ICMCI International CMC® Conference 2026

From Vision to Value: Consulting for Sustainable Finance

21–22 October 2026 | Bucharest, Romania

Day 1 — Wednesday, 21 October 2026

VISION & BIG PICTURE — HALF DAY, AFTERNOON (13:30 – 17:30)

13:30 – 14:00	**Registration & Welcome Coffee**
14:00 – 14:30	**Opening Ceremony & Welcome Remarks** ICMCI Chair and Host IMC Romania President
14:30 – 15:15	**Opening Keynote** **The global sustainable finance landscape: regulatory shifts, capital flows, and the consultant's role** **Speaker:** Mr. Alexandru Petrescu - President of the Financial Supervisory Authority (ASF), Romania
15:15 – 16:00	**Keynote** **Experience Rules: Creating Sustainable Value in an AI-Driven World** **Speaker:** Joyce Gioia CMC®, CSP, FIMC - CEO, The Herman Group
16:00 – 16:15	**Break**
16:15 – 16:45	**Spotlight Session: Sustainable Finance – Who Is Really Ready?** **Speaker:** Naira Margaryan CMC® - President, Institute of Management Consulting Armenia
16:45 – 17:15	**Fireside Chat: Beyond the Hype: How Blockchain Can Power Sustainable Finance** **Speakers:** Benedikt Faupel - Public Affairs, Bitpanda Gerhard Wanek CMC® - Board Member, ICMCI
17:15 - 17:30	**Day 1 Closing Remarks and Day 1 Overview**

Day 2 — Thursday, 22 October 2026

PRACTICE, SKILLS & FORWARD LOOK — FULL DAY (09:00 – 17:00)

08:30 – 09:00	**Registration & Welcome Coffee**
09:00 – 09:15	**Welcome Back & Day 2 Overview**
09:15 – 10:00	**Keynote: From Vision to Investment: Making Sustainable Finance Deliver Real-World Impact** **Speaker:** Aldo Romani – Head of Sustainable Finance, Finance Directorate, European Investment Bank
10:00 – 10:30	**Spotlight Session: From Risk Exposure to Value Creation: Strategic Resilience and Structural Robustness in a Fragmenting Global Economy** **Speaker:** Dr. Waseem Honeini - Managing Partner, WMSJ
10:30 – 11:00	**Break**

FOCUS SESSIONS — 11:00–12:45

11:00 – 11:30	**Fireside Chat:** ***Is sustainable finance delivering strategic impact, or mostly compliance theatre? How to close the ESG execution gap*** **Speakers:** Waseem Honeini - Managing Partner, WMSJ Robert Bodenstein CMC® - Immediate Past Chair, ICMCI
11:30 – 12:00	**Spotlight Session: Gender-Responsive & Inclusive Finance** **Speaker:** Tamara Abdel-Jaber CMC® - Board Member and Treasurer, ICMCI
12:00 – 12:45	**Spotlight Session: Consultants as Translators** **Speaker:** Cesara Pasini CMC® - Chair of the ICMCI Euro Hub
12:45 – 13:30	**Lunch**
13:30–14:00	**Spotlight Session: Sustainable Finance - the fine line between competitive edge and competitive cost** **Speaker:** Nelia Manuela Rață, Commercial Manager at RELIANS CORP

MASTERCLASSES / WORKSHOPS — 14:00–16:15

Workshop 1 **14:00–14:45**	**Building a Sustainability Advisory Practice Line** **Speakers:** Mohammad Hossein Jabal Ameli, CMC® - Faculty Member, Industrial Management Institute
Workshop 2 **14:45–15:30**	**AI Tools for Financial Data, Reporting & Client Advisory** **Speakers:** Miodrag Kostić, CMC® - Certified Digital Transformation Expert Gentiana Mehmeti CMC® - AI Senior Product Manager at Scopic and founder of Metricsphere
15:30 – 15:45	**Break**
15:45 – 16:15	**Romanian / CEE Case Study Spotlight** **Speakers:** Andreea Toma - Project Manager, HYGIA Dancho Dimkov CMC® - Founder, BizzBee Solutions
16:15 – 16:45	**Synthesis Panel - *What does the consulting profession need to build next?*** **Speakers:** Nick Warn, CMC® - Chair, ICMCI Celal Seckin, CMC® - Board Member, ICMCI Robert Bodenstein, CMC® - Immediate Past Chair, ICMCI
16:45 – 17:00	**Closing Remarks** *Final remarks and announcement of the 2027 Events Location*
17:00	**End of Conference & Departure**