

# Gold's Dark Web

## *The Hidden Price of a Booming Market*

### **Moderator**



**Jack Farchy**

#### **Chief Commodities Correspondent, Bloomberg News**

Jack Farchy is Chief Commodities Correspondent at Bloomberg News covering global energy and commodities markets, with a particular focus on mining, natural resources, and trading. He is the co-author of *The World for Sale* (2021), written with Javier Blas, which tells the story of how a handful of commodity trading companies became indispensable — and often controversial — players in the global economy. Previously, he worked for the Financial Times as a correspondent in London and in Moscow.

### **Panellists**



**Jackeline  
Mendoza Díaz**

#### **Asháninka Leader, Community of Samiri, Puerto Inca, Huánuco, Peru**

Jackeline Mendoza Díaz is a 27-year-old Asháninka leader and territorial defender from the community of Samiri in Puerto Inca, Huánuco, Peru. For several years she has been at the forefront of efforts to protect indigenous lands and the Amazon from encroachment. She is a member of the Federation of Native Communities of the Province of Puerto Inca (FECONAPIA), which represents native communities across the region in confronting the challenges of Amazon protection.



**Daryl Bosu**

#### **Deputy Director, A Rocha Ghana**

Daryl Bosu has over 20 years experience working on sustainable natural resource governance and low emissions nature centred development. He currently works for A Rocha Ghana, a leading conservation organisation working across Ghana's most ecologically sensitive landscapes. As Deputy National Director, he leads national policy advocacy to guarantee intergenerational value of ecosystem services and uphold social and environmental rights in extractive industries. He also champions a just energy transition in Ghana. He has been instrumental in campaigns against bauxite mining in Atewa Forest, led fieldwork on illegal gold mining (galamsey) across multiple regions, and contributed to the Ghana Cocoa Forest Emissions Reduction Programme.



**Sophia Pickles**

#### **Senior Expert, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime (GI-TOC)**

Sophia Pickles is a Senior Expert at the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime, where she investigates illicit supply chains with a specialisation in natural resource extraction and trade. A published author on human and environmental rights, she brings fifteen years of investigative research experience, including in-person fieldwork in natural resource production and trading hubs around the world. Her recent work includes a major 2026 report, *Commodity, Currency, Crime: How Illicit Gold Markets are Outpacing Global Responses*, which examines how illicit gold markets are being used for sanctions evasion and to sustain regimes facing financial isolation.

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**Julia Yansura**

### **Program Director for Environmental Crime and Illicit Finance, FACT Coalition**

Julia Yansura is Program Director for Environmental Crime and Illicit Finance at the FACT Coalition, a Washington DC-based civil society organisation focused on anti-money laundering. Her work aims to close legal loopholes that allow the proceeds of environmental crime — including illegal gold mining, illegal logging, and deforestation-linked agriculture — to be laundered through the US financial system. Yansura is fluent in English and Spanish and has experience working in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Jamaica, and Belize.

## **Reflections**



**Matthew Allen**

### **Head of Policy, Complex Advisory and External Engagement, Economic Crime Risk, Santander**

Matt has worked for Santander for 10 years and is responsible for teams leading internal policy, complex advisory work and engagement with Government and industry bodies, across economic crime. Matt chairs the UK Finance Anti Corruption Steering Group and the Wolfsberg Group UK Policy Sub Committee, as well as representing the bank in a range of public-private sector committees. Prior to joining Santander, Matt spent 5 years as Director Financial Crime at the British Bankers Association. Before that he worked in the Civil Service. Through these roles Matt has been involved in policy and strategy development in the UK, engagement with international bodies and Ministers, participation in Parliamentary work and media activities.



**Anneliese Dodds DBE**

### **Labour MP for Oxford East; former Minister for International Development and Minister for Women and Equalities**

Dame Anneliese Dodds has served as the Labour and Co-operative Member of Parliament for Oxford East since 2017. She served in government as Minister of State for Development and Minister of State for Women and Equalities from July 2024 to February 2025 under Prime Minister Keir Starmer. She previously served as Chair of the Labour Party and Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer. Before entering Parliament, she was a Member of the European Parliament for South East England (2014–2017), where she sat on the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee and worked to tighten rules on financial services and tackle corporate tax avoidance. She holds a PhD from the London School of Economics.



**Michael Stock**

### **Global Head of Financial Crime Risk Investigations and Intelligence, Standard Chartered**

Michael Stock leads financial crime risk investigations and intelligence at Standard Chartered, one of the world's leading international banks with a significant presence across Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. In this role, he oversees the bank's capacity to investigate complex, cross-border financial crime cases — including money laundering, bribery and corruption, and illicit trade — and to develop proactive intelligence on emerging financial crime threats. He is an Oxford University graduate.