

SFO hosts International Economic Crime Conference

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The SFO will host the conference with France's Parquet National Financier and Switzerland's Office of the Attorney General.

In May this year the Serious Fraud Office (SFO), France's Parquet National Financier (PNF) and the Office of the Attorney General of Switzerland (OAG) will host an international economic crime conference at the historic Drapers' Hall in central London.

The three organisations are founding members of the International Anti-Corruption Prosecutorial Taskforce, launched in March 2025.

Over two days the conference will bring together over 70 practitioners from the world's leading economic crime agencies to share best practice, practical insights and innovative approaches for tackling complex cases of international fraud, bribery and corruption.

This is the first event hosted by the taskforce, and the first large-scale multi-jurisdictional conference organised by the SFO in its history.

It will seek to increase lines of communication and deepen operational understanding between agencies, pave the way for new strategic partnerships or initiatives to combat international economic crime and send a clear message to would-be offenders that we are united in our commitment to tackling international economic crime.

Countries and agencies attending the conference

Conference programme

Through speaker panels, case studies and workshops, the event programme will encourage valuable cross-agency discussion, with participating agencies sharing their experiences and expertise. It will include sessions on:

- Case detection
- Conducting joint and parallel investigations
- Obtaining international assistance: evidence and asset restraint or freezing
- Cryptocurrency: asset tracing, obtaining information from exchanges, and modalities of cryptocurrency fraud

- Use of co-operators or assisting offenders
- Prosecuting corporates: liability, co-operation and non-trial resolutions
- Non-conviction-based asset recovery

Graham McNulty QPM, Chief Operating Officer and incoming Interim Director of Serious Fraud Office, said:

Today - one year since we announced our taskforce to tackle international bribery with our French and Swiss partners - I'm incredibly proud to be announcing this conference for economic crime practitioners from across the world.

We're a specialist organisation with unique knowledge about complex fraud, bribery and corruption tackling the most serious cases in the UK today - but we're not alone. Our international partners are fighting the same threat and the more we can share the challenges and solutions for our work, the better we can combat this corrosive criminality. I look forward to May.

The conference comes ahead of the UK's Illicit Finance Summit in June, which will bring together governments, civil society and private sector to tackle illicit finance and strengthen the UK's national security.

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