



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

AND CALL FOR PAPERS:

SECOND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

**ON EMPIRICAL APPROACHES TO
ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND FINANCIAL CRIME
SUPPRESSION**

27 - 28 January 2021

In January 2020, the Central Bank of The Bahamas hosted the inaugural International Research Conference on Empirical Approaches to AML and Financial Crime Suppression. Feedback from presenters and participants at this conference indicated strong support to repeat the event.

Accordingly, the Central Bank intends to host the second iteration of this conference, virtually in deference to Covid-linked travel and meeting risks, on 27 and 28 January 2021. We are also holding 29 January as a reserve day, should the volume and quality of papers submitted demand an expansion of the conference. On each day, the conference paper sessions will run from 10 AM to noon and then 1 PM to 3 PM, Eastern Standard Time.

Paper selection will be conducted by a reader panel chaired by Professor Peter Reuter of the University of Maryland. We are seeking to select up to 12 papers for this virtual conference, but that number may increase or decrease based upon the quality of the submissions.

We are seeking submissions for this conference, on the following criteria:

- 1) Topics covering the broad range of AML, terrorist financing, and financial crime suppression, with an empirical bent.
- 2) By “empirical” we mean not only papers relying upon large datasets with advanced econometrics (though such papers are quite welcome), but any papers using fact-based approaches to assist in creating a better knowledge environment to identify, describe, or suppress financial crime and financial criminals.
- 3) We seek submissions from any interested author or authors, including academics, policy makers, practitioners, and regulators. Papers from both established and emerging scholars are invited.
- 4) We will consider well-developed abstracts and draft papers, as well as finished papers. Our experience from the inaugural conference, where submissions considerably exceeded available slots, was that finished or near-final drafts are considerably more competitive than abstracts.
- 5) We prefer submissions in .pdf form, of no more than 30 pages in length. Shorter submissions are very welcome.
- 6) Please submit all inquiries and candidate papers to Charles Littrell: cwlittrell@centralbankbahamas.com.
- 7) Submissions received by 31 October 2020 will be preferred, but we intend to consider all submissions received before 1 January 2021.
- 8) Accepted authors will be invited to present their paper. We are allocating an average of 40 minutes of presentation and discussion time per paper.

We anticipate issuing a *Proceedings* document for this conference. Copyright on all papers remains with the authors.

We look forward to your presence at the second iteration of this conference.