Central Banking Meetings, London, United Kingdom

10th - 11th June 2026 at One Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HE

Theme: Strategic Turning Points: Markets, Independence and Automation

Day 1 - Wednesday, 10th June 2026			
08:00 – 09:00 am	**Registration and breakfast**		
09:00 – 09:30 am	**Welcome to the Central Banking Meetings, London** **Michelle Godwin**, Global Brand Director, **Central Banking** **Chris Jeffery**, Editor-in-Chief, **Central Banking**		
09:30 – 10:00 am	**Opening keynote address:** ***The Next Decade of Finance: Innovation, Trust, and Resilience*** **Santa Purgaile,** Deputy Governor, **Bank of Latvia**		
10:00 – 10:30 am	**Fireside chat: James Bullard in conversation with Chris Jeffery** *A discussion on the current geopolitical landscape, inflationary trends, Fed monetary policy under new chair Kevin Warsh and the debate about Fed independence* **James Bullard,** Dean, **Purdue University,** and Former President**, Federal Reserve of St Louis** **Chris Jeffery**, Editor-in-Chief, **Central Banking**		
Track	**Global Financial Markets** **Room: The River Room**	**Digital Sovereignty** **Room: The Gladstone Library**	**Risk & Resilience** **Room: The Meston Suite**
10:30 – 10:45 am	**Chair's opening remarks** **Pedro Duarte Neves,** Former Vice Governor, **Bank of Portugal - Slides**	**Chair's opening remarks** **Clair Mills,** Executive Director of Banking & Payments Operations, **Bank of England**	**Chair's opening remarks** **Elizabeth McCaul**, Former Supervisory Board Member, **European Central Bank**
10:45 – 11:45 am	**Anchoring expectations: Monetary policy resilience in an uncertain future** • How are central banks preserving credibility and stability when shocks have been larger, more frequent and more global than before? • Discuss the larger role of supply-side forces in inflationary episodes. • What role have rising commodity prices, supply chain bottlenecks,	**Towards frictionless cross-border transactions** • Discuss instant payment system interoperability in the context of cross-border transactions. • Analyse the merits of interlinking models (bilateral, regional, decentralised) in ensuring safer, faster, and more efficient transactions.	**Shaping resilient cyber defences: Securing supply chains, quantifying cyber risk, and strengthening frameworks** • How have geopolitical tensions and digitalisation increased cyber-attack frequency and expanded the threat landscape? • The need for a macro prudential perspective on cyber resilience: designing stress tests that model

	and labour-shortages played as contributors to and spillovers from inflationary shocks? • Discuss how the decline of globalisation has spurred the rise of regional integration and bilateral cooperation. • Shared opportunities can also lead to shared disruptions. How are central banks managing this? • What does a well-calibrated policy mix look like for the future? **Soledad Núñez,** Deputy Governor, **Bank of Spain** **Pedro Duarte Neves,** Former Vice Governor, **Bank of Portugal** *(moderator)*	• What role might tokenised assets and DLT networks play in cross-border payments? • Identify sources of regulatory friction and discuss how to best address them. • Examine how public-private partnerships can enhance the cross-border payments ecosystem. **Ana Maria Preito Ariza,** Head of the Payment System Department, **Central Bank of Colombia** **Pietro Tiberi, Manager,** Information Technology Directorate, **Bank of Italy** **Vasudevan Parameswaran,** Executive Director, **Reserve Bank of India** **Shriyanka Hore,** Managing Director and Global Head of Industry Relations, **Swift** **Joasia Popowicz,** Associate Editor, **Central Banking** *(moderator)*	contagion channels, transmission, and amplification effects. • Disruption to critical economic infrastructures: risks to payment systems, cross-border flows, third parties, and extended supply chain risks. • The dual nature of AI: what risks have risen from its integration, and how can it be harnessed as a defensive tool? • Preparing for a post-quantum future: cryptographic agility, prioritisation of critical systems, and migration roadmaps. • Regulatory adaptation and coordination: modernising supervisory frameworks, harmonising cross-border rules, and closing persistent gaps for financial stability. **Dirk Broeders,** Senior Lead Financial Risk Expert**, European Central Bank** **Odean White,** Chief Risk Officer**, Bank of Jamaica** *(moderator)*
11:45 – 12:15 pm	**Networking break**		
12:15 – 1:15 pm	**Balancing portfolio management, enhancing returns, and measuring performance** • Recalibrating the definition of 'safe assets' within reserve management strategies. • How are reserve managers assessing and balancing asset allocation strategies under sanction risk and uncertainty?	**AI for central banks: Unlocking insight, preserving judgement, and informing policy** • Understanding the high impact of AI for advancing central bank missions and performance: research, analytics, forecasting, supervision, market surveillance, and payments. • How are central banks managing internal AI risks, including controls for	**Data innovation for central bank digital transformation** • Analyse methods of improving data access, collection, and quality for central banks. • How has the cloud and similar technologies helped lead data efforts across central banking operations?

