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### ***Gobierno de Gibraltar: Ministerio de Comercio***

## **El Ministro de Comercio de Gibraltar visitará Washington con motivo del segundo evento anual *DC Fintech Week***

### ***El Ministro Ísola participará en un panel de discusión sobre la competición entre reguladores***

Gibraltar, 8 de noviembre de 2018

El Gobierno de Gibraltar ha anunciado hoy que el Ministro de Comercio de Gibraltar, Albert Ísola, acudirá a la segunda semanal anual [sobre el sector de la tecnología aplicada en finanzas] DC Fintech Week, donde formará parte de un panel sobre el tema “¿Creadores o beneficiarios de la innovación? La competición entre reguladores y la carrera por dominar el sector fintech” (*Making or Taking Innovation?, Regulatory Competition and the Race for Fintech Dominance*), de 10:30 a 11:45am el jueves 8 de noviembre, ante un público compuesto por legisladores, académicos, abogados y reguladores.

En declaraciones realizadas antes de DC Fintech Week, el Ministro de Comercio del Gobierno de Gibraltar, Albert Ísola, manifestó: “Es un honor acudir a DC Fintech Week y formar parte del panel con varios importantes profesionales que examinará el actual panorama regulatorio global. El evento DC Fintech Week captura el espíritu de colaboración e innovación que se encuentra intrínsecamente ligado al crecimiento sostenible del ecosistema blockchain, reuniendo a varios líderes de opinión procedentes de empresas fintech de Estados Unidos, desde PayPal a Amazon”.

Cada día de Fintech Week incluirá sesiones no programadas centradas en criptoactivos; robots, finanzas y legislación; así como regulación inteligente. Desde su creación, Fintech Week ha generado un gran interés tanto entre los actores del mercado como los principales reguladores. El evento de este año se celebrará en tres ubicaciones: la Facultad de Derecho de Georgetown, el Fondo Monetario Internacional y Capitol Hill.

El panel de discusión del Ministro Ísola sobre competición regulatoria estará moderado por Gary de Waal, Asesor Especial (Special Counsel) de Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP y Vicepresidente (Vice Chairman) del Instituto para Mercados Financieros (Institute for Financial Markets). El panel explorará como la intensa competición en pos de la innovación tecnológica está orientando la política regulatoria en jurisdicciones que buscan elevar sus perfiles como centros tecnológicos de referencia – y las implicaciones nacionales, transfronterizas y globales.

El Ministro Ísola estará acompañado en el panel por varias personalidades importantes de los sectores fintech, ciberseguridad y legal, incluyendo a Douglas Arner, Catedrático de Derecho Kerry Holdings en la Universidad de Hong Kong; Peter Kerstens, Asesor sobre Tecnología Financiera y Ciberseguridad ante la Dirección General de FISMA<sup>1</sup> (Advisor on Financial Technology and Cybersecurity to the Director General FISMA) y Co-Presidente del Grupo de

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<sup>1</sup> Ley Federal sobre Gestión de Información de Seguridad promulgada por EE.UU. en 2002 (Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002)

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Trabajo sobre Fintech de la Comisión Europea (Co-Chair of European Commission Fintech Taskforce, at the European Commission); Sharon Yang, Vicesecretaria Adjunta en Funciones para Mercados Financieros Internacionales en el Departamento del Tesoro de EE.UU. (Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Financial Markets, at the U.S. Department of the Treasury); Nydia Remolina León, Asesora Legal para Innovación, Transformación Digital y Asuntos Legislativos del Grupo Bancolombia (Legal Advisor for Innovation, Digital Transformation and Policy Affairs, at Grupo Bancolombia).

“Representar a Gibraltar en este escenario global expresa nuestra firme ambición de desempeñar un papel de liderazgo y contribuir a dar forma al futuro de la legislación blockchain. Como siempre, Gibraltar sigue superando las expectativas, y se está estableciendo rápidamente como una voz asertiva en un espacio donde cada vez se percibe mayor ruido. Me encantará entablar contacto con numerosos visionarios durante DC Fintech Week, a medida que buscamos avanzar de manera colectiva hacia la excelencia en fintech”, concluyó el Ministro Ísola.

