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Global Regulatory Bodies Directory.

The complete reference to every international standard-setter, FATF regional body and national regulator relevant to a modern digital asset regime — who they are, what they cover, and when to engage them.

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How to use this directory

Who to engage — and in what order

A national reform team engages three tiers of counterpart in parallel. Tier 1 sets the binding standards. Tier 2 evaluates you on those standards through your FATF regional body. Tier 3 is the peer network of national supervisors from whom you will borrow drafting, learn examination technique, and negotiate MoUs. This directory identifies the leading body in each tier and states the primary instrument and the office you should approach.

Contact discipline

Route all first contact through your ministry of foreign affairs or the international affairs unit of your central bank. Bilateral supervisory contact without diplomatic coordination is treated as bad form and slows subsequent MoU work.

Tier 1 · International standard-setters

Body	Full name	Primary instrument	Engage for
FATF	Financial Action Task Force	Recommendations 15 & 16	AML/CFT, Travel Rule, ME
FSB	Financial Stability Board	High-Level Recommendations (2023)	Systemic stability, stablecoins
IOSCO	International Organization of Securities Commissions	Crypto & DeFi Policy Recs (2023)	Market conduct, custody
BCBS	Basel Committee on Banking Supervision	SCO60 Crypto-Asset Exposures	Bank prudential treatment
BIS-CPMI	Committee on Payments & Market Infrastructures	Stablecoin PFMI guidance	Payment systems
IMF	International Monetary Fund	Elements of Effective Policies (2023)	Macro-financial policy
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development	CARF · CRS 2.0	Tax transparency
World Bank	World Bank Group	Fintech notes · TA programmes	Technical assistance
UNODC	UN Office on Drugs and Crime	UNCAC · UNTOC	Asset recovery, MLA
Egmont	Egmont Group of FIUs	Principles for Information Exchange	FIU-to-FIU sharing

Order of engagement

For most emerging-market jurisdictions the sequence is: (1) your FATF regional body, (2) FATF secretariat via that body, (3) IMF or World Bank TA if capacity is a constraint, (4) IOSCO and BCBS through your securities regulator and central bank, (5) OECD Global Forum for CARF. FSB engagement is invitation-based and G20-mediated.

Tier 2 · FATF-style Regional Bodies (FSRBs)

Every jurisdiction is a member of exactly one FSRB, which conducts its mutual evaluation on the FATF's behalf. Membership is by geography. Engage the secretariat of your FSRB at least 24 months before your on-site evaluation window.

FSRB	Region	Members	Secretariat
APG	Asia / Pacific	41 jurisdictions	Sydney, Australia
CFATF	Caribbean	25 jurisdictions	Port of Spain, Trinidad
ESAAMLG	Eastern & Southern Africa	19 jurisdictions	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
EAG	Eurasia	9 jurisdictions	Moscow, Russia
GAFILAT	Latin America	17 jurisdictions	Buenos Aires, Argentina
GIABA	West Africa	17 jurisdictions	Dakar, Senegal
MENAFATF	Middle East & North Africa	21 jurisdictions	Manama, Bahrain
MONEYVAL	Council of Europe	35 jurisdictions	Strasbourg, France
GABAC	Central Africa	6 jurisdictions	Libreville, Gabon

Mutual evaluation calendar

The average ME cycle is 8–10 years. Track your position in your FSRB's published schedule and align blueprint delivery to land technical compliance evidence at least 12 months before your on-site visit.

Tier 3 · Key national regulators

Middle East & North Africa

Jurisdiction	Authority	Mandate / signature instrument
UAE — Dubai	VARA	Virtual Asset Regulatory Authority — activity-based rulebooks
UAE — Federal	SCA	Federal virtual asset licensing (non-Dubai)
UAE — ADGM	FSRA	Financial Services Regulatory Authority — DLT framework
Bahrain	CBB	Crypto-asset services module (Rulebook Vol 6)
Saudi Arabia	SAMA / CMA	Sandbox and forthcoming regime
Qatar	QFCRA / QCB	Innovation hub; virtual assets under review
Israel	ISA	Digital assets classified as securities
Turkey	MASAK / SPK	Registration & AML supervision
Morocco	BAM	Draft crypto law under consultation

