Update on ISSA's Financial Crime Compliance Principles for Securities Custody and Settlement

In August 2015, ISSA released 17 Principles intended to support the efforts of the global community of securities custodians and intermediaries to address the critical challenges posed by financial crime. In order to facilitate their adoption, the ISSA Working Group has continued its task of establishing supporting documentation. ISSA is pleased to provide the following updates and links:

Revised Principles
In the course of its tasks, the Working Group has made a series of technical revisions to the original Principles. The updated document can be accessed here. A full revision is planned for 2018.

Examples of Draft Contractual Terms
ISSA has developed a document "Examples of Draft Contractual Terms to Support the Implementation of the Principles". The document provides initial guidance on the drafting of contractual terms between Custodians and their regulated Account Holders. It is only available in the Closed User Group on ISSA’s homepage. A short introduction to this document can be found here.

ISSA Financial Crime Compliance Sample Questionnaire
This questionnaire aims to provide those Custodians that require it with the guidance and information necessary to perform due diligence on their Account Holders. It will be made freely accessible to the industry via ISSA's homepage in due course. Furthermore, with their September 2017 release, Swift will make the questionnaire available as a new optional document in their KYC Registry.

Financial Crime Compliance Principles Implementation
ISSA anticipates that cross-market adoption of its Principles should be achievable by the end of 2019. In order to support its Members in reaching such goal, ISSA is about to organize an operational support group to provide best practice guidance on deploying a securities specific crime compliance due diligence program.

ISSA will continue to inform on progress by means of its homepage.

With best regards,
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