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### **Gibraltar's Minister for Commerce to Visit Washington for Second Annual DC Fintech Week**

*Minister Isola Scheduled for Panel Discussion on Regulatory Competition*

**Gibraltar – 7th November 2018** - The Government of Gibraltar today announced that Gibraltar's Minister for Commerce Albert Isola will be attending the second annual [DC Fintech Week](#), where he will be taking part in a panel discussion entitled 'Making or Taking Innovation?, Regulatory Competition and the Race for Fintech Dominance', from 10:30–11:45am on Thursday 8th November, presenting to an audience of policymakers, academics, lawyers, and regulators.

Commenting ahead of DC Fintech Week, the Government of Gibraltar's Minister for Commerce Albert Isola said, "I'm very excited to attend DC Fintech Week, and to take part in a robust panel discussion with a number of esteemed professionals to examine the current global regulatory landscape. DC Fintech Week captures the spirit of collaboration and innovation that is intrinsically linked to the sustainable growth of the blockchain ecosystem, bringing together a range of thought leaders from fintech firms across the country—from PayPal to Amazon."

Each day of Fintech Week will feature off-the-record sessions focused on crypto-assets; robots, finance and the law; as well as smart regulation. Since its inception, Fintech Week has generated significant interest from both market participants and top regulators with this year's event taking place across three locations: Georgetown Law, the International Monetary Fund, and on Capitol Hill.

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Minister Isola's panel discussion on regulatory competition will be moderated by Gary de Waal, Special Counsel, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP and Vice Chairman, The Institute for Financial Markets. The panel will explore how intense competition for technological innovation is informing regulatory policy in jurisdictions seeking to raise their profiles as leading tech hubs - and the national, cross-border, and global implications.

Minister Isola will be joined on the panel by a number of leading figures from the fintech, cybersecurity, and legal sectors. These include Douglas Arner, Kerry Holdings Professor in Law, at the The University of Hong Kong; Peter Kerstens, Advisor on Financial Technology and Cybersecurity to the Director General FISMA and Co-Chair of European Commission Fintech Taskforce, at the European Commission; Sharon Yang, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Financial Markets, at the U.S. Department of the Treasury; Nydia Remolina León, Legal Advisor for Innovation, Digital Transformation and Policy Affairs, at Grupo Bancolombia.

"Representing Gibraltar on this global stage gives expression to our firm ambition to play a leading role in helping to shape the future of blockchain regulation. As ever, Gibraltar continues to punch above its weight, and is fast becoming an assertive voice in an increasingly noisy space. I look forward to engaging with a range of visionaries over the course of DC Fintech Week, as we collectively strive towards fintech excellence," concluded Minister Isola.

*Minister Albert Isola is available for interview*

For more information on DC Fintech Week, please visit <http://dcfintechweek.org/>

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## **About Gibraltar**



A British Overseas Territory, Gibraltar is a self-governing and self-financing democracy that has established itself globally as a reliable centre for the blockchain and digital assets industry. In January 2018, Gibraltar became the very first jurisdiction globally to introduce legislation around Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT), and has since asserted its position as a leading blockchain and cryptocurrency hub. With Gibraltar's core values of regulation, reputation and speed to market at the foundation of its efforts within the blockchain industry, Gibraltar is now globally renowned for its commitment to creating a sustainable and secure regulatory framework for blockchain, as well as being one of the leading proponents in the advancement of the technology.

For more information please visit: [www.gibraltarfinance.gi](http://www.gibraltarfinance.gi)

### **About Albert Isola**

The Hon Albert Isola MP is Gibraltar's Minister for Commerce with the primary responsibility of raising Gibraltar's profile as an established onshore, mainstream, well-regulated financial services centre. Working closely with the financial services regulator, the Financial Services Commission, he is responsible for financial services policy, product development, and responding to international initiatives such as international tax compliance. Minister Isola played a leading role in the establishment of the Gibraltar International Bank, a first for Gibraltar as a home-grown full-service credit institution.