Virtual technical training

From Environmental Crime to Illicit Financial Flows: Uncovering the Networks Behind Illegal Gold Trade and Other Illicit Activities

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Opening Remarks/ Address

Mr Nicolas Pinaud He also oversees the Directorate's DAF communication function. He is the OECD's head of delegation to the G20 Infrastructure Working Group and to the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group, as well as to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

Nicolas is a long-serving OECD official who joined the OECD in 2002. He first worked in the Development Centre on issues of North–South and South-South macroeconomic interdependence, ; on the development of financial markets in emerging market economies, ; and was part of the team responsible for the yearly African Economic Outlook report. He was also instrumental in developing the OECD-sponsored Emerging Markets Network (EmNet). After a three3-year secondment in the private office of the French Minister for Employment, he came back to the OECD as an Advisor to the Secretary-General. He has served as OECD Sherpa to the G7 and the G20 (2020-2022), as Head (2018-2020), and Deputy Head (2015-2018) of the Sherpa Office and Global Governance Unit. Prior to joining the OECD, Nicolas started his career as a country-risk analyst at Société Générale Group.

A French national, Nicolas graduated from the École Normale Supérieure d'Ulm (Paris). He holds a Masters in Development Economics, a Masters in Political Science and a Masters in History from the University of Paris-1-Sorbonne.

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Mr Titrudeo Dawoodarry

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Keynote address

Mr Titrudeo Dawoodarry was appointed Director-General of the Financial Crimes Commission (FCC) by the President of the Republic of Mauritius, with effect from 12 June 2026. He brings to the role nearly four decades of distinguished experience in law enforcement, financial crime investigation, and institutional leadership
Mr. Dawoodarry began his career at the Mauritius Police Force. He successively headed the Cyber Crime Unit at the Central Crime Investigation Division and Interpol Mauritius.

Having transitioned to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), he rose steadily through its investigative ranks — serving as Chief Investigator from 2002, Acting Assistant Director of Investigations from 2004, and Acting Director of the Investigations Division from January 2017. Following the subsumption of ICAC into the FCC in March 2024, he assumed the substantive post of Director of Investigations before being nominated Acting Director-General in December 2024, steering the FCC through its critical post-proclamation phase and overseeing the restructuring of its divisions.

Academically, Mr. Dawoodarry is a graduate of the US Army Intelligence School and a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). He holds an MBA in Finance and Accounting, a Master's degree in Computer Forensics and Security, and an undergraduate degree in Communication.

Mr. Dawoodarry serves on the Executive Committee of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA) and oversees the FCC's collaboration with the Basel Institute on Governance (ICAR), the UNODC-supported GlobE Network, and the OECD Working Group on Bribery (WGB), in support of Mauritius' accession to the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention.

Session 1: Financial Crime Risks in Gold Supply Chains: Emerging Trends and Policy Responses - OECD



Mr Luca Maiotti

Policy Analyst
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Mr Luca Maiotti is a Policy Analyst in the Minerals Team of the OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct, where he's worked for the past 9 years. He leads the thematic work on corruption at the Centre, and the team's outreach in non-OECD countries. Previously, he worked at the Financial Action Task Force and the European External Action Service.

Session 2: Following the Money Behind Illicit Gold-The Sentry



Mr Sasha Lezhnev

Senior Policy Advisor
The Sentry

Mr Sasha Lezhnev is Senior Policy Advisor at The Sentry, an investigative and policy organization that seeks to disable multinational predatory networks that benefit from violent conflict, repression, and kleptocracy. He has testified before Congress and the UN Security Council on human rights, conflict, and US policy on Africa. While working in Uganda, he founded an award-winning NGO that has rehabilitated over 2,600 former child soldiers. He is author of the book Crafting Peace and helps lead The Sentry's engagement on illicit gold, critical minerals, and the Great Lakes Region of Africa.

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