

COUNTRY REPORT

Kenya: Toward a Licensed VASP Regime

Policy choices, supervisory architecture, and implementation roadmap

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1. Executive Summary

Reviews Kenya's path from a cautionary stance toward a licensed VASP regime under the Virtual Asset Service Providers Bill, including supervisory architecture and FATF readiness.

2. Scope & Applicability

- Central Bank of Kenya and Capital Markets Authority
- Financial Reporting Centre (FRC)
- Existing crypto businesses serving Kenyan users

3. Regulatory Framework

- Virtual Asset Service Providers Bill 2025 (as introduced)
- Proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Act
- Capital Markets Act and CBK Act

4. Controls & Implementation

- Dual-authority licensing model
- AML/CFT, market-conduct and prudential expectations
- Travel-rule and reserve-management requirements
- Sandbox transition to full authorisation

5. Supervision & Enforcement

- FRC reporting and STR thresholds
- Joint supervision and enforcement powers
- ESAAMLG follow-up considerations

6. References & Primary Sources

- Kenya VASP Bill 2025
- POCAMLA
- CMA and CBK consultation papers

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