

## **Frontclear and ABN AMRO Clearing team-up to address clearing infrastructure challenges in emerging and frontier markets**

### ***Partnership to support best practice in clearing and settlement***

AMSTERDAM, 12 November 2018 – On 12 November, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Frontclear, the development finance company, and ABN AMRO Clearing, a leading global clearing firm. This MoU highlights their shared commitment to address clearing and settlement challenges in emerging and frontier markets in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

ABN AMRO Clearing agreed to provide project and institutional review recommendations as well as knowledge and advisory services on clearing and settlement infrastructure. The clearing firm pledged support to Frontclear research on innovations and developments in clearing and settlement structures and systems, including blockchain.

“This partnership with ABN AMRO Clearing supports our growing footprint on catalyzing stable and inclusive interbank markets in emerging and developing countries. We welcome a leading global clearing and financial services provider like ABN AMRO Clearing as a technical assistance partner. Their involvement holds a massive opportunity for our beneficiaries in target countries to upgrade current clearing and settlement understanding, knowledge and facilities,” noted Ingrid Hagen, Vice President Strategic Projects at Frontclear.

Frontclear draws from its proven track record supporting interbank transactions and building relationships with stakeholders and beneficiaries in developing and frontier markets. Its network includes key officials in central banks, capital markets authorities, stock exchange and commercial banks in the mentioned jurisdictions.

To-date, Frontclear has trained over 900 obligors and regulators in over 13 countries, developed 11 technical assistance country strategies based on full capital markets analyses, signed 10 official partnerships with local regulatory agencies and market associations, and has issued over USD 240 million in guarantees on transactions with USD 490 million in notional.

“ABN AMRO Clearing wants to lead the way to safe and transparent markets, as the need for dependable, stable, accessible markets is greater than ever. We are taking our societal responsibility to the next level by teaming up with Frontclear as a complementary partner. We commit to making our staff available to support initiatives that make local interbank markets in emerging and developing countries more transparent and efficient. This will result in enhanced access to financing for local small and mid-sized companies.” said Vicky Sins, Global Director Corporate Hedgers and responsible for the Global Sustainability Program at ABN AMRO Clearing.

The Frontclear and ABN AMRO Clearing partnership will be officially introduced to ABN AMRO’s global network in an official event on 12 November 2018 in Amsterdam.

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**About ABN AMRO Clearing**

ABN AMRO Clearing is one of the world's leading providers of clearing and financing services for listed derivatives and cash securities, OTC products, warrants, commodities and FX. With 11 offices globally employing more than 800 staff, ABN AMRO Clearing services clients on 160+ exchanges, MTFs and FX liquidity centres and consistently ranks as a top 3 clearer in most time zones. We consistently post over 20% market share of transactions cleared on most relevant derivatives exchanges globally. ABN AMRO Clearing offers an integrated approach to global transaction processing, financial logistics and risk management and processes over 16 million trades per day. ABN AMRO Clearing received the FOW Award as the 'Proprietary Traders' Clearing Firm of the Year' (Dec 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017); the CTA Intelligence Award for FCM – Best Client Service (US, Jan 2015 and 2016; Europe, Nov 2016), FCM – Innovation (US, Jan 2017; Europe, Nov 2017) and Best FCM – Overall (Europe, Nov 2015). We also received the HFM-Week Service Award for Best Prime Broker – Client Service (Europe, Apr 2016). For more information, please visit [www.abnamroclearing.com](http://www.abnamroclearing.com)

**About Fronclear**

**Frontclear** is a development finance company focused on catalyzing stable and inclusive interbank markets in emerging and developing countries (EMDC). Frontclear facilitates access by local financial institutions to interbank markets through providing guarantees to cover a transacting institution's counterparty credit risk. This on the condition that local currency assets can be used for collateral management purposes. Frontclear's Basel III compliant guarantees specifically cover due payment of the Early Termination Amount under ISDA contracts and corresponding claims under GMRA. The guarantees are in turn counter-guaranteed by KfW, a AAA-development financial institution. The guarantees are complemented by a technical assistance programme (FTAP). FTAP supports targeted and planned interventions in bank and system development, which reduce the operational and country risks obstructing interbank trading. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the Dutch development bank FMO, the Financial Sector Deepening Africa (FSDA), the French development bank Proparco, The Currency Exchange Fund (TCX), the UK's Department of International Development (DFID) and the German Ministry of Development Cooperation (BMZ). Frontclear's guarantees are counter-guaranteed by KfW, a AAA-rated German development Bank. For further information, please visit [www.frontclear.com](http://www.frontclear.com).

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