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**ACAMS AML/CTF Conference Returns
to Europe with Record-Breaking Numbers**

AML experts, regulators and government officials representing over 40 countries gather in Amsterdam to combat financial crime

Amsterdam – June 10, 2010 – More than 300 AML/CTF professionals from some 40 countries attended the [6th Annual AML/CTF Conference, Europe](#) hosted by the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) this week in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Event organisers confirm attendance exceeded expectations this year as financial institutions throughout Europe face unprecedented pressure to increase the effectiveness of their anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorism financing (CTF) programmes.

"The record-setting attendance in the midst of a trying economic environment clearly shows that AML professionals and their management understand the value of training and networking with peers," said John Byrne, CAMS, ACAMS executive vice president and conference programme chair. "Once again, ACAMS showed industry leadership by providing participants expert advice in not only AML but with related challenges in the areas of corruption, sanctions and tax evasion as well as emerging trends."

Conference attendees heard presentations from more than 30 expert practitioners who provided practical insight and best practices to tackle everyday AML/CTF challenges. Highlights included:

- Best practices on Corruption and Bribery – speakers addressed well-tested methods for financial institutions to better assess and combat corruption as it relates to the new UK Bribery Act that takes effect in October 2010.
- Third Money Laundering Directive – attendees were offered a thorough assessment of the policies and procedures required including cross-border issues, beneficial ownership and identification controls.

Conference attendees also had opportunities to network in the sold-out exhibit hall. "We're extremely pleased to have the support of so many sponsors and exhibitors offering a wide range of products and services," said Andrea Winter, corporate sponsorship manager at ACAMS.

"Due to the challenges of the global economy, the ACAMS conference did not convene in 2009," said Byrne. "ACAMS has continued its firm commitment to the advancement of AML in Europe, and planning for 2011 is already underway with delegates, speakers and sponsors committed to participating in another successful event."

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About ACAMS

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