	• Discuss asset classes, portfolio duration and alternative assets. • Allocating to gold: hedging, diversification and sovereign confidence. • Approaches for measuring reserves performance: benchmarks, duration targeting, absolute return strategies, and indexing. • ESG integration: what has changed? **Liliana Jerónimo,** Deputy Head of the Markets Department**, Bank of Portugal** **Michal Zajac,** Head of Investment Reserves Risk Management Section, **National Bank of Slovakia** **Vanessa Mussard,** Acting Director of Financial Markets**, Central Bank of the Seychelles** **Raivo Vanags,** Head of Market Operations, **Bank of Latvia** **Dr Edna Villa,** Senior Assistant Governor, Financial Markets**, Central Bank of the Philippines** **Johanna Lasker,** Head of Official Institutions and CEO North America, **BNP Paribas Asset Management** *(moderator)*	hallucinations, security, confidentiality, and reputational exposure? • Discuss prioritising 'human-in-the-loop' approaches to AI use: decision gates, escalation protocols, and explainability requirements. • Examine future outcomes of AI: governance policies and standards, responsible scaling measures. **Colm Toolin,** Deputy Head of Division of Market Operations Solutions, **European Central Bank** **Guiseppe Bruno,** Director of IT Support for Economics and Statistics, **Bank of Italy** **Dr Emir Kurtić,** Vice Governor, **Central Bank of Bosnia & Herzegovina** **Valeria Mbango,** Director, Strategy, projects and Transformation, **Bank of Namibia** **Eric Donkoh,** Chief Data and Analytics Officer, **Bermuda Monetary Authority** **Michal Piechocki,** Senior Vice President, Suptech, **Regnology** *(moderator)*	• Discuss the importance of balancing data-driven decisions with human judgement. • How can central banks and supervisory authorities use data to improve suptech and regtech efforts? **Dane Whittleston,** Head of Division – RegTech, Data & Innovation, **Bank of England** **Homero Goncalves,** Director of the Statistics Department, **Bank of Portugal** **Konstantin Bottenberg,** Head of Supervisory Technologies, **European Central Bank** **Ramūnas Baravykas,** Chief Data Officer and Director of the Data and Statistics Department, **Bank of Lithuania** **Elizabeth McCaul**, Former Supervisory Board Member, **European Central Bank** *(moderator)*
1:15 - 2:15 pm	**Lunch break**		
2:15 – 2:45 pm	***Bank of England* plenary: Building trust with younger people particularly through gamification - Slides** *This will be a live demo session.* **James Hotson**, Head of Strategic Communications, **Bank of England** **Efetive Eguko**, Campaigns Lead, **Bank of England**		

