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ACIFMA is preparing for the Global Code launch

The ACIFMA is preparing to ensure that our members are fully prepared for the imminent launch of the FX Global Code.

Market Practitioners Working Group and FX Working Group participants across the Globe are in the final phase of approving the final draft of the FX Global Code, due for release at the end of May 2017.

The Six main Principles outlined in the Code are:

1. **Ethics:** Market practitioners are expected to behave in a professional and ethical manner
2. **Governance:** Market participants are expected to have a sound and effective governance framework
3. **Execution:** Market participants are expected to exercise care when negotiating and executing transactions
4. **Information sharing:** Market participants are expected to be clear and accurate in their communications and to protect confidential information
5. **Risk Management and Compliance;** Market participants are expected to maintain a robust control and compliance environment
6. **Confirmation and Settlement:** Market participants are expected to put in place robust, efficient, transparent and risk mitigating post trade processes

There are 55 underlying principles covering the details related to the expectations of the FX Global Code and main six Principles.

All participants in the FXWG's and MPG's will be expected to commit to the Global Code.

As an Association representing the FX Market globally, ACIFMA will be requesting all National Association Board members to commit, and ensure that their membership commit to the Global Code after the launch at the end of May 2017

[David Puth comments on FX Global Code](#)

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Upcoming events of interest:

- ACI World Congress Dublin
- ACI Autumn Meeting Portugal

ACI Working Groups

These committees are comprised of Experts who support both the Executive Board and Regional ACI's and ensure that the views of the professional community are heard at the highest levels.



Committee for Professionalism:

David Woolcock (Chair for the ACI CFP) is the ACI representative on the FX Global Code MPG. His involvement, post the resignation of Marshall Bailey, continues to provide both the MPG and ACI with sound knowledge and expertise relative to this important project.

The final draft of the FX Global Code has been submitted to the members of the MPG's and FXWG's globally and will thereafter be approved by the BIS Board before final wordsmithing and presentation are completed ahead of the official launch in May 2017.

The only principle still under discussion is Principle 17 in relation to the final wording related to 'last look'.

David has also assigned an intern to do work for ACI, to assist with the mapping of the Global Code principles to the ACI Model Code, and ensuring that any future wording reflecting ACI's position on ethical conduct are in full support of, and reflect the language of the new FX Global Code.

ACI Working Groups:

- *Committee for Professionalism*
- *MM and Liquidity Committee*
- *FX Committee*
- *Regulatory Working Group*
- *Board of Education*



Money Market and Liquidity:

There has been a code of conduct for MMKT participants in the UK, the NIPS Code. A new MMKT code, currently under review and developed by the UK Money Market Associations is expected to replace the NIPS Code in the UK in a near future. Franck Hebeisen (ACI France and observer in MMLWG) will liaise with this Working Group to discuss the possible relevance in Europe, and at later stage globally, of a MMKT code of conduct and, if relevant, how to position ACI FMA on this matter.

Foreign Exchange:

Stephane Malrait (Chair FX Committee) and the ACI FMA FX committee is working closely with the CFP on the coordination with the MPG group on the Global code. He is also an active member of the ECB FXCG (ECB FX Contact Group) looking at similar topics. Together with David Woolcock, he is active in ensuring that ACIFMA is well represented and that we are aware of any developments that may affect our market participants globally, specifically in FX

Regulations:

Christine Habel (Chair RWG) confirms that most institutions are now preparing to implement measures to comply with the regulatory reforms that come into effect in 2018—MiFID II remains the key regulation that will most impact internal compliance and reporting. Christine is monitoring these implications closely and continues to give ACIFMA valuable insight regarding the impacts of these regulatory reforms and any issues, as and when they arise—in order to keep our membership informed.



Board of education:

ACIFMA is delighted to welcome Oliver Madden as the new Chair of BOE—Oliver has previously been a member of the BOE and he now has an important role in delivery of one of the key values of ACIFMA.

