

# SANCTIONS CONFERENCE MANCHESTER

8-9 SEPTEMBER 2025  
CENTRAL MANCHESTER, UK

## AGENDA



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# CONFERENCE DAY 1

8 SEPTEMBER  
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Agenda

- 08:00

**Registration, breakfast, and coffee**
- 09:25


**Welcome remarks by Ian Bolton, CEO - Sanctions SOS**
- 09:30

**Keynote address**  
This talk will focus on challenges facing the sanctions and export control community in 2025, and key government developments in the UK.




**Speaker:** David Reed,  
Sanctions Director, FCDO,  
UK Government, TBC
- 09:40

**Fireside chat**  
A fireside chat about the latest developments in the sanctions world.



**Interviewer:** Ross Savage,  
Senior Visiting Expert,  
Sanctions SOS




**Speaker:** Ian Bolton,  
Founder and CEO,  
Sanctions SOS

10:20


**Networking Coffee Break**

10:45

**Panel 1 - Financial Crime and Sanctions: The Crossovers and Managing Competing Priorities**  
This panel will look at the growing importance of sanctions within compliance teams, examine balancing the demands of sanctions with other financial crime concerns, and explore how resources and tools can be managed effectively.



**Chair:** Andrew Roberts, MD,  
Fairway Financial Crime -  
former MLRO in the  
Insurance sector, TBC



**Panellist:** Edgar Lopez  
Director, Financial  
Intelligence Unit, (Gibraltar),  
TBC

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**Panel 2 - Sanctions Compliance: Building, Embedding and Operating a Programme of Compliance and the Latest Developments**

Sanctions compliance is the bedrock for any organisation in identifying, managing and mitigating sanctions risks. This panel will look at how to build and embed best practices, and examine the latest developments from utilising a range of CDD/KYC tools to AI.



**Panellist:** Maria Nizzero,  
Principal Sanctions Policy,  
UK Finance, TBC




**Panellist:** Jeremy Round, Managing  
Director, Active AML,  
TBC
- 12:50

**Lunch & Networking**

Two-course buffet lunch including meat, fish, and vegetarian options
- 13:50

**Panel 3 - Conducting Sanctions Investigations and Building Cases**

The final panel session will focus on best practices for conducting sanctions investigations and building casework. This will examine some of the tools available to assist with this work, as well as top tips for OSINT gathering.



**Panellist:** Lizzie Pawlowska,  
AVP Sanctions, Bank of  
China UK
- 14:50

**Coffee Break**
- 15:15

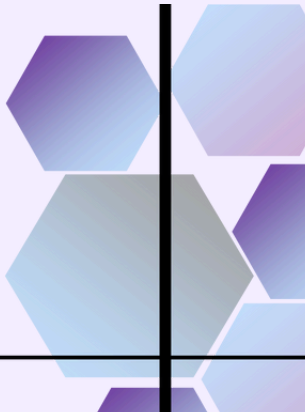
**Immersive Scenario Workshop: Investigating Possible Sanctions Concerns and Evasion Activities**

This exercise will be fully immersive and tables will be asked to work through the developing scenario, which will involve a number of artefacts and use of the Kharon ClearView system. The scenario will focus on identifying sanctions risks and recognising evasion typologies. It will also examine techniques for managing and mitigating these risks.

To be facilitated by Ian Bolton, Ross Savage, Mathilde Gerritsma, Chloe Giasemidis - Sanctions SOS, and representatives from Kharon.
- 17:15

**Wrap Up**

Overview and summary of the immersive workshop, day summary, and final announcements



# CONFERENCE DAY 2

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08:00 Arrivals, breakfast, and coffee

09:00 Welcome

09:05 Panel 4 - Trade Sanctions and Export Controls: How to Manage the Latest Updates

This panel will focus on the latest developments in trade sanctions and export controls. There will be a particular focus on best practice to manage both export controls and sanctions and the overlaps. Additionally, the panel will discuss techniques for identifying, managing and mitigating these risks.



**Panellist:** Nat Bassi, Deputy Head of Sanctions and Export Controls, Rolls Royce, TBC



**Panellist:** Julia Grainger, MD, Space-Time Consulting



**Panellist:** Stéphanie Broekaart, Partner, Agorax

10:15 Coffee Break

10:45 Fireside Chat with the Enforcement Community

Representatives from several countries' governments discuss the latest developments within sanctions enforcement, particularly any trends and learning points.



**Interviewer:** Chloe Giasemidis, Junior Associate, Sanctions SOS



**Speaker:** Luke Jewell, Head of Enforcement, OFSI, UK Government

11:30 Panel 5 - Maritime and Logistics: Keeping Up With Changes and Reducing Risk

A look at dominant sanctions risks impacting the worlds of maritime and logistics. A number of specific issues and risks will be explored, including topics like the 'Dark Fleet'. The panel will look to explore mechanisms for managing and mitigating these risks.



**Panellist:** Homairah Ginwalla, Head of Transport Sanctions Enforcement, Department for Transport, UK Government

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### Lunch & Networking

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### Panel 6 - Sanctions in Context: Developments from the World of Counter Terrorism & Counter Proliferation

Countering the finance of terrorism and the proliferation of WMD materials have become key elements of the sanctions world. In this panel, the latest developments will be considered, as well as how to complete necessary risk assessments and take appropriate actions.



**Chair:** Ross Savage,  
Senior Visiting Expert,  
Sanctions SOS



**Panellist:** Lloyd Meadows,  
Director Sanctions Advisory,  
Standard Chartered Bank, UAE.,  
TBC

14:30

### Coffee Break

15:00

### Panel 7 - Sanctions Evasion and Circumvention: Latest Developments & Managing Risk

Sanctions evasion and circumvention have always been a part of the sanctions operating environment, but since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, this risk has grown significantly. This panel will explore typologies and effective ways to manage and mitigate the risks.



**Chair:** Freya Page,  
Director Global  
Outreach, Kharon



**Panellist:** Ian Bolton,  
Founder and CEO,  
Sanctions SOS



**Panellist:** Luma  
Zitani, Director,  
Accenture, TBC

16:00

### Panel 8 - The Future of Sanctions: What Are We Likely To See, And How Should We Respond?

The last panel of the conference will examine the future direction of sanctions, how they are likely to develop and change. It will look at this through the lens of government, academia, private and legal sectors.



**Chair:** Tyler Nielsen,  
Founder and CEO,  
Sanctions Advisory, TBC

16:50

### Closing Remarks



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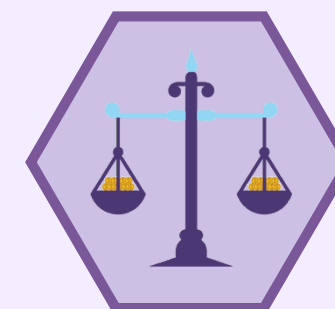
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