

IV Regional Instant Payments Forum

📅 May 20 - 22, 2026 | 📍 Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

Preliminary Agenda

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

12:30 – 14:00 **Welcome Lunch** - Kokaú Restaurant – 11th Floor – Hyatt Hotel

14:00 – 14:30 **Opening Remarks**

José Darío Uribe | Executive President | Latin American Reserve Fund

Leonardo Villar | General Manager | Banco de la República

Juan Ayuso | Director General of Markets, Operations and Payments | Banco de España

Manuel Ramos Francia | General Director of CEMLA

14:30 – 14:45 **Building Community: Progress of the LAC Payments Community**

This session aims to highlight the value of collaborative work, showcase the most impactful milestones achieved by central banks across the region, and consolidate an active, connected, and results-oriented regional community.

Fidel Jaramillo | Secretary General | Latin American Reserve Fund

Deily Lozada | Innovation Officer | Latin American Reserve Fund

14:45 – 15:45 **Instant Payments in Latin America: Bre-B and the Challenges of the Regional Ecosystem**

Instant payment systems in Latin America are at different stages of development, ranging from already consolidated ecosystems to initiatives still under construction. Within this spectrum, Bre-B represents the most strategic phase: the one where the most critical decisions are made.

What is Colombia defining, and what can it learn from—and teach—the regional ecosystem? Brazil will share concrete lessons from PIX, the system with the greatest scale and impact in the region, and what that experience means for Bre-B. Ecuador will contribute the perspective of a country in its early stages, with Bre-B as a close reference and roadmap. Together, these three voices create a strategic conversation with a clear direction: what has worked, what is being built, and what remains to be defined.

Ana María Prieto | Director of Payment Systems | Banco de la República

Breno Lobo | Head of the PIX Management and Operations Unit | Central Bank of Brazil

Salomé Velasco Struve | Manager of Supervision and Innovation in Payment Methods | Central Bank of Ecuador

Moderator: María Fernanda Acosta | Legal Counsel | Latin American Reserve Fund

15:45 – 16:15 **Coffee Break**

16:15 – 17:00 **From Regulator to Operator: Governance Models for Immediate Payment Systems**

As central banks take on expanded roles in instant payment infrastructure, the distinctions between regulatory oversight, scheme governance, and switch operations matter more than ever.

This session draws on implementation experience across markets to examine what works, what doesn't, and what the design of scheme-layer rules means for competition, interoperability, and customer experience.

William Edwards Cook | Financial Sector Specialist | CGAP Consultative Group to Assist the Poor – World Bank

Moderator: Mariana Paredes | Associate at Marulanda & Consultores

17:00 – 17:30 **Co-Creation and Regional Alignment Session**



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9:00 – 10:00

Global Payment Trends and Their Impact on Latin America

As new instant payment infrastructures and global technology platforms emerge, the payments ecosystem is undergoing profound transformation. What lessons do these experiences offer for Latin American countries? This session will examine how global innovations are reshaping payment infrastructure, competition, and the user experience.

Elena Casal | Chief Client Officer | The Clearing House

Albert Morales | Lead Group Product Manager | Google Pay & Wallet – LATAM

Moderator: Irene Arias Hofman | CEO and Founder | MIRA

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:30

Operational Models and Risk Management in Instant Payments

As instant payment systems expand, so do the challenges associated with operational resilience, security, and fraud prevention. What operational models and technological tools are proving most effective in mitigating these risks? What role should the central bank play as operator, regulator, and guarantor of system integrity?

This session will analyze emerging experiences and approaches to strengthen resilience, security, and trust in instant payment systems.

David Parra | Director of Strategic Clients | Feedzai

Beju Shah | Head of the Toronto Innovation Centre | Bank for International Settlements (BIS) – Innovation Hub

Moderator: Ana Claudia de los Heros | Vice President | Central Bank of Uruguay

11:30 – 12:30

Payments Without Borders: Regional Integration and Cross-Border Connectivity (From Vision to Implementation)

Cross-border interoperability is key to the future of payment systems in Latin America and the Caribbean. How can countries advance in a coordinated way toward more integrated and efficient infrastructures?

This session will address the technical, regulatory, and governance challenges that must be overcome to enable secure, efficient, and scalable cross-border payments across the region.

Andrew McCormack | Chief Executive Officer | Nexus Global Payments

Sebastian Rojas | Product Lead, Scheme Execution Team | SWIFT

Ralph Koker | Senior Vice President, International Money Transfers for the Americas and Europe | Terrapay

Moderator: Fidel Jaramillo | Secretary General | Latin American Reserve Fund

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Stablecoins: Use Cases

The objective of this session is to examine and analyze practical use cases of stablecoins and to discuss the implications of such uses for financial stability, monetary sovereignty, exchange rate policy, and the integrity of the payment system.

The session also seeks to explore how authorities are addressing these risks through regulatory frameworks, supervisory tools, and data collection mechanisms, with emphasis on the challenges posed by the cross-border nature of many of these transactions.

Daniel Mendez | Digital Finance Policy Advisor | Institute of International Finance (IIF)

Daniel Mangabeira | Vice President of Strategy for Brazil and Latin America | Circle

Jan Paulick | Senior Economist | BIS Office for the Americas

Jorge Ponce | Superintendent of Financial Regulation | Central Bank of Uruguay

Federico Grinberg | Senior Economist, Monetary and Capital Markets Department | International Monetary Fund

Lucio Holanda | Deputy Director, Prudential and Exchange Regulation Department | Central Bank of Brazil

Moderator: Andrés Murcia | Deputy Governor for Monetary Affairs and International Investments

16:45 - 17:00

Official group photo session

19:00 - 21:00

Cocktail IV Regional Forum on Instant Payments / IX Fintech Forum Meeting

Gold Museum - Banco de la República

Transportation will be provided by the event. (Hyatt Hotel - Gold Museum - Hyatt Hotel)

