

# Women Regulators Network

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## Leadership Council for Women Regulators Network Announced

The Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance (CCAF), Cambridge Judge Business School, University of Cambridge, in partnership with Financial Innovation for Impact (Fii), has today announced the launch of a Leadership Council for the Women Regulators Network (WRN) to advance gender-intentional policy and strengthen women's leadership in financial regulation globally.

The Women Regulators Network is powered by CCAF's Regulator Knowledge Exchange (RKE), a peer-led digital platform launched in 2022. The RKE connects 3,000 regulators from over 300 organisations across 140+ countries, with strong representation from low- and middle-income economies. 45% of RKE members are women, and in a 2024 survey, 77% of women members said the RKE has empowered them in their regulatory roles.

Deborah Young, Advisor to CCAF and Fii and lead for the WRN initiative, comments: "Increasing the presence and influence of women in regulatory leadership can help shift policy from gender-neutral to gender-intentional, actively advancing women's financial empowerment. Through real-world insights from policymakers and a deliberately diverse Council, we aim to address the challenges facing women in regulatory leadership today."

The Leadership Council will guide the strategic direction and priorities of the WRN. It will be co-chaired by **Her Excellency Fatma Abdulla Al Jabri**, Assistant Governor of the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates for Financial Crime, Market Conduct and Consumer Protection, and Ms. **Christina R. Rolle**, Executive Director of the Securities Commission of The Bahamas. They comment:



"Our vision with the Women Regulators Network is to create a future where financial systems are truly inclusive, shaped by the amplified voices and strengthened leadership of women. To achieve this, we will focus on deep collaboration, impactful knowledge exchange, and powerful advocacy. The Council will be our guiding force, tasked with developing the strategies and key performance indicators that will ensure we turn this vision into tangible results. I am honored to be working alongside Christina and the distinguished members of the Council in this vital endeavor."

**- Her Excellency Fatma Abdulla Al Jabri, Assistant Governor of the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates for Financial Crime, Market Conduct and Consumer Protection.**



"The Women Regulators Network is a global platform to advance issues critical to women's wellbeing and future prosperity. Our Council will bring together diverse perspectives to deliver outcomes that benefit not only female policymakers, but also women entrepreneurs, leaders, and those excluded from financial services. I'm honoured to Co-Chair this initiative and to collaborate with such an accomplished group within the Council and the wider RKE community."

**- Christina R. Rolle, Executive Director, Securities Commission of The Bahamas.**

## Leadership Council Members

Name:	Position / Organisation:	Representing:
H.E. Fatma Abdulla Al Jabri (Co-Chair)	Assistant Governor of the Central Bank of the UAE for Financial Crime, Market	United Arab Emirates

	Conduct and Consumer Protection	
Christina Rolle (Co-Chair)	Executive Director, Securities Commission of The Bahamas	The Bahamas
Kate Jones	CEO, Digital Regulation Cooperation Forum	United Kingdom
Frances Ihogoza	Executive Director, Organization and People and Vice Chair, Gender Equality Seal Committee, Central Bank of Rwanda	Rwanda
Alternate: Bernard Nsengiyumva	Acting Executive Director Financial Stability Directorate, Central Bank of Rwanda	
Nolwazi Hlophe	Senior Specialist FinTech, Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FCSA)	South Africa
Ryan Burke	Independent DEI Consultant; Adjunct Research Fellow; Financial Abuse Lead, IFC	Global
Shelley Anderson	Chief Development & Impact Officer EMEAA Alliance for Innovative Regulation & Co-Founder, Women in Regulatory Innovation	Global
Francesca Brown	Director of Policy, Women's World Banking	Global
Yasmin Bin Humam	Financial Sector Specialist, CGAP	Global

Regulators interested in joining the Women Regulators Network can register via the [Regulator Knowledge Exchange](#) and subscribe to the [mailing list](#) to stay informed.

## Background information

**The Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance (CCAF)** is an international and interdisciplinary research institute dedicated to the study of financial innovation and its interplay with policy, regulation, supervision and infrastructure. CCAF has collaborated with 5,000+ FinTechs, 350+ central banks and financial authorities to publish 70+ high-impact reports, 10+ open access digital tools and directly train 4,000+ senior central bankers, regulators and supervisors from 180+ jurisdictions.

**Financial Innovation for Impact (Fii)** is an international, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the advancement of scalable and sustainable financial innovation and evidence-based regulatory and supervisory innovation.

**Regulator Knowledge Exchange (RKE)** is a peer-led and community driven platform for public and financial authorities to connect, learn, coordinate and collaborate on their approach to digital financial services and digital public infrastructure.

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