Call for Papers
Financial Regulation International Special Issue

The Global South Dialogue on Economic Crime (GSDEC) invites paper submissions for a Special Issue of *Financial Regulation International* (FRI). FRI is a practitioner-focused news service that features articles and opinion pieces on international and domestic financial regulation, private law disputes, and the financial services industry.

Theme:
Regulating the Digital Frontier: Crypto Assets, Tokenisation, and Financial Stability in the Global South

The rapid adoption of virtual assets and the experimentation with tokenised finance have moved from the periphery to the centre of financial policy debates in emerging and developing economies. From Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) pilots to the licensing of Virtual Asset Service Providers (VASPs), regulators in the Global South are navigating a delicate balance between fostering innovation, preserving monetary sovereignty, and mitigating illicit financial flows. This issue seeks to explore the regulatory responses, legal challenges, and market realities of this digital transition. We welcome contributions that examine how jurisdictions are building frameworks for stablecoins, decentralised finance (DeFi), and cross-border payment interoperability, as well as the institutional capacity required to supervise these new rails.

Submissions:

1. **Opinion-style article** focusing on a news or regulatory development (750 to 1,250 words)
2. **Feature** analysing a particular trend or regulatory change (2,000 to 3,000 words)
3. **Case report** examining a recent judgment in detail (1,500 to 2,000 words)
4. **In-depth, academic-style paper** on a subject of your choice (3,000-7,000 words)

Note:

- Submissions are not limited to academic writings or economic crime-focused topics.
- Short pieces are welcome, and practitioners, finance professionals, and academics are encouraged to share their insights and expertise on recent legislation and reforms in financial regulation in the Global South.
- We are particularly interested in pieces that address the practical challenges of implementing the FATF's "travel rule," the design of regulatory sandboxes for fintech, and the implications of stablecoin adoption for local currencies.

Guidelines:

- Email proofread articles to **info@gsdec.org** using "Call for Papers: FRI Special Issue" as the Subject line.
- Authors will receive a PDF of the issue containing their contribution upon publication.

Deadline:

Thursday, December 31, 2026