



South African Reserve Bank

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**South African Reserve Bank endorses the Bank for International Settlement's
Foreign Exchange Global Code**

The South African Reserve Bank has endorsed the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) Foreign Exchange (FX) Working Group's FX Global Code (the Global Code) released today in London.

The Global Code represents the culmination of work that commenced in May 2015 in an effort to address the lack of trust between market participants, the public and the market in the wake of the financial crisis; and ensuing investigations in many jurisdictions across the world.

The FX Global Code sets out principles of good practice for wholesale foreign exchange markets and provides a common set of guidance to the market, with the intention to promote a robust, fair, liquid, open and transparent market.

In consultation with members of the Financial Markets Liaisons Group (FMLG) and its FX subcommittee, SARB endorsed the adoption of the Global Code and will work towards promoting foreign exchange practices in South Africa that are consistent with the principles outlined in the Global Code. The decision reflects continuous efforts to enhance the effective and efficient functioning of the local FX market. The South African Reserve Bank had an opportunity to contribute to the development of the code and has also been invited to join an expanded Global FX Committee, which will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the Global Code.

The Global Code does not impose legal or regulatory obligations on market participants nor does it substitute for regulation, but rather it is intended to serve as a supplement to local laws, rules, and regulation by identifying global good practices and processes.

Further details about the code can be found on

<http://www.globalfxc.org/press/p170525a.htm>

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