

GABV Leadership Academy 2026

**RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF POLYCRISIS –
HOW VALUES-BASED BANKS
ARE LEADING THE WAY**

BLENDED ONLINE / IN-PERSON PROGRAMME

JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2026



**Global Alliance for
Banking on Values**

The GABV Leadership Academy is a **transformative learning experience** for senior professionals in **values-based financial institutions**. The programme is offered by the Global Alliance for Banking on Values (GABV) in partnership with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Co-Lab and Presencing Institute. Titled ***Resilience in the Face of Polycrisis***, it focuses on leadership tools and methods that enable participants to lead and innovate during periods of disruption and high complexity.

The programme sits at the intersection of **personal development and system transformation**. It is designed to develop leaders to step into their **full potential** and **deepen their impact** in their respective organisations.

Participants explore concepts and **best practices in values-based banking** as well as successful business models from around the world. They engage with thought leaders, entrepreneurs and business leaders who innovate to **achieve triple-bottom-line success**. On completion of the programme, participants join a thriving international community of values-based bankers, the GABV Leadership Academy Alumni group.

About Us

The **Global Alliance for Banking on Values (GABV)** is an international network of frontrunner organisations and leaders in the banking industry that use finance to serve people and the planet. Our collective goal is to make the banking system more transparent and support positive economic, social and environmental change. Learn more at gabv.org

The **Presencing Institute (PI)** was founded in 2006 by MIT Sloan School of Management Senior Lecturer Otto Scharmer and colleagues to create an action research platform at the intersection of science, consciousness, and profound social and organizational change. Katrin Kaeufer, Director of the GABV Leadership Academy, is co-founder and long term Director of the PI. Learn more at u-school.org/about-pi



Blended Online/ in-Person format

The 11th edition of the GABV Leadership Academy will take place from January to September 2026, featuring four online sessions and two in-person modules. The first in-person meeting will be held alongside the **2026 GABV Annual Meeting** in the Dominican republic (9-14 March.) The second will be hosted by Clearwater Credit Union in Montana, USA, (20-23 September), and will run in parallel with the GABV Leadership Academy Alumni group meeting. This second in-person module is optional.

Alongside six modules, participants will engage in peer coaching sessions and three individual coaching sessions with one of the programme facilitators.

During the programme, participants will work on a prototype that is relevant to their own organisation and incorporates their individual leadership objectives.

KEY GOALS

- Using **state-of-the-art leadership methodologies**, including the Theory U concept developed at the **MIT Sloan School of Business**, learn and practice tools and methods for leading in times of disruption.
- In a reflective and challenging learning environment, develop leadership skills and identify personal leadership intention.
- Through interactions with thought leaders, activists and business leaders, participants deepen their understanding of the **systemic forces** that underpin current disruptions.
- **Prototype solutions** that enable institutions to survive the shocks created by the converging crisis we live in.
- Acquire and strengthen the **leadership capabilities and practices** needed to create a positive social and ecological impact.

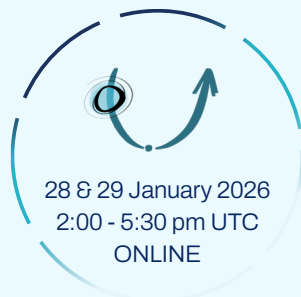
THE APPROACH

The programme follows the method and framework of **Theory U**, developed by Otto Scharmer at MIT 20 years ago. Theory U is about personal leadership and a different way of thinking.

The programme addresses leadership 'blind spots'

- by **shifting the inner place** from which leaders operate when confronted with disruption; instead of relying on past experiences, learn to innovate from the emerging future;
- by **experimenting** with practices, processes and ways of being in order to respond to challenges.

THE CURRICULUM



MODULE 1

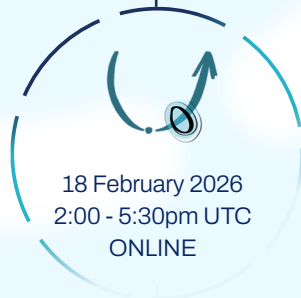
Co-Initiating: Build Common Intent

Concepts and Tools:

- Core Concepts of Values-Based Banking
- Core Leadership Tools: Levels of Listening
- Seeing Current Reality

Self Leadership:

- Cultivating Mindfulness & Attention



MODULE 2

Co-Sensing: Observe, Observe, Observe

Concepts and Tools:

- Theory U – a Method for Awareness-Based System Change
- Anchoring Values-Based Banking at the Core of your Organisation



MODULE 3

Co-Presencing: Deep Dive into my Leadership Intention

GABV Annual Meeting:

- Learn from the Best and Grow your Network – explore the ecosystem of our host bank, Banco Ademi. Meet their clients, engage with their CEO, and discover innovative approaches to Values-Based Banking
- Get to know like-minded Peers - meet the global GABV Community and participate in the 2026 Annual Meeting
- Connect to your Leadership Intention during a 2.5 day retreat close to Nature

