



IOTA Annual International Conference 2026

Cybersecurity and Data Protection in Tax Administrations

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IOTA Expo Cybersecurity and Data Protection Technical Knowledge

INTRODUCTION

The global digital ecosystem generates significant value for society by transforming communication, public services and economic activity through interconnected data, platforms and applications. At the same time, accelerated digitalisation increases exposure to cybersecurity threats targeting sensitive information, critical infrastructure and essential public services. Cooperation among public institutions, international organisations, businesses, academia and technology providers is therefore essential to building a trusted and integrated digital ecosystem.

Tax administrations are key stakeholders in this ecosystem. They manage substantial volumes of sensitive taxpayer and financial information, operate critical digital services, and exchange information at national and international levels. As taxation systems become increasingly digital and make greater use of advanced technologies, tax administrations must continuously strengthen information security management and implement the policies, procedures and technical tools that form the foundation of trustworthy systems.

The IOTA Annual International Conference “**Cybersecurity and Data Protection in Tax Administrations**” will address two complementary pillars of secure digital systems:

1. **Cybersecurity** – protecting systems, networks and operations from threats that could compromise their availability, integrity or functionality; and
2. **Data protection** – preserving the confidentiality, integrity and appropriate use of information managed within these systems.

To complement the Conference’s strategic, governance and policy discussions, IOTA will organise the parallel **Exhibition “Cybersecurity and Data Protection Technical Knowledge.”**

The IOTA Expo will provide Conference participants with a practical and technology-oriented platform for demonstrating how cybersecurity and data protection principles can be translated into operational capabilities. It will showcase technological advancements, technical practices and innovative solutions that can help tax administrations anticipate threats, reduce vulnerabilities, protect taxpayer information, respond effectively to incidents and recover securely from operational disruptions.

The Exhibition will also create a dedicated space for dialogue among tax administrations, international organisations, businesses, academia, cybersecurity professionals and technology providers. Through demonstrations, expert exchanges and peer learning, participants will be able to assess the relevance, applicability and potential benefits of different technologies for their institutional environments.

By connecting Conference discussions with practical demonstrations and real-life applications, the IOTA Expo will contribute to developing resilient, trusted and future-ready tax systems.

KEY THEMES

The Exhibition will focus on technological advancements and technical knowledge relevant to the two pillars of the Annual Conference: cybersecurity and data protection. Exhibits may address the following thematic areas:

Cybersecurity Monitoring and Threat Detection

- Security Operations Centres and security monitoring platforms;
- Security information and event management;
- Threat intelligence and threat-hunting tools;
- Network and endpoint detection and response;
- Artificial intelligence and machine learning for cybersecurity;
- Monitoring of cloud and hybrid digital environments;
- Early-warning mechanisms for emerging cyber risks.

Vulnerability and Cyber-Risk Management

- Vulnerability identification, assessment and prioritisation;
- Application security testing;
- Penetration-testing methodologies and platforms;
- Cyber-risk assessment and reporting tools;
- Attack-surface management;
- Third-party and supply-chain risk monitoring;
- Security-by-design and privacy-by-design approaches.

Identity, Access and Digital Trust

- Identity and access-management systems;
- Privileged access management;
- Multi-factor and risk-based authentication;
- Zero Trust security architectures;
- Secure digital identity solutions;
- Public key infrastructure and certificate management;
- Authentication and authorisation controls for digital tax services;
- Technologies supporting secure remote and cross-border access.

Protection of Taxpayer Information

- Data discovery, inventory and classification;
- Data loss-prevention solutions;
- Encryption and cryptographic key management;
- Secure storage and processing of sensitive information;
- Data anonymisation and pseudonymisation;
- Privacy-enhancing technologies;
- Secure data exchange and information-sharing solutions;
- Protection of data across its collection, use, retention and disposal lifecycle.

Incident Response and Operational Resilience

- Cyber-crisis management and response platforms;
- Digital forensics and cyber-investigation tools;
- Security orchestration, automation and response;
- Backup, recovery and business-continuity solutions;
- Ransomware prevention and recovery;
- Disaster recovery and infrastructure resilience;
- Post-incident analysis and organisational learning.

