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# Global Legal Customs Association (GLCA) Conference 2024

**February 8**  
**2024**  
**09h30 – 17h30 GST**



**Venue:** Sofitel Dubai Jumeirah Beach Hotel  
Jumeirah Beach Residences, The Walk  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Aurifer Middle East and Global Legal Customs Association (GLCA) are pleased to invite you to the GLCA Conference 2024.

The conference, which is part of the programme of the GLCA Annual Meeting held in Dubai (UAE), organised under the sponsorship of Aurifer Middle East this year, will feature a hybrid (in-person and online) scientific session on February 8, 2024, 9.30 – 17.30 (GST).

The conference will consist of six panels covering the major developments and latest trends in the global customs and international trade landscape. The broad range of topics covered during the scientific session include EU customs reform, customs compliance in UAE free zones, international trade sanctions, and the impact of bans on UAE banks for trade with Russia. Conference attendants will also have the opportunity to hear about business experiences in relation to the use of new technologies for customs clearance, track and trace, and compliance.

# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

## INTRO

09:30 – 09:45 **Opening of the GLCA Scientific Session**  
· Thomas Vanhee, Aurifer, GCC  
· Leonor Cordovil, President (GLCA), Grindberg Cordovil, Brazil

## PANEL 1

09:45 – 11:15 **EU Customs Reform**  
**Moderator: Agnieszka Kisielewska, MDDP, Poland**  
· Dr. Christian Salder, KMLZ, Germany  
· Dr. Lars Gläser, Glaeser Law, Austria  
· Fausto Capello, Gianni & Origoni, Italy  
· Arnaud Fendler, DS Avocats, France

11:15 – 11:45 Tea/Coffee Break

## PANEL 2

11:45 – 12:30 **Customs Compliance in UAE Free Zones**  
**Moderator: Thomas Vanhee, Aurifer, GCC**  
· Dr. Atia Hussain, University of Sharjah, UAE

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

## PANEL 3

13:30 – 14:15 **Sanctions against Russia and UAE Banks: Some Reflections**  
**Moderator: Thomas Vanhee, Aurifer, GCC**  
· David Pije, Commercial Bank International, UAE\*

## PANEL 4

14:15 – 15:30 **International Trade Sanctions:  
Russian, American and European perspectives**  
**Moderator: Francisco J. Cortina, Bartolome & Briones, Spain**  
· Vladimir Tchikine, TGP, Russia  
· David R. Stepp, Crowell & Moring LLP, United States  
· Bert Gevers, Loyens & Loeff, Belgium

15:30 – 16:00 Tea/Coffee Break

## PANEL 5

16:00 – 16:45 **Knowledge Sharing with Webb Fontaine Group:  
Government Assistance and Blockchain Technologies in Customs**  
**Moderator: Thomas Vanhee, Aurifer, GCC**  
Rani Wehbe, Webb Fontaine, UAE

## PANEL 6

16:45 – 17:30 **Fireside Chat with Evoteq: UAE Ministry of Health's  
Business Case in Track and Tracing of Medicines.**  
**Moderator: Thomas Vanhee, Aurifer, GCC**  
Mustafa Habib, Evoteq, UAE

\*Speech given in a personal capacity.

### PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

