

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure on behalf of the National Coordinating Committee on Combating Money Laundering Funding of Terrorism (NCC) Secretariat to invite you for a seminar on ***Identifying the Beneficial Owner and AML/CFT Obligations***, on the **20 July 2022, from 09:00 to 14:00, at the Radisson Blu Hotel, St George's Bay, St Julian's.**

The lectures during this seminar that is directed for junior practitioners will be delivered by Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas, Dr Jonathan Phyll, and Mr. Yehuda Shaffer.

Dr Spiteri Lucas was appointed as Registrar of Companies and Chief Executive Office of the Malta Business Registry in October 2021. Previously to her appointment, she used to head the Legal and Enforcement Unit and was in charge of its overall function.

Dr Jonathan Phyll is the Head of the FIAU's Legal Affairs Section. A lawyer by profession, he joined the FIAU in 2016 and has represented Malta and the FIAU in a number of European and international fora as well as being heavily involved in the drafting of amendments to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, the Prevention of Money Laundering and Funding of Terrorism Regulations, and the Implementing Procedures.

Mr. Yehuda Shaffer has a background of 30 years of service in the Israeli Government as a prosecutor, founder and head of IMPA the Israeli Financial Intelligence Unit and as Deputy State Attorney. He is now an international anti-money laundering and counteracting funding of terrorism consultant.

You are kindly requested to confirm your participation on the following email address: ncc@ncc.gov.mt by not later than **Friday 8 July.**

We look forward to seeing you during this conference.

Kind Regards,



Dr Helga Buttigieg Debono
Executive Head

National Coordinating Committee on Combating Money Laundering & Funding of Terrorism

Biography about the Speakers

Geraldine Spiteri Lucas



Dr Spiteri Lucas was appointed as Registrar of Companies and Chief Executive Office of the Malta Business Registry in October 2021. Previously to her appointment, she used to head the Legal and Enforcement Unit and was in charge of its overall function. Dr Spiteri Lucas was instrumental to subject persons and CSPs in intricate legal issues. She was involved in the transposition of EU directives relating to company law into Maltese law and the upkeep of the Companies Act and relevant regulations.

She graduated as a Doctor of Laws from the University of Malta in 2010 and few months later obtained her warrant to practice in the Maltese Courts. She read Masters in European and Comparative Law, graduating in 2012. She started her career with a leading local law firm, advising local and international clients on civil, commercial, corporate, shipping and aviation law. She also represented various clients in litigation procedures before Tribunals and local Courts. She is also a member of the board of examiners for the Department of Commercial Law of the University of Malta.

Jonathan Phyll



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Yehuda Shaffer



Yehuda Shaffer is today, and since 2018, an independent consultant after retiring from 30 years of service in the Israeli Government pursuing a legal career specializing in financial crime issues, combined with extensive international experience in applying of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) standards.

He was the founder and head of the Israeli FIU (financial intelligence unit) and served as the deputy state attorney (financial crime) in the Israeli prosecution service.

Yehuda Shaffer has participated in several AML/CFT mutual evaluations, and has provided assistance in several jurisdictions, on various, operational and legal issues regarding ML/TF and sanctions, FATF evaluations, conducting national risk assessments, compliance programs for financial institutions, and training of supervisors, investigators prosecutors and judges.