Europe (national regulators under MiCA)

Jurisdiction	Authority	Mandate / signature instrument
EU-wide	ESMA · EBA	MiCA co-supervision & technical standards
Germany	BaFin	MiCA lead + Kryptoverwahrgeschäft carry-over
France	AMF · ACPR	PSAN registration, MiCA transition
Ireland	Central Bank of Ireland	VASP registration, MiCA authorisation
Netherlands	AFM · DNB	MiCA authorisation, custody
Spain	CNMV · Banco de España	MiCA and advertising rules
Italy	CONSOB · Banca d'Italia	OAM register, MiCA transition
Switzerland	FINMA	DLT Act, token classification
United Kingdom	FCA	AML register, financial promotions, phased regime

Asia-Pacific

Jurisdiction	Authority	Mandate / signature instrument
Singapore	MAS	PS Act + DPT Guidelines
Hong Kong SAR	SFC · HKMA	VASP licensing; stablecoin regime
Japan	FSA	Registered Crypto Asset Exchange Service Providers
South Korea	FSC · FIU	Specific Financial Transaction Information Act
Australia	ASIC · AUSTRAC	Financial services + DCE registration
New Zealand	FMA	Financial services conduct
India	SEBI · RBI · FIU-IND	PMLA registration; taxation regime
Thailand	SEC Thailand	Digital Asset Business Act
Indonesia	OJK · Bappebti	Transition of crypto oversight to OJK
Philippines	BSP · SEC	VASP circular 1108, digital asset securities
Vietnam	SBV · MoF	Framework under drafting
Malaysia	SC Malaysia	DAX operator recognition

Americas

Jurisdiction	Authority	Mandate / signature instrument
USA	SEC · CFTC · FinCEN · OCC · State regulators	Multi-agency, activity-based
Canada	CSA · OSFI · FINTRAC	MSB registration, staking rules
Brazil	BCB · CVM	Law 14.478/2022, sectoral rulings
Mexico	CNBV · Banxico	Fintech Law, ITF regime
Argentina	CNV · UIF	VASP registry
Chile	CMF · UAF	Fintech Law 21.521
Colombia	SFC · UIAF	Sandbox pilots, AML guidance
El Salvador	CNAD	Bitcoin Law, Digital Assets Issuance Law

Africa (in addition to FSRB membership)

Jurisdiction	Authority	Mandate / signature instrument
South Africa	FSCA · SARB	Crypto declared financial product

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Nigeria	SEC Nigeria · CBN	Digital Assets Rules; VASP registration
Kenya	CMA · CBK	VASP Bill 2025 (proposed)
Ghana	BoG · SEC Ghana	Draft VASP guidelines
Mauritius	FSC Mauritius	VAITOS Act
Botswana	NBFIRA	Virtual Assets Act 2022
Rwanda	NBR · CMA	Draft framework
Egypt	CBE · FRA	Restrictive stance; draft reforms

Offshore financial centres

Jurisdiction	Authority	Mandate / signature instrument
Cayman Islands	CIMA	Virtual Asset (Service Providers) Act
BVI	FSC BVI	VASP Act 2022
Bermuda	BMA	Digital Asset Business Act
Bahamas	SCB	DARE 2024
Gibraltar	GFSC	DLT Providers regime
Isle of Man	FSA IoM	Designated Businesses regime
Jersey	JFSC	AML supervision of VASPs
Guernsey	GFSC	AML supervision of VASPs

Annex

Model outreach letter

The following template — adapted from the Diplomatic Note format used by ministries of foreign affairs — is suitable for first contact with a foreign supervisor.

> **Draft — first-contact note**
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> From the [Ministry of Finance / Central Bank] of [Country] to the [Authority]. The [Sender] presents its compliments and, pursuant to its ongoing programme to design a national digital asset framework consistent with FATF Recommendations 15 and 16, wishes to open a technical dialogue with the [Authority]. The [Sender] would welcome a briefing on the [Authority]'s licensing, supervisory and Travel Rule frameworks, and invites the [Authority] to consider entering into a Memorandum of Understanding on supervisory cooperation and information exchange. The [Sender] avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

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