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The SWIFT African Regional Conference (ARC) 2017 is only 1 week away! On 16-18 May 2017, Abidjan will host more than 500 leading financial services executives from over 45 countries across Africa, including financial institutions, market infrastructures, international corporations and technology partners to do business and shape the future of Africa's financial industry.

This year, the Minister of Economy & Finance for Côte D'Ivoire, Adama Kone, will open the conference, joining a host of other high level speakers from Africa's financial services community.

The three-day event will look at the issues affecting the industry and the region including:

- Africa's economic future
- FinTech hubs and their role in the real economy
- Cooperation and consolidation in Africa's securities markets
- The future of correspondent banking
- Mitigating the impact of de-risking
- Cybercrime – how can the industry fight back?

The event will be covered by local and international media. Our media partners include The Banker, Global Trade Review and This is Africa.

We hope you can join us at ARC 2017 – register now and make sure you don't miss out!

See you in Abidjan.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sido Bestani'. The signature is stylized and written over a horizontal line.

Sido Bestani
Head of Middle East,
Turkey and Africa, SWIFT



TUESDAY
16 MAY

Regional Day

EXHIBITION	08:00-09:00	Registration & Welcome coffee
AUDITORIUM	09:00-09:20	Welcome note
AUDITORIUM	09:20-09:40	Keynote address
AUDITORIUM	09:40-10:30	Financing for the future – development from within
EXHIBITION	10:30-11:00	Networking refreshments & exhibition
AUDITORIUM	11:00-11:40	Fintech hubs and their role in the real economy
AUDITORIUM	11:45-12:00	SWIFT Work sessions – quick fire round
12:15-13:15		WORK SESSION 1
EXHIBITION	13:15-14:30	Lunch
AUDITORIUM	14:30-15:00	In Conversation
15:15-16:15		WORK SESSION 2
EXHIBITION	16:15-16:45	Networking refreshments & exhibition
AUDITORIUM	16:45-17:25	Cooperation and consolidation in Africa's securities markets
AUDITORIUM	17:25-17:40	A View from the SWIFT Africa Advisory Group
EXHIBITION	17:40-19:00	SWIFTLab & partner networking
EXHIBITION	19:00	Networking cocktail



WEDNESDAY
17 MAY

Future Day

EXHIBITION	08:00-09:00	Networking coffee & refreshments
AUDITORIUM	09:00-09:20	Opening speaker
AUDITORIUM	09:20-10:00	Correspondent banking – new and improved
AUDITORIUM	10:00-10:15	SWIFT – Evolution of pricing
AUDITORIUM	10:15-10:45	In Conversation
EXHIBITION	10:45-11:15	Networking refreshments & exhibition
CHANDELIER LAGUNE	11:30-12:30	WORK SESSION 3
AUDITORIUM	12:45-13:15	Securities Stream: Just a fad, or could blockchain power Africa's securities markets?
CHANDELIER LAGUNE	12:45-13:15	Corporates Stream: How can technology help in treasury strategy?
EXHIBITION	13:15-14:30	Lunch
AUDITORIUM	14:30-17:30	Innotribe Startup Challenge
EXHIBITION	17:30 – on	SWIFTLab & partner networking
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**THURSDAY
18 MAY**

Compliance & Cyber Day

EXHIBITION	08:00-09:00	Networking coffee & refreshments
AUDITORIUM	09:00-09:20	Opening speaker
AUDITORIUM	09:20-10:00	Mitigating the impact of de-risking
	10:15-11:15	WORK SESSION 4
CHANDELIER LAGUNE	10:15-13:15	National Payment Systems workshop
EXHIBITION	11:30-12:00	Networking refreshments & exhibition
	12:15-13:15	WORK SESSION 5
EXHIBITION	13:15-14:30	Lunch
AUDITORIUM	14:30-15:10	The spectre of cyber threats – how can the industry fight back?
AUDITORIUM	15:10-16:00	Closing
EXHIBITION	16:00-on	Farewell refreshments

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WORK SESSIONS	CHANDELIER LAGUNE	SAN PEDRO	BASSAM	ABOISSO	DAOUKRO
MONDAY 15 MAY	14:00-16:30 Pre-event workshop: SWIFT gpi initiative		13:00-17:00 CSP self-attestation work session (by invitation only)	13:00-17:30 AAG meeting (by invitation only)	
TUESDAY 16 MAY 12:15-13:15	1 Customer Security Programme (CSP) ENGLISH	Customer Security Programme (CSP) FRANÇAIS	SWIFTSmart ENGLISH	The Alliance family and integration services with Alliance Access and Alliance Messaging Hub ENGLISH	
15:15-16:15	2 SWIFT Compliance portfolio ENGLISH	Cloud interfaces FRANÇAIS	Corporates ENGLISH	Resiliency ENGLISH	
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**Customer Security Programme (CSP)
Safeguarding security across the banking community**

The growing threat of cyberattacks has never been more pressing. Recent instances of payment fraud in our customers' local environments demonstrate the necessity for industry-wide collaboration to fight against these threats. While SWIFT users have sole responsibility for protecting their own systems, SWIFT is committed to working closely with its customers to reinforce security and to address the persistent threat of cyber-attacks. We have therefore launched the Customer Security Programme (CSP), which aims to improve information sharing throughout the community, enhance SWIFT-related tools for customers and provide audit frameworks.