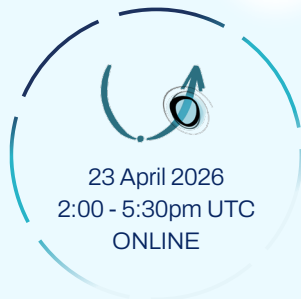
Concept and Tools:

- 3D System Mapping
- Innovations and Business Models from the GABV
- Innovation in Values-Based Banking

Self Leadership:

- Defining the North Star of your Leadership
- Awaken Sources of Creativity and Generativity by connecting to your Inner Voice
- Cultivating Mindfulness & Attention
- Social Presencing Theatre - Embodiment Work

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MODULE 4

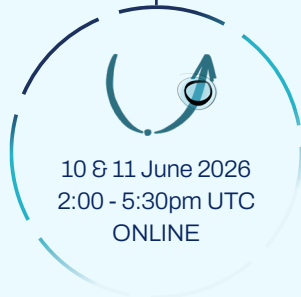
Co-Creating: Prototype the New

Concepts and Tools:

- Prototype Bootcamp: Review Prototypes and engage in Peer Learning
- From Intention to Action

Self-Leadership:

- Cultivate Mindfulness & Attention



MODULE 5

Co-Evolving: Embody the New in the Ecosystem

Concepts and Tools:

- Ecosystem Leadership for Impact
- Ecosystem Finance
- From Egosystem to Ecosystem Economics

Self Leadership

- Cultivating Mindfulness & Attention



MODULE 6

Deepening: Connect to the Leadership Academy Alumni

GABV Alumni Meeting:

- Learn from our Host, Clearwater Credit Union in Montana, USA, and their innovative approach to Values-Based Banking
- Grow your Network by connecting to the GABV Leadership Academy Alumni group
- Deepen your Prototype

Self-Leadership:

- Cultivate Mindfulness and Attention
- Social Presencing Theater - Embodiment Work

This is an optional meeting intended to reconnect and deepen the learning.



Retreat in nature in Uganda, 2025.

ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS

- Individual Coaching Sessions with one of the facilitators.
- Peer Coaching Sessions with a smaller group.
- Work individually on a prototype relevant to your bank between Module 3 and 5.
- Opportunity to join the [2026 GABV Annual Meeting in the Dominican Republic](#). Leadership Retreat in Nature.

Please allow 2-3 hours between modules to complete these additional elements.



Participants in the GABV Leadership Academy retreat in Uganda.

BENEFITS FOR YOUR ORGANISATION

Develop leaders who will step into their full potential and will deepen the impact of your organisation through state-of-the-art leadership methodologies in values-based banks.

Organisational Transformation – equip leaders with the skills, tools and the mindset to actively work on the transformation of your organisation, to innovate and to anchor values at its core.

Gain access to a global network of leading values-based bankers – many of them have been frontrunners in the field of Values-Based Banking for decades.



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The GABV Leadership Academy is supported by a team of experts from the Presencing Institute, MIT and the Global Alliance for Banking on Values. In every edition, a number of high-level thought leaders participate as guest speakers.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

The GABV Leadership Academy is for courageous, values-oriented leaders who want to actively co-create a future that considers the well-being of people and planet.

It is designed to be interactive and engaging, providing a safe space for peer learning and deepening connections to oneself and the other participants.

A prerequisite for participation is, therefore, a commitment to attend all the modules and to fully engage in the experience. Participants are expected to be on time, have their computer's camera turned on, and be willing to share and contribute. The ability to log on from a location without major interruptions is important.

The GABV Leadership Academy is a transformative learning experience. Participants should demonstrate a readiness to look inward, be open to new ideas and show interest in thinking of innovations in values-based banking. Most importantly, they should be committed to advancing the ideas and practices of Values-Based Banking.

REQUIREMENTS

- At least three years leading a bank or financial institution, a department, a team, or a major project
- Commitment to fully participate
- Submission of a short written reflection on:
 - > 2–3 career milestones
 - > main professional challenges
 - > motivation to participate

PREREQUISITES

Much of the programme is delivered online via Zoom. Access to a stable internet connection and to Zoom is a necessity.

English will be the primary language of the programme. Participants must have an adequate level of proficiency in English.

TUITION

GABV member banks from the US, Europe, Japan, Australia	USD 9,800
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GABV member banks from the rest of the world	USD 7,500
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Non-GABV member banks from the US, Europe, Japan, Australia	USD 11,500
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* Excluding travel and accommodation costs for Module 3 and Module 6.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please fill the Online Application Form from the links below:

[Register Now](#)



CERTIFICATION

At the end of the program, participants will receive a Certificate of Completion from the Presencing Institute & GABV - in cooperation with MIT Colab.

KEY DATES

28 October	Application deadline
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December - January	Onboarding interviews
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28 January	Programme begins
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What people say

“The GABV Leadership Academy was an eye-opening, mind-blowing experience into leadership, innovation and business transformation. The global scope of the class was fundamental for this experience. I really recommend