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### **European Financial Intelligence Unit Leaders Dissect New Anti-Money Laundering Regulations at Premier Conference in Amsterdam**

*7<sup>th</sup> Annual ACAMS European Conference features high-level training on emerging AML threats and regulations, new areas of financial crimes, and best practices for detection and prevention*

**The Netherlands – May 25, 2011** – This 5-7 June, ACAMS will assemble more than 30 international AML/CTF experts for its 7th Annual Anti-Money Laundering & Counter-Terrorism Financing Conference in Amsterdam. Distinguished speakers, Hennie Kusters and Raul Vahtra, heads of the Netherlands and Estonia FIUs, respectively, will open the conference with a critical session on the impact of the new FATF 40+9 recommendations; pinpointing the state of AML in Europe, emerging money laundering threats and increased regulatory enforcement activity.

Other prominent European figures sharing their knowledge and insight include Eric Ducoulombier, Deputy Head of DG Internal Market and Services Unit at the European Commission, and Nicola Bonucci, Director at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

"The ACAMS European Conference, supported by our high-profile speaker faculty, provides essential, comprehensive and practical learning, with invaluable networking and information sharing opportunities," said John Byrne, CAMS, ACAMS executive vice president. "With increased regulations and innovative financial crime schemes, institutions around the world, more than ever, are depending on ACAMS' training programmes to ensure that their employees gain access to expert guidance, tools and solutions needed to tackle everyday AML and related compliance challenges."

More than 300 professionals from some 45 countries are confirmed to attend this two-day intensive training, including representatives from banks, securities firms, money services businesses, insurance companies, government agencies and other non-depository institutions.

Special sessions will also focus on key changes in the AML arena such as the impact of the UK Bribery Act and the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) on European financial institutions.

Speakers will also address critical money laundering risks in Russia and Eastern Europe, as well as updates to sanctions requirements related to the Middle East.

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