

Secure Communities Forum

2026 UAE Crypto Crime Investigations Masterclass / Workshop

17 November 2026 | Alongside the World Police Summit

13:30–17:00

13:30–13:40 | Opening and Strategic Context

1st Lt. Sultan Al Dahbashi Head, Permanent Alliances Development Branch International Affairs Bureau Ministry of Interior, United Arab Emirates

Burak Kubilay — Eastern Europe Regional Security Officer, Mastercard

- Why cryptocurrency-enabled crime matters for law enforcement
- Strengthening investigative capability and public-private cooperation
- Workshop objectives

13:40–14:00 | The Crypto Crime Threat Landscape

Burak Kubilay — Eastern Europe Regional Security Officer, Mastercard

- Key crime typologies and emerging trends
- How illicit funds move between traditional and digital financial systems
- Implications for law enforcement investigations

14:00–14:30 | From On-Chain Activity to Courtroom Evidence

Arushi Goel — Former Head of Policy, Middle East and Africa, Chainalysis

- Distinguishing transaction tracing from attribution
- Turning blockchain intelligence into usable evidence
- Connecting on-chain findings with know-your-customer (KYC) records, banking information and other off-chain evidence

14:30–14:55 | Industry and Law Enforcement Cooperation Models for Cryptocurrency Crime

Dr Omer Ali Saifudeen — Rabdan Academy

Prof. Tatyana Gibbs

This session examines how law enforcement, cryptocurrency exchanges, financial institutions and blockchain analytics firms can cooperate to investigate cryptocurrency-enabled crime. Topics include intelligence sharing, joint investigative support, rapid-response channels for tracing and freezing illicit funds, and shared training. The discussion will address trust, cross-border coordination and data-sharing challenges, with a focus on stronger investigations, asset recovery and victim protection.

14:55–15:05 | Break

15:05–16:05 | Practical Exercise

Led by a blockchain analytics provider or virtual asset service provider — to be confirmed

A guided, hands-on exercise in tracing suspicious transactions, identifying investigative leads and determining what additional information is needed to advance a case.

16:05–16:35 | Fireside Discussion: From Intelligence to Action — Cooperation Across Borders

Panellists: Dr Omer Ali Saifudeen; Arushi Goel; Burak Kubilay, 1st Lt. Sultan Al Dahbashi

Moderated by Eitan Charnoff

- Cross-border information sharing
- Regulatory differences and barriers to investigations
- Practical opportunities to strengthen regional cooperation

16:35–16:50 | Participant Q&A

Moderated by Eitan Charnoff and Dr Omer Ali Saifudeen

An open discussion of participants' investigative challenges, emerging priorities and needs for further training and support.

16:50–17:00 | Closing Remarks

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