A recent Trainer Contact Group session was held in Frankfurt, where the trainers gave ACI valuable feedback regarding the current syllabus content of the Dealing & Operations Certificates, the proposed new GC Certificate, and a suggestion to re-introduce the 'old' Diploma as a bridge between certification and new Diploma modules. This feedback is currently under review and consideration at BOE under Oliver's leadership.



ACIFMA offers solutions to measure adherence and understanding for market participants.

In preparation for the next challenge: attestation and proving adherence to the Global Code—ACIFMA is currently developing a suite of solutions tailored to the needs of Market Participants—many of whom are members of ACIFMA and the 60+ National Associations represented by the Association globally.

The ACI Board of Education together with the Committee for Professionalism is developing a **Global Code Certificate**; this will allow market participants to understand the Code in its entirety as well as the understand practical applications of the Principles in their daily workplace.

The Global Code certificate will replace the Model Code Certificate, and will be launched officially after the launch of the FX Global Code. It will be available for training in June 2017.

ACIFMA has a solid reputation regarding Codes of Ethical conduct—thanks in large part to the ACI Model Code and the previous role that this code played in

Global Financial Markets. Previously the Model Code was used as a template for the likes of the UK NIPS Code as well as some Central Banks regulatory codes e.g. Brown Book in Singapore.

ACI FMA will continue to provide its **ELAC** (E Learning Attestation and Certification) to market participants. This portal provides participants with a tool to ‘prove’ adherence and understanding through their PAR (Personal Accreditation Rating), gained through successfully answering questions and participating in cases/scenarios relevant to various Global Code Principles. ELAC also allows managers to overview team adherence, and Management Boards to overview institutional adherence to the Global Code.

Currently ACIFMA has a large base of current ELAC users who proactively decided to begin this transformation internally ahead of the Global Code launch. These users reflect institutions like: banks, buy side treasury and Central banks. This positions these institutions positively once the Global Code becomes public.



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Brigid Taylor

Members

Education

Ethical Conduct



Global Education Centre:

The new ACI GEC is now fully operational with exams having been conducted in SA, Kenya, Netherlands, Croatia, Romania, Ghana, Egypt, Zambia, Uganda.

Currently Head office is managing the delegate queries, exam bookings and the test center supervisor training, to ensure that ACI education continues to add significant value globally. Frankfurt School is providing access to testing centers as per the agreement made with them in September 2016, ahead of the termination of Pro-metric.

The website has been updated to reflect the new education path offered by ACIFMA and delegates can currently contact us online to register directly with ACIFMA for their examinations.

The GEC is currently being developed to include learning material, online courses, training course information with users being given a single one time

ACI branding and marketing material:

ACIFMA is currently upgrading our brand to ensure that our both National Associations and the brands related to our values (GEC & ELAC) are all aligned to our vision and mission.

We are also producing a full set of marketing templates for use by all National Associations for promotion of ACI, Education (GEC) and Ethics (ELAC) to their domestic membership. These templates and this material will be made available to you as soon as production is complete.

We are encouraging the National Associations to nominate people to take responsibility for the marketing, events and visibility of the ACI to their membership. Collaboration with all of these individuals will become more robust ahead of the launch of the Global Code in May, and will no doubt continue thereafter.



Upcoming events:

ACI World Congress 2017 Dublin: The official event will be hosted at the GCC in Dublin from 11-13 May with pre congress meetings for ACI leadership commencing on 9 May.

ACI Autumn 2017 Council meeting: This event will be hosted in Lisbon Portugal from 25—27 Oct 2017

ACI 2018 Spring Congress: This event will be hosted in Basle Switzerland from 10—11 May 2018 and will be followed by the general meetings for both France and Switzerland, and will co inside with the BIS meeting to be held in Basle that weekend.

ACI 2018 Autumn Congress: Egypt will be hosting this event in Cairo—dates to be confirmed.

'When we least expect it, life sets us a challenge to test our courage and willingness to change.' Paulo Coelho