2:45 – 3:45 pm	**Quo Vadis the role of the dollar?** • Address the US dollar as a reserve asset and the Treasury as a global safe haven vs their declining roles in the international monetary system. • How are developments in global FX markets effecting financial stability? Discuss safe asset and treasury behaviours in times of stress. • Discuss the greenback's structural advantages: access to a deep and liquid financial system, a robust legal framework, status as the primary reserve currency, and a dominant role in trade invoicing. • Discuss its disadvantages, including its rival currencies: Euro, SDR, Yen, RMN, Swiss Franc, gold, etc. • Does rapid innovation in new payment technologies, cryptocurrencies, and digitalisation act as threat to or leverage for the dollar's international role? • Are we headed towards a multipolar international monetary system: Quo Vadis the role of the dollar? **Jelena Janković,** Director of Financial and Banking Operations**, Central Bank of Montenegro** **Maurizio Michael Habib,** Team Lead - Financial Stability, **European Central Bank** **Dr Elisa Viloria,** Economic Advisor to the Governor, **Central Bank of the Dominican Republic** **Satine Asoyan,** Head of Risk Management Division, Global Markets, **Central Bank of Armenia**	**Payments in transition: CBDCs, stablecoins, and tokenization** • Explore recent payment initiatives by central banks: CBDCs, stablecoins, retail and wholesale systems. • In what environments might these initiatives not only coexist, but prove interoperable? • How are digital assets and tokenisation increasing innovation, connectivity, and resilience in payments? • How might legacy systems transition to support these new technologies? • Discuss regulatory considerations for payment innovations and digital assets. **Sergio Gorjón,** Head of the Means of Payment and Payment Infrastructure Innovation Division, **Bank of Spain** **George Alayon,** Deputy Director, Supervision (Fintech), **Bermuda Monetary Authority** **Sang Hyuk Lim,** Visting Economist**, Bank of International Settlements** **Saw Choo Tatt,** CEO, **NETS Solutions** **Kjetil Watne,** Special Advisor, **Norges Bank** **Stephen Boyle,** Senior Manager, Payments Innovation Technology Division**, Bank of England** *(moderator)*	**Interbank working group: Deploying AI across the central bank** *In this invite-only session, participants will share experiences with deploying AI across a range of central bank functions. The discussion will explore areas such as developing AI platforms, restructuring workflows, and navigating potential hazards.* **Bisi Sijuade,** Head of Subscription and Training, Asia & EMEA, **Central Banking** **Barbara Faiman,** Head of Subscription and Training, Americas & Oceania, **Central Banking** **Daniel Hinge,** Benchmarking Editor**, Central Banking** *(moderator) - Slides*

	Benjamin Mosk, Senior Financial Sector Expert, Global Markets Analysis Division, **International Monetary Fund** **Daniel Blackburn,** News Editor, **Central Banking** *(moderator)*		
3:45 – 3:50 pm	**Chair's closing remarks** **Pedro Duarte Neves,** Former Vice Governor, **Bank of Portugal**	**Chair's closing remarks** **Clair Mills,** Executive Director of Banking & Payments Operations, **Bank of England**	**Chair's Closing remarks** **Elizabeth McCaul**, Former Supervisory Board Member, **European Central Bank**
3:50 – 4:00 pm	**Short break**		
4:00 – 4:30 pm	**Bank of England presents: The digital pound** **Manuel Munoz,** Senior Manager, Payments Innovation and Fintech Directorate**, Bank of England -** *Slides*		
4:30 – 5:15 pm	**Central Banking lifetime achievement award winner: Mervyn King in conversation with Chris Jeffery** **Mervyn King,** Baron King of Lothbury and Former Governor**, Bank of England** **Chris Jeffery**, Editor-in-Chief, **Central Banking (moderator)**		
5:15 – 5:30 pm	**Closing remarks for day one of the meetings** **Michelle Godwin,** Global Brand Director, **Central Banking** **Chris Jeffery**, Editor-in-Chief, **Central Banking**		
5:30 – 6:30 pm	**Networking drinks reception**		
6:30 – 9:30 pm	**Central Banking Awards 2026** *This is an invite-only reception to commemorate and recognise the outstanding performance and achievements of individuals and organisations within the entire central banking community.* *The full list of award winners: https://www.centralbanking.com/content-hub/central-banking-awards-2026-7975299*		

Day 2 – Thursday, 11th June 2026	
08:00 – 9:30 am	**Breakfast Roundtable discussion – Cross-border payments unpacker: From noise to navigation- Slides** *This is an invite-only roundtable discussion.* **Hosted by Joasia Popowicz**, Associate Editor**, Central Banking and Swift**
09:00 – 09:30 am	**Registration and breakfast**

