

Trade Finance Week 2026

8 – 12 June 2026

Vienna, Austria

21th Global Conference on Bank Guarantees

Mon/Tue 8 + 9 June 2026

- Country Issues: Türkiye, Egypt
- Educational: Injunctions
- Mediation and Guarantees
- Sharia-compliant Guarantees
- Spotlight Sub-Saharan Africa
- Educational: Evergreen Clauses
- Green Guarantees
- Corporates' perspective
- Sanctions & Regulatory updates
- ICC Banking Commission Opinions

*All topics may be subject to change

Case Studies on Bank Guarantees & Letters of Credit

Wed 10 June 2026

Difficult & unusual cases are presented from the bankers, corporates, traders, forwarders & insurance point of view

Please submit your own anonymized interesting or difficult cases to:

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20th Global Conference on Letters of Credit

Thur/Fri 11 + 12 June 2026

- Stablecoins & digital monies in Trade Finance
- Educational: Sanction Clauses
- Country Issue: Türkiye
- Spotlight Sub-Saharan Africa
- Educational: Confirmation
- Digital Negotiable Instruments
- ICC Banking Commission Opinions
- Inventory Finance
- Sanctions & Compliance
- Celebrating the 20th Conference

Excellent networking opportunity with 500 leading L/C and Bank Guarantee experts from various sectors and 50 countries. Meet and discuss with the world's leading international experts:

WKO, Wiedner Hauptstrasse 63, 1040 Vienna

www.tradefinanceweek.org



Who is it for

- International Bank Guarantees or LC practitioners
- Trade finance specialists in banks
- Lawyers, insurance & logistics experts
- All working with LCs and Bank Guarantees

What it is about

What makes this conference different and successful is our strong and distinctive focus on educational content. Our vision is to provide for a truly international forum that addresses the challenges and seeks to answer the questions Bank Guarantee and Letters of Credit practitioners face in their daily business environment.

Every year we arrange for a unique collection of different topics including, the industries' latest trends and developments as well as sessions that are designed to analyse the legal and practical issues in LCs and guarantees, explain their uses, highlight the areas of potential risk, show how to circumvent looming problems and teach effective drafting and documentation techniques.

For this to be delivered, ICC Austria can rely on the most distinguished expert speakers with not only long, successful careers in this global industry but also active involvement in the continuous work of the ICC Banking Commission.

Do not miss the chance to take part in in-depth training sessions, discussion of the current challenges and the invaluable opportunity to meet with your peers from around the globe.

Meet our experts

Neil Chantry, Independent Consultant on Trade Finance & Compliance, UK. 40 years with HSBC - on the international executive staff, serving countries in the Middle East & East Africa, on the UK Group executive staff, specialising in Trade Finance operations, procedures, finance, compliance. Recently, consultancy with Standard Chartered Bank. Neil held many ICC positions, e.g. Former Chair, Wolfsberg Group Trade Finance Committee; Joint Wolfsberg Group; Financial Crimes & Anti-Terrorist Financing Group; ICC & BAFT drafting group for the "Compliance Principles Paper; former Chair of the Executive Committee;

Vera Economou serves as the CEE Regional Lead for the Sustainable Solutions Group within Wholesale Banking at ING, Austria. In this role, she drives the execution of ING's EMEA sustainable finance strategy across Central and Eastern Europe. She is an active member of the Sustainability Advisory Board of the Qorus Sustainability & Regulation Committee and regularly shares her expertise as a guest lecturer in Global Sustainability Management and CEMS Programs at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. She holds an MBA in International Finance from the WU Executive Academy and is a certified expert in multiple sustainability disciplines, including CESGA-certified ESG Analyst, ICMA-certified Sustainable Bond Expert, Sustainable Energy Consultant and Circular Economy and Sustainability Strategies Expert (University of Cambridge Judge Business School).

Amelie Huber-Starlinger is a highly experienced dispute resolution mediator with over fifteen years of expertise, specializing inter alia in banking and financial services. She began her career as a lawyer and arbitrator and is now a full-time independent mediator, negotiation consultant, and trainer. In the banking and finance sector, she has negotiated complex loan and security agreements, including pledges and guarantees, adjudicated disputes as an arbitrator, and now helps parties resolve conflicts efficiently as a mediator. Throughout her career, Amelie has worked with leading institutions including VIAC, ICC, ICSID, and UNCITRAL.

