema Borkhataria, QFC</li> </ul>
11.00 – 11.20	<b>Conference Session 18 (20 mins)</b> Presentation by World Bank	<b>Presenter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frederic Meunier, World Bank</li> </ul>
11.20 – 12.20	<b>Conference Sessions 19 (40 mins)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentations by EBRA</li> <li>Presentations by IACA</li> <li>Presentations by AFREC</li> </ul>	
12.20 – 13.20	<b>Conference Conclusion (60 mins)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concluding remarks and next year's host announcement by CRF President</li> <li>Invitation address by 2025 host jurisdiction</li> <li>Vote of thanks and concluding remarks by Conference Director</li> </ul>	
13.20 – 14.20	<b>Lunch (60 mins)</b>	

## Conference Ends

14.30 – 15.10	<b>2024 CRF Annual General Meeting (40 mins)</b>  (local time 0600 Washington DC, 1900 Hong Kong, 0000 Wellington)
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