

Central Bank of Armenia Delegation Participates in AFI Global Policy Forum in Papua New Guinea

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A delegation from the Central Bank of Armenia participated in the 2026 Global Policy Forum (GPF) of the Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI), held from September 1 to 4 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

The AFI Global Policy Forum is one of the key annual international gatherings on financial inclusion, bringing together central banks, financial regulators, public authorities, international organizations, and other stakeholders from across the world. The 2026 Forum was held under the theme “Resilient Economies, Inclusive Future.”

The Central Bank of Armenia delegation, led by Davit Nahapetyan, Board Member of the Central Bank of Armenia, took part in AFI’s 11th Annual General Meeting, meetings under AFI’s regional initiatives, and sessions of the Alliance’s working groups.

The Annual General Meeting focused on AFI’s activities and strategic priorities, ways to strengthen cooperation among member institutions, and further advances in financial inclusion policies.

The Central Bank of Armenia delegation also participated in discussions under the Eastern Europe and Central Asia Policy Initiative (ECAPI). Representatives of member institutions from across the region shared their experiences in advancing financial inclusion, presented current policies and initiatives, and explored opportunities for further regional cooperation.

The Forum also included sessions of AFI’s seven working groups, addressing consumer empowerment and market conduct, digital financial services, financial inclusion data and impact assessment, financial inclusion strategies, proportionality in global standards, inclusive green finance, and financing for small and medium-sized enterprises.

During the Forum, Davit Nahapetyan also took part in a number of bilateral meetings and high-level roundtable discussions. The discussions covered key financial inclusion priorities, including Gender-Inclusive Finance, Inclusive Green Finance, digital financial services, consumer protection, and measures to strengthen financial system resilience.

Robert Ter-Mesropyan, representative of the Central Bank of Armenia and Co-Chair of the Consumer Empowerment and Market Conduct Working Group (CEMCWG), moderated the discussion titled “Fraud and Scams Mitigation: Building a Resilient and Well-Protected Financial Consumer,” dedicated to preventing financial fraud and scams and strengthening the link between consumer protection and financial education. The discussion also addressed assessing the effectiveness of fraud prevention measures, raising public awareness, and facilitating the exchange of experience among AFI member countries.

Mariam Yeghiazaryan, representative of the Central Bank of Armenia and member of the Inclusive Green Finance Working Group (IGFWG), delivered remarks on “Strengthening Financial Stability through an Inclusive Green Transition” and “Sustainable Finance Strategies and Roadmaps – Moving from Frameworks to Implementation.” Her remarks focused on transition risk management, an inclusive green transition, as well as the practical implementation of sustainable finance strategies and roadmaps.

At the Forum’s closing ceremony, it was announced that the Central Bank of Armenia will host the 2027 AFI Global Policy Forum. Hosting the Forum in Yerevan will provide an opportunity to bring together leading policymakers and experts in financial inclusion, share Armenia’s experience and achievements, and further advance international dialogue on building more inclusive, resilient, and accessible financial systems.