Good to know

VENUE: [WKO, Wiedner Hauptstrasse 63, 1040 Vienna](#)

Attendance of any of our conference will be awarded with 6 PDUs for CITF, CSDG and CDCS from [LIBF](#)

Networking events: You are warmly invited to a cocktail reception on 8th & 11th of June, directly after the conference. Further details will be published closer to the event.

VISA support: In case you require a visa support letter, we are happy to assist. Please get in touch with Ms Verena Weinrath, v.weinrath@icc-austria.org.

All materials will be made available to you a couple of days before the conference on our designated ICC Austria networking platform which also offers you the possibility to get in touch with other attendees directly. However, kindly be reminded to bring **plenty of business cards**.

Looking for a the latest **ICC publication** or rule book, let us know what you need and pre-order with us, your books will wait for you when you collect your badge at the registration desk. For further information write to Ms Cennet Dede, c.dede@icc-austria.org.



[Gabriele Katz](#), Director, Deutsche Bank AG, Germany; in charge of Global Transaction Banking in Product Management for the Documentary Trade Business for Europe & MENA; has a more than 25 years' experience in the LC and BG business. Member of the ICC Germany Banking Committee;

[Michael Lehotzki](#), Managing Associate General Counsel at HSBC, UK – acts as global Wholesale Lead for Digital & Transformation projects using new and emerging technology such as DLT, digital assets or AI.

[Christina Elisabeth Seierup](#), Vice President, Trade Finance Operations, Danske Bank AS, Denmark; Member Danish Banking Committee. Since 2010 Head of Training & Education for Trade Finance, Danske Bank Group - responsible for corporate Trade Finance and related subjects as AML trainings; She joined Danske Bank A/S in 1985 and has been working with International corporates since 1989;

[Glenn Ransier](#), Head of Documentary Trade and SBLCs, Wells Fargo, USA; Glenn is furthermore one of the Technical Advisors of the ICC Banking Commission; He maintains strong ties to domestic and global trade communities; has been actively involved in trade finance for more than 35 years;

[Lorna Strong](#), Assoc. Programme Director, MSc Law & Finance, London School of Economics (LSE), has worked in law and finance for more than 25 years, including over 10 years as Managing Director and Global Lead counsel for HSBC Global Trade, a business that annually facilitates over USD740 billion of trade with access to 90% of all global trade flows. She provided risk management and policy development, and managed HSBC Legal counsel in over 50 jurisdictions. She likewise advised on areas as diverse as international trade, bank regulatory, financial crime, sanctions, digital transformation, international disputes, and crisis management. In 2024, Lorna joined LSE and set up Strong Consulting Group. She continues as a member of the ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) Legal Committee and also lectures with the ICC, industry forums and other post-graduate and industry audiences.

[Mireille Troosters](#), Head Expert Trade Finance at KBC Bank Belgium, Board Member of ICC Belgium. Mireille started working in KBC bank in 1992 and switched to Trade Finance in 2005, as a Trade Finance Officer (a commercial job), then as Head of Operations Documentary Credits. In 2015 she switched to being Risk Manager Trade Finance and today is combining this with being Head Expert trade finance again.

[Martin Wolfbauer](#), International Legal Department of STRABAG Group (CML). Martin is an Austrian and New York qualified lawyer. In STRABAG's legal department he is in charge of guarantees in international projects. He gained extensive experience in reviewing, drafting and negotiating guarantees for major construction contracts in various countries but also advises and supports STRABAG entities in litigation and arbitration proceedings related to guarantees. Martin holds lectures on international law and securities.

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Early Bird per person until March 6, 2026, payment received by March 20, 2026	€ 1.065,-- (+ 20% VAT)	€ 620,-- (+ 20% VAT)	€ 1.065,-- (+ 20% VAT)
Regular Fee per person	€ 1.335,-- (+ 20% VAT)	€ 775,-- (+ 20% VAT)	€ 1.335,-- (+ 20% VAT)

Package Prices: 4 or 5 days – 10% discount (it cannot be combined with other special offers or discounts)

In general fee includes electronic documents, certification of participation, coffee and lunch breaks at venue, networking events.

After receiving the registration, we will sent a confirmation with the invoice attached. **Visa support** is made available.

Please transfer the course fees – free of charge for ICC Austria – via banktransfer or by credit card.

Once confirmed by ICC Austria, your registration is legally binding!

The registration fee shall be paid within two weeks from receipt of invoice – verifiably BEFORE the conference starts.

Further Requirements: The event is planned to be held in Vienna as face-to-face training. ICC Austria's reserves its right to change that to a virtual training. Important to note, we are not liable for travel costs. Therefore, refundable travel arrangements are advisable.