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Trade Finance Week 2026

8 – 12 June 2026

Vienna, Austria

21st Global Conference on Bank Guarantees

Mon/Tue 8 + 9 June 2026 | WKO, Wiedner Hauptstrasse 63, 1040 Vienna

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

*All topics may be subject to change

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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 its strong and distinctive focus on educational depth combined with practical relevance. We want to provide a truly international forum that addresses the legal, regulatory and operational challenges Bank Guarantee practitioners face in their daily business environment.

Each year we choose a unique and carefully balanced programme reflecting current market developments and jurisdiction-specific perspectives, alongside sessions dedicated to analysing core legal and drafting issues in demand guarantees. This year's edition will examine country-specific developments such as Turkey and Egypt, including insights from a National Bank perspective, explore evergreen clauses, injunctions and Sharia-compliant structures, and address practical case studies from Africa. We will further look at ICC Banking Commission Opinions, mediation in guarantee disputes, corporate friction in practice, sanctions and compliance updates, digital platform adoption and the growing relevance of green guarantees.

To deliver this level of substance, ICC Austria relies on distinguished expert speakers. Do not miss the opportunity to engage in in-depth discussions, exchange views on current challenges and connect with guarantee specialists 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).

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 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**.

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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

Stephanie Powell, CSDG, Senior Consultant Trade Finance Advisory at Siemens Mobility GmbH, Germany. Stephanie joined Siemens in 2010 and after various operative roles moved to trade finance in 2017, where she gained substantial experience advising Siemens' large-scale projects on guarantee and suretyship topics as well as corporate risk mitigation measures. Since 2019, she has been specializing exclusively on mobility projects, providing guarantee advisory to projects as well as providing internal trainings on guarantee-related risk and risk mitigation.

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;

Judith Schmalnauer, Senior Trade Finance Advisor, Primetals Technologies (former Siemens VAI), Austria. Judith joined Primetals Technologies in 2011 where she gained extensive experience in trade finance activities as well as export financing for projects all over the globe. In 2015, when MHI became the main shareholder and Primetals was founded, Judith was greatly involved in setting up the new centralized Center of Competence for guarantees and LCs. Since then, she is servicing the Primetals group on all trade finance related questions as well as globally responsible for harmonizing guarantee and LC wordings with Primetals' customers worldwide, executing and updating of the internal processes and guidelines hereto.

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;

Lorna Strong, Managing Director, Strong Consulting Group (SCG) & Associate Programme Director, MSc Law & Finance, London School of Economics (LSE), UK. For over 20 years, Lorna Strong has advised financial institutions on legal and regulatory risk, including international trade finance, financial crime compliance (AML & sanctions), int disputes, ESG, digital innovation, and policy development, and risk management and played a lead role in the finance industry's regulatory and policy debates. For the last ten years, Lorna Strong has held the position of Managing Director and global lead counsel for HSBC Global Trade. In 2024, Lorna left HSBC to join the Finance Department of LSE as Associate Programme Director of the MSc Law and Finance Programme and to set up Strong Consulting Group.

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.

Programme



Monday 8 June 2026

8.45 – 9.00am Registration & Networking Session. Meet fellow delegates over a cup of coffee.

9.00am Welcome to the 20th Global Conference on Bank Guarantees

Session 1: Country Issue: Turkey

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This session examines recent legal and market developments affecting guarantees in Turkey, including enforcement trends and regulatory considerations.

Session 2: Educational Evergreen Clauses

Glenn Ransier,
Christina Seierup &
Mireille Troosters

This educational session analyses the drafting and risk implications of evergreen clauses in demand guarantees. It explores renewal mechanics, termination strategies and common pitfalls

Coffee Break

Session 3: Educational: Injunctions

Lorna Strong

This presentation explores the legal framework and practical impact of injunctions in guarantee disputes. It examines thresholds for court intervention and the tension between autonomy and abuse of right.

Session 4: Sharia-compliant guarantees

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This session provides an overview of Sharia-compliant guarantee structures and their interaction with conventional demand guarantee principles. It addresses documentation challenges and enforceability in cross-border contexts.

Lunch

Session 5: Guarantees, Risk and Reality in Africa – Case Studies

Dirk Besdzik

Through practical case studies, this panel examines guarantee-related challenges across selected African jurisdictions. It highlights enforcement realities, political risk considerations and structuring lessons for international projects.

Session 6: From platform to practice: Corporate Case Study adoption of Komgo

Judith Schmalnauer &
Izabela Czepirska

This corporate case study presents the practical experience of adopting the Komgo platform within a real transaction environment. It explores legal alignment, operational integration and the lessons learned from moving from pilot to practice.

Coffee Break

4.30pm – 5.00pm Keynote

Cocktail Reception by ICC Austria

Programme

Tuesday 9 June 2026

From 9.00am	Brief Welcome to Day 2 – Housekeeping	ICC Austria
Session 7: Egypt's New Guarantee Rules	This session analyses Egypt's updated guarantee framework and its implications for international banks and corporates operating in the market. It incorporates insights from the National Bank perspective, offering guidance on regulatory expectations, documentation standards and practical compliance considerations.	Mostafa EIToweiry
Session 8: ICC Banking Commission Opinions on Guarantees		Glenn Ransier, Christina Seierup & Mireille Troosters
Session 9: Legal Friction: What Corporates Experience in Practice	This panel brings the corporate perspective to the forefront, highlighting recurring legal and documentary friction points in guarantee issuance and enforcement. It examines where contractual theory and operational reality diverge.	Stephanie Powell
Coffee Break		
Session 10: Mediation and Guarantees	This session explores the growing role of mediation in resolving guarantee-related disputes. It assesses when mediation can preserve commercial relationships and reduce enforcement risk.	Amelie Huber- Stalinger & Martin Wolfbauer
Session 11: Sanctions and Compliance Up-date	This update provides an overview of current sanctions regimes and their impact on guarantee issuance, honour and reimbursement. It addresses compliance risk, screening obligations and evolving regulatory expectations.	Lorna Strong & Neil Chantry
Lunch Break		
Session 12:	This session explores emerging developments affecting demand guarantees in international trade. It provides a forward-looking perspective on risk allocation, regulatory evolution and market practice	Björn Hertzler & Isaac Mahanke
Session 13: From Policy to Portfolio: Our Experience with Green Guarantees	This presentation examines the practical implementation of green guarantees within banking portfolios. It addresses eligibility criteria, ESG alignment and documentation considerations in sustainable trade finance.	Vera Economou
Coffee Break		
Until 5.00pm	Wrap-up and Closing Session	All speakers

See you next year at our
22nd Global Conference on Bank Guarantees
31 May and 1 June 2027 in Vienna

ICC Publications

International Standard Banking Practice - ISBP (2023)

Publ. No 821 | ENG | Eur 22 (incl VAT)

International Standard Demand Guarantee Practice for URDG 758 (ISDGP)

Publ. No 814 | ENG | Eur 22 (incl VAT)

Uniform Rules and Practice for Documentary Credits (UCP 600)

Publ. No 822 | ENG | Eur 22 (incl VAT)

Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees (URDG 758)

Publ. No 758 | ENG | Eur 22 (incl VAT)

Guide to ICC Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees URDG 758

Publ. No 818 | ENG | Eur 192,50 (incl VAT)

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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 send 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.