



Press Release

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## Global experts on combating terrorist financing to speak at Jersey conference

International experts from the United Nations (UN), Israel, France and the UK will lead a conference on combating terrorist financing later this month in the Channel Islands.

Organised by the Governments of both Guernsey and Jersey, the latter in partnership with the Jersey Financial Services Commission, the conference will feature presentations from the Israeli Deputy State Attorney Yehuda Shaffer, the UN Security Council Finance Expert, and Alain Lefebvre from Tracfin, the French financial intelligence unit (FIU).

Channel Islands domestic authorities will also participate in the half day events, which are taking place in Guernsey on Wednesday 15 February and in Jersey on Thursday 16 February and are intended to raise awareness about a range of crucial issues relating to terrorist financing.

The speakers will provide an international perspective on the threats of terrorist financing, the developments and importance of the regimes and sanctions to combat it, the experience of international law enforcement authorities and the specific approach in the Channel Islands.

Jersey's Chief Minister, Senator Ian Gorst commented:

"Countering the financing of terrorism remains a core-priority for the Government of Jersey as part of our responsibilities as an international finance centre. 2017 represents a step-change for the Island authorities in awareness raising and outreach to the finance industry and I am delighted to be able to welcome such highly-qualified world experts to Jersey on 16 February 2017 to participate in this event."

JFSC Director General John Harris added:

"We, along with the Governments of both Jersey and Guernsey, are fully committed to the worldwide fight against terrorist financing. We feel that it is vital to raise awareness locally and to ensure that we, and all the firms we regulate, make it a major priority and apportion resources accordingly."

The half day conference in Jersey will take place at the Radisson Waterfront Hotel on the morning of Thursday 16 February. Geared towards Board members, compliance departments and officers engaged in anti-money-laundering and combating of terrorist financing, tickets are available online from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/international-terrorist-financing-risk-awareness-and-mitigation-jersey-tickets-31069915955>

Ends.

## **Notes to Editors**

### **Yehuda Shaffer**

Yehuda Shaffer was appointed as Israeli Deputy State Attorney (Financial Enforcement) in 2009. Before that he was the director and founder of IMPA (the Israeli FIU) from 2002 to 2009, served as a prosecutor in the state attorney's office (1992-2002), and worked in a law firm as litigating attorney in various corporate and civil matters (1989-2001). Yehuda received his LLB in 1987 and his LLM a year later from the faculty of law at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He also completed a Master's degree in Public Administration at Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 2000. Yehuda teaches the "financial crime" course at the law faculty in Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He has also published several publications on AML/CFT issues. Yehuda has represented the state of Israel before several international bodies and has been an expert evaluator in several AML/CFT evaluations on behalf of MONEYVAL and the IMF.

### **UN Representative**

A Finance Expert on the UN Security Council's Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

### **Alain Lefebvre**

Alain Lefebvre is currently the Head of Tracfin Investigation Department, the French financial intelligence unit (FIU), which conducts in-depth inquiries on all types of money laundering activity.

His areas of expertise include:

- › Cross border cash controls and their relationship with smuggling and terrorism. Prosecution of false currency declarations and associated financial penalty and confiscation proceedings. International cooperation between EU customs agencies for common implementation of cash courier regulations.
- › Air cargo security - leader on an EU Commission pilot programme developing an EU-wide air cargo security regime. Implementation with industry (both general and express cargo) of the processes and measures to address and mitigate security and safety risks, in particular terrorism risk.
- › Counter money laundering and terrorism financing - analysis and investigation of suspicious transaction reports in the context of serious crime and economic intelligence. Cooperation with judicial authorities and other law enforcement agencies. Detection of radicalisation indicators.