

## Press Release - GCFFC Announces APAC Regional Chapter

*Brussels, 9th January, 2023:* Today, the Global Coalition to Fight Financial Crime (GCFFC) has announced the establishment of an APAC Regional Chapter.

Following the success of our Regional Chapters in Europe, MENA and the Americas, the GCFFC is announcing the establishment of its APAC Chapter. The APAC Chapter will be led by Co Chairs **Debra Au** Head Legal & Compliance Hong Kong & China at DBS Bank based in Hong Kong & **Jodie Arthur** Head FCC Consumer & Business Westpac based in Melbourne & a Vice Chair **Robin Lee** Head of APAC at Napier Technologies based in Singapore, supported by secretariat led by **Ursula M'Crystal** and including **Julia Chin**.

GCFFC Chair **John Cusack** said, *“Establishing an APAC Chapter is long overdue. APAC is a region with 10 FATF member countries and is home to FATF’s current President. The APAC region though diverse has a number of common challenges including combatting financial crime, raising overall levels of effectiveness including through establishing PPPs, and other forms of public and private sector collaboration and through greater use of safe information sharing and deployment of new technologies and platforms. APAC is leading initiatives in a number of key areas and the GCFFC APAC Chapter will promote and support further development and to share best practices from APAC to the world.”*

Regional Chapter Co Chair **Debra Au** said *“I am delighted we can launch the APAC Chapter of the GCFFC which will enable many more of the talents in APAC to collaborate on promoting and supporting the fight against financial crime. The APAC chapter is fully supported by the GCFFC Members and many regional experts are committed and together with my co chair Jodie Arthur we aim to deepen collaboration on important anti financial crime topics, of concern across the region to public and private sectors alike.”*

Regional Chapter Co Chair **Jodie Arthur** said *“Collaboration, willingness and collective thought leadership are critical in the fight against Financial Crime within the APAC region and globally. Tackling Financial Crime today is a complex and global imperative. The APAC chapter seeks to bring together key industry partners and regional subject matter experts to work together with a common aim to drive effectiveness and take constructive efforts in the fight against global financial crimes. As one of the APAC co-chairs I am delighted to be part of the Global Coalition to Fight Financial Crime, together with my co-chair Debra Au we look forward to driving this important agenda and effecting meaningful change within the region and globally.”*

### Note to editors:

About the Global Coalition to Fight Financial Crime. Founded in 2018, the Global Coalition to Fight Financial Crime brings together different parts of the anti-financial crime ecosystem to work towards the establishment of global standards, built on public-private cooperation, to complement and make more effective current regional safeguards. See [WWW.GCFFC.org](http://WWW.GCFFC.org)