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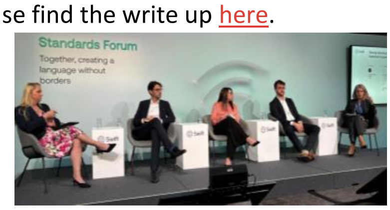
2025 marked my first Sibos experience and - I must say - it was truly remarkable. A big thank you to SIX for making it possible. Below are some reflections and comments I would like to share with the ISSA membership

INTRODUCTION

- The event was flawlessly executed by Juliette and the SIBOS team. It was an enormous production with over 11,000 attendees. Bravo!
- A special mention to the ISSA team for their outstanding contributions to the Standards Forum and Policy Lab panels. As a recap:

  - at the **Policy Lab** we heard from **Margaret Howard-Jones**, our ISSA Chair. Margaret, along with **James Fok**, ISSA's Vice Chair, spoke to the topic of *Capital market reforms: How policies can foster economic growth, innovation and efficiency* Margaret and James were joined by Roberto Gonzalez Barrera, Chief Executive Officer, Indeval and Giovanni Sabatini, Chair, EU T+1 Committee. It was a very insightful discussion calling out collaboration on the regulatory front, active listening and finding the right balance between innovation and regulation and the needs of the end investor.

- **Karen Zeeb** and I moderated panels at the Standards Forum – Karen moderated a great panel with our ISSA board Brian Steele, Paul Maley, Margaret Harwood-Jones and James Fok entitled 'Why Standards Matter – A Discussion with the ISSA Board'. Please find the write up here.



- I was a panelist on *Driving Standardization in Identity for Financial Inclusion and Market Efficiency, led by* Louise Taylor Digby, Swift and with Alexander Kech, CEO GLEIF, Ciara Aitchison, Managing Director FINTRAIL and Pavle Avramovic, Head of Market & Infrastructure Observatory, Cambridge University Centre for Alternative Finance Outside of our panel duties, we met with existing members and new potential clients. It was quite a buzz

- The relaunch of **Women of ISSA and their Allies** at the incredible Standard Chartered Bank stand was a huge success, with exceptional board support and strong member attendance. The aim was to launch the 2025-2026 Programme and it definitely achieved that in spades. Finally, a huge **thank you** to the SCB marketing team and Janet Du Chenne. Here is a link to the video produced for the event
- The discussions in the securities space were particularly engaging. The sessions on cybersecurity stood out with their top-notch quality. The theme of Quantum Computing made us all pause and contemplate its future implications. Personally, I'm eager to explore how quantum computing might transform our industry. Conversations at SIBOS suggested that this could be anywhere from 3 to 20 years away, but given the rapid pace of technological change, it's hard to predict. This is definitely a topic worth discussing at the 23rd Symposium in May 2026
- It was a great event! See you next year.

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