Join this session to find out more about the general threat landscape, why protecting your SWIFT-related infrastructure is of utmost importance and learn more about SWIFT's CSP and how it can help you.

SWIFTSmart

For more than 30 years, SWIFT has provided open classroom training to its members on the fundamentals of SWIFT and the related financial industry's ecosystem. Driven by SWIFT's community mission to instill operational excellence, increase risk awareness and decrease security threats for all members, SWIFT launched a comprehensive and innovative eLearning platform, SWIFTSmart. This new interactive, cloud-based service provides a digital catalogue of courses to help increase reach and access of SWIFT expertise within your institution. Join this session to be the first to discover how SWIFTSmart can support your institution with faster onboarding of new staff, better understanding of SWIFT, increased productivity, ultimately leading to reduced day-to-day operational risk and greater efficiency in detecting security threats operating in your environment.

SWIFT Compliance portfolio

Remaining compliant with ever-changing financial crime regulation is challenging and expensive and not an easy task. You have to comply promptly and accurately with challenging regulatory requirements across multiple jurisdictions. As a result, compliance-related costs are increasing and require more internal resources. You're charged with detecting illicit activity wherever it occurs. But you also have to keep control of costs and deliver unparalleled customer service. Join this session to find out more about SWIFT's portfolio of innovative solutions inspired by the SWIFT community that will help you meet these challenges and control the costs of financial crime compliance.

The Alliance family and integration services with Alliance Access and Alliance Messaging Hub

Join this session to find out about upcoming changes in the Alliance family with details about Release 7.2 and a view on SWIFT's roadmap. In addition, we will share some of the latest developments in our consulting and integration services portfolio. We will focus on our operational excellence offering as well as tailor-made solutions. We will also highlight Alliance Messaging Hub, our highly customisable financial platform and demonstrate how we have helped clients with integration and business application requirements.

Cloud interfaces

Spotlight on the SWIFT Cloud ecosystem: Join this session to learn more about the SWIFT Community Cloud success story and our offering. The session will cover Alliance Lite2, Alliance Remote Gateway, as well as Alliance Lifeline and will highlight how these solutions are helping make it easier, quicker, cheaper and more effective to do business.

Resiliency

The resiliency and continuity of SWIFT connectivity is crucial for financial institutions and corporates. In this session you will learn more about market best practices of SWIFT infrastructure design and implementation to keep your SWIFT operation up and running at all times. We will provide a full explanation about the tools and products needed to increase your RTO & RPO ratios and back office integration availability and the importance of setting failover procedures in case of emergencies.

Corporates

Corporates are becoming increasingly international and are looking for industry-standard ways to work with multiple banking partners for cash, trade and corporate treasury. Join this session to find out why more and more corporates are joining the SWIFT network and how the SWIFT global payments innovation service (SWIFT gpi) is helping corporates track their telegraphic transfers and have predictability on fees.



SWIFT experts will be on the ground during ARC. Meet us at the SWIFTHub and follow one of our demos at the SWIFTLab!

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TIME & ROOM	WORKSHOP OUTLINE	SPEAKERS
Monday 15 May 14:00-16:30 CHANDELIER LAGUNE	Global Payments Innovation (gpi)	
14:00 – 14:15	Introduction Trade and correspondent banking flows in Africa	Onur Ozan , Head of Business Development – Middle East, Turkey and Africa, SWIFT
14:15 – 15:00	Presentation: SWIFT gpi – delivering the future of cross-border payments, today Banks around the world are working with SWIFT to deliver the SWIFT gpi initiative and create the next era for correspondent banking. The initiative is a robust response to evolving bank and corporate needs for enhanced customer service and operational efficiency. It delivers an enhanced value proposition for correspondent banking by addressing key challenges facing the industry. With the first live traffic exchanged in February 2017, we will explore how this initiative is transforming the cross-border payments landscape, and what it means for banks and corporates. We will also hear testimonials from banks in the process of implementing SWIFT gpi.	Jamy Maigre , SWIFT gpi Expert, SWIFT Stanley Wachs , Head of Bank and Corporate engagement, SWIFT gpi
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 – 16:15	Panel discussion: Transforming the world of correspondent banking Huge investment is flowing into financial technology and disruptive FinTech companies are trying to eat into banks’ business, with many of them moving up the value chain from low value person-to-person transactions to offer an alternative model to traditional correspondent banking. However, banks are fighting back. They are investigating how disruptive technologies can support their businesses and are working together in unprecedented ways to improve the experience and reduce costs for the end customers. This session will look how financial institutions are responding to new challenges and harnessing the potential of innovative technology to better serve their customers, and what SWIFT is doing to assist the community in defending their territory.	Stanley Wachs , Head of Bank and Corporate engagement, SWIFT gpi Larize Nel , Portfolio Manager, CIB Africa Technology, Absa Bank
16:15	Closing remarks	