Governance, Compliance and Assurance

- Governance, risk and compliance platforms;
- Privacy-impact and data-protection assessment solutions;
- Control monitoring and assurance tools;
- Audit trail, logging and accountability mechanisms;
- Cybersecurity metrics and executive dashboards;
- Solutions for managing security policies, procedures and responsibilities.

Secure Emerging Technologies

- Cybersecurity applications of artificial intelligence;
- Security and privacy considerations in the use of generative AI;
- Secure cloud adoption;
- Confidential computing and secure data-processing environments;
- Secure application programming interfaces;
- Advanced analytics for threat and fraud detection.

Human-Centred Cybersecurity and Capacity Building

- Cybersecurity awareness and training platforms;
- Cyber range and phishing simulation environments;
- Incident-response exercises;
- Interactive tools for developing security awareness;
- Professional development and certification opportunities;
- Approaches for building a sustainable cybersecurity culture.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

To ensure relevance and consistency with the Conference, the Exhibition will be guided by the following principles:

Practical relevance

Exhibits should address clearly defined cybersecurity or data protection challenges faced by tax administrations and demonstrate practical value.

Technology in support of governance

Technology should be presented as an enabler of effective governance, risk management and compliance - not as a substitute for institutional accountability, sound policies and qualified personnel.

Security and privacy by design

Exhibited solutions should demonstrate how cybersecurity and data protection requirements can be incorporated into systems and services from the outset.

Responsible innovation

The Exhibition should recognise both the opportunities and risks associated with advanced technologies and encourage their transparent, ethical and secure use.

Interoperability and adaptability

Solutions should, where possible, demonstrate compatibility with existing systems and adaptability to different organisational, legal and technological environments.

Knowledge sharing

The Exhibition should encourage open professional dialogue, peer learning and the exchange of implementation experience among IOTA members and participating stakeholders.

Vendor neutrality

The Exhibition should remain a technical knowledge and capacity-building platform. Participation should not constitute endorsement by IOTA of any particular product, provider or solution.

Protection of sensitive information

All demonstrations and case studies should respect applicable confidentiality, security and data protection requirements. They should not disclose operational vulnerabilities, personal data, confidential taxpayer information or other restricted material.

VENUE, DATES AND TIMES

The IOTA Expo will take place in the Foyer of the Rome room at the Anantara Hotel, following this schedule:

- Setup – Wednesday, 28 October 2026 from 17:00 to 18:00
- Exhibition Day 1 – Thursday, 29 October 2026 from 10:00 to 17:30
- Exhibition Day 2 – Friday, 30 October 2026 from 10:00 to 15:15

REGISTRATION & SPACE ALLOCATION

The exhibition space is limited, and preference will be given to IOTA members (full and associate) and IOTA Observer registrants. Space allocation will be made following the online registration process on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

All exhibitors are required to be registered by completing this registration form. Registered exhibitors will receive a badge displaying the exhibiting organisation/company name.

EXHIBITION STAND

Each exhibition stand will be provided with the following:

- 1 LCD display (55")
- 1 high (cocktail) table
- 2 high (bar) chairs
- Free WiFi Internet connection
- Regular electric outlet, electric extension cables

DELIVERY OF PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

Exhibition-related promotional materials (brochures, booklets, banners, etc.) should be delivered by postal services to the venue at the latest 1 week before the start of the event:

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ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Exhibitor registration allows access to the exhibition area and other venues of the Annual International Conference of IOTA as well as to networking coffee breaks and lunches. Registered exhibitors will also receive invitations to the social events (Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner).

We have additional opportunities for your organisation to gain significant exposure and promotion of the showcased solution(s) to a targeted audience of the heads and senior officials of our member tax administrations, representatives of our partner international organisations, businesses and academia. The exhibitor's information will be included in the catalogue of the IOTA Expo as part of the material, which will be made available to all participants of the Annual International Conference.

ETHICAL RULES

By registering for the IOTA event, delegates agree to comply with the provisions of [the Ethical Rules for participants of IOTA events](#) and not engage in aggressive sales or marketing techniques with IOTA members. Examples of such techniques would be sending marketing messages to a group of all IOTA members during or after IOTA events using a list of participants, contacting official(s) of IOTA member(s) excessively to request a meeting or presentation, etc.