	For all other delegates.		
09:30 – 10:00 am	**Welcome to day two of the Central Banking Meetings, London** **Michelle Godwin**, Brand director, **Central Banking** **Chris Jeffery**, Editor-in-chief, **Central Banking**		
10:00 – 10:30 am	**Keynote address: Trust in the infrastructure: banking supervision in a changing risk landscape** **Sharon Donnery,** Member of the Supervisory Board, **European Central Bank**		
10:30 – 11:00 am	**AI adoption in central banks: Insights from Central Banking Institute benchmarking data - slides** **Daniel Hinge,** Benchmarking Editor**, Central Banking**		
11:00 – 11:15 am	**Morning networking break**		
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11:30 – 12:30 pm	**Fireside chat: Geoeconomics in Emerging Market Debt** **Nicholas Hardingham,** Senior Vice President, **Franklin Templeton** **Joasia Popowicz,** Editor, **Central Banking** (moderator)	**Sovereign tech for central banks: Securing digital autonomy and resilience** • How can central banks and regulators strategically adopt and govern digital technologies to ensure operational safety, resilience, and true digital autonomy? • What role should sovereign financial clouds play in guaranteeing data sovereignty, continuity, and regulatory compliance? • How can sovereign tech drive innovation and efficiency within central banks? • In what ways can sovereign solutions advance strategic aims across monetary, data, and payments oversight (including CBDC and DLT readiness)? • What are its implementation challenges: skills, procurement, governance, and public-private partnerships?	**Operational resilience in action** • How are central banks enhancing operational risk frameworks with stronger controls, scenario analysis, and stress testing management methodologies? • Discuss updating business continuity and disaster recovery plans to meet increased uncertainty. • Moving beyond prevention and preparedness: how have central banks responded to recent incidents? • Balancing risk and innovation: how are central banks safely integrate AI and other new technologies into operations?

		Valérie Fasquelle, General Director of the Information System**, Banque de France** **Dr Naoll Addisu Merdassa,** Sr Technology Advisor to H.E. The Governor, **National Bank of Ethiopia** *(moderator)* **Vasudevan Parameswaran,** Executive Director, **Reserve Bank of India** **Rodolfo Mendez Garcia,** IT Manager**, Bank of Mexico**	**Guenther Hobl,** Head of Risk Management, **National Bank of Austria** **Sophie Lefebvre**, Senior Director, Calgary Operational Site and Fiscal Agent Policy, **Bank of Canada** **Odean White,** Chief Risk Officer**, Bank of Jamaica** **Carlos Pérez Leguízamo,** Advisor on Technological Research and Innovation at the Directorate General of Central Bank Operations, **Bank of Mexico** **Dominik Smoniewski,** Head of Department, Surveillance of Financial Market Infrastructures, Payment Services and Cyber Risks, **National Bank of Belgium** *(moderator)*
12:30 – 1:30 pm	**Lunch break**		
1:30 – 2:30 pm	**Central bank economic modelling in times of uncertainty** • How is geopolitical uncertainty, technological change, and the green transition shaping the new economic modelling agenda for central banks? • Discuss the efficacy of historic models. Do they maintain validity given the increasing frequency of extreme shocks? • Review the current economic modelling toolkit. How can central banks better integrate new variables and establish more robust baselines? • Explore the use of scenario analysis in evaluating economic impact. How does its ability to	**1:30 – 1:50 pm:** ***Central Banking award winner presentation: Payments and market infrastructure development – retail:*** **Central Bank of Colombia - Slides** *Central Banking award-winner presentation. Celebrating excellence withing the central banking community.* **Ana Maria Preito Ariza,** Head of the Payment System Department, **Central Bank of Colombia** **1:50 – 2:10 pm:** ***Central Banking award winner presentation: Payments and market infrastructure development – wholesale:*** **National Bank of Ethiopia - Slides**	**1:30 – 2:30 pm Rethinking banking supervision: Simplification, interconnections, and cooperation** • Discuss supervisors and banks as partners in resilience. How can regulation enable strategic advantages and not create undue burden? • Prioritising safeguards: which core objectives (capital, liquidity, operational continuity) must be preserved when simplifying rules? • Analyse the growing adoption of positive neutral CCyB frameworks. What are its pros and cons? • How can monitoring non-bank interconnection and crypto exposure ensure simplification does not weaken systemwide safeguards?

	• capture risk compare to that of sensitivity analysis? • What role might ML and AI play in economic modelling? How might central banks leverage big data to improve forecasting accuracy? **Gianni Amisano,** Assistant Director, Research and Statistics Division, **Federal Reserve Board** **Eva Ortega Eslava,** Head of the Global Economy Division, Monetary Policy and International Economy Department, **Bank of Spain** **Stephen Murchison,** Advisor to the Governor, **Bank of Canada** **Matteo Ciccarelli,** Head of Forecasting and Policy Modelling Division, **European Central Bank** *(moderator)*	*Central Banking award-winner presentation. Celebrating excellence withing the central banking community.* **Mistre Sisay,** Director of Market and Securities Operations Directorate, **National Bank of Ethiopia**	• Discuss cross-border cooperation and harmonised approaches to reduce fragmentation and improve crisis coordination. • How can central banks design supervisory tools that remain effective yet easily applicable? **Marek Ličák,** Director, Financial Stability Department, **National Bank of Slovakia** **Domhnall Cullinan,** Director of Banking & Payments, **Central Bank of Ireland** **Renata Samodol,** Executive Director, Prudential Supervision Area, **Croatian National Bank** **F. Christopher Calabia**, Senior Advisor, Prudential Regulatory Authority**, Bank of England** **Marco Antonio Guimaraes Verrone,** Deputy Head of Strategic Management and Specialised Supervision, **Central Bank of Brazil** *(moderator)*
2:30 – 3:00 pm	**The next generation technology for reserve management and monetary operations** • Discuss the role of tokenisation and blockchain technology within central bank reserves. • Would tokenisation enhance efficiency and open new possibilities in cross-border payments, securities markets and beyond, while maintaining the key principles of sound money: singleness, elasticity, and integrity?	**2:10 – 2:40 Fireside Chat: Strengthening compliance, sanction and fraud risk** **Marc Baran,** Director of fight against money laundering and terrorist financing**, French Prudential Supervision (ACPR)** **Daniel Hinge,** Benchmarking Editor**, Central Banking** (moderator) **2:40 – 3:00 pm:** ***Central Banking award winner presentation: Central Bank Independence Influence the Relationship Between Inflation,***	**2:30 – 3:00 pm:** ***Central Banking award winner presentation: Currency manager of the year:*** **Central Bank of Curacao & Sint Marteen- - Slides** *Central Banking award-winner presentation. Celebrating excellence withing the central banking community.* **Nancy van der Wal**, Head of Corporate Communications, **Central Bank of Curaçao and Sint Maarten - Slides**

	• Discuss the case for switching to a blockchain based currency market. • What is the impact of these instruments on overall monetary and financial stability? **Jan Schmidt,** Executive Director, Risk Management and Transaction Support Department, **Czech National Bank** **Adriana Lojschova**, Advisor, BIS Innovation Hub Eurosystem Centre**, BIS** **Rodrigo Rodrigues Gomes de Paula,** IT coordinator, International Reserves Department, **Central Bank of Brazil** **Joasia Popowicz,** Associate Editor, **Central Banking** *(moderator)*	***Income Inequality, and Poverty? By the* Central Bank of Brazil -Slides** *Central Banking award-winner presentation. Celebrating excellence withing the central banking community.* **Bruno Tiberto,** Advisor, **Central Bank of Brazil**	
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3:15 – 4:00 pm	**Afternoon tea and drinks**		
4:00 – 4:45 pm	**High-level strategic panel** **Chris Jeffery**, Editor-in-Chief, **Central Banking** *(moderator)* **Zoltán Kurali,** Deputy Governor**, Central Bank of Hungary** **Nino Jelzade**, Vice Governor, Central **Bank of Georgia** **Ales Michl,** Governor, **Czech National Bank**		
4:45 – 5:00 pm	**Closing remarks and end of meetings**		