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TIME & ROOM	WORKSHOP OUTLINE
<p>Thursday 18 May 10:15-13:15</p> <p>CHANDELIER LAGUNE</p>	<p>National Payment Systems Workshop Powered by BankServAfrica, McKinsey & Company & SWIFT</p>
	<p>Workshop outline</p> <p>African central banks and finance ministries are realizing that good payments infrastructure is vital plumbing for a prosperous emerging economy. A sound, efficient and highly accessible national payment system can fast-track economic development, but weak infrastructure can frustrate it. In many countries in Africa, the banking community is engaged in debates about how to design payments infrastructure that will serve the needs of businesses and consumers, now and into the future. Global development agencies see the same challenge, and are redirecting financial aid into building better payments infrastructure as a way of kick-starting economic development.</p> <p>But where do we start? Is person-to-person mobile the key to success? Can domestic business activity prosper without modern real-time funds transfer? And how can this be done in a way that provides flexibility for the future but keeps costs down? Will investing in domestic card payments infrastructure yield faster development? Should the national design leap-frog legacy technology altogether and go straight to digital rich data solutions?</p>
	<p>Who should attend?</p> <p>This workshop is designed for anyone interested in design of national payments infrastructure to support the economy as it grows – economic policymakers, central bankers, banking and payments associations and senior bankers.</p>
	<p>Why attend?</p> <p>Drawing on global expertise in leading edge payment systems design, the workshop will seek to apply the lessons of current efforts in payment system redesign in the developed world to the special circumstances of emerging economies. Right now, countries from Canada to India are engaged in wholesale payment systems redesign – and we can learn from them to benefit Africa.</p>
	<p>About</p> <p>BankServAfrica is the largest payments clearing and settlements house in Africa and FMI (financial market infrastructure) solutions provider. McKinsey & Company is a global management consulting firm deeply committed to helping African organisations achieve lasting success, and serving a broad range of financial institutions. SWIFT is a global member-owned cooperative and the world's leading provider of secure financial messaging services.</p>



NATIONAL PAYMENT SYSTEMS WORKSHOP

Good payments infrastructure is vital plumbing for a prosperous emerging economy!

How are payments infrastructures designed to serve the needs of businesses and consumers, and in turn best serve their communities? What can we learn from the Australian NPP that would benefit payment system design in Africa?

Find out more at the National Payment Systems workshop at SWIFT ARC 2017 brought to you by BankservAfrica and McKinsey & Co.

18 MAY 2017

10:15 - 13:15

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Sofitel Abidjan Hotel

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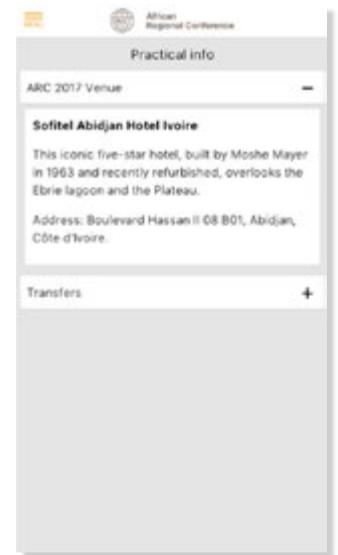
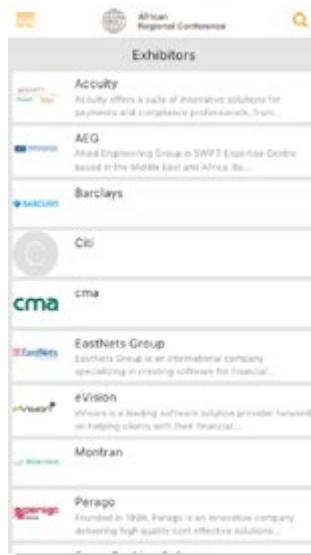
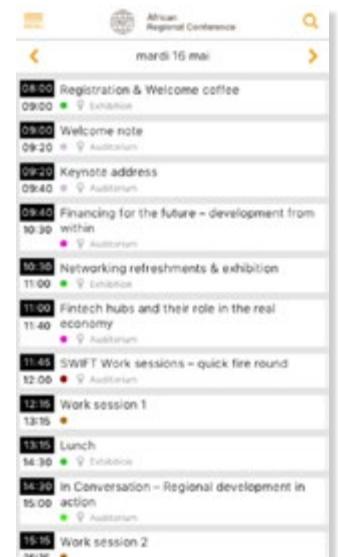
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REGISTRATION

The full conference delegate (three days) includes the transfers from the airport to the Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire, a printed conference programme as well as the networking cocktail on Tuesday, the gala dinner on Wednesday and the coffee breaks and luncheons for three days.

Full conference delegate pass: €950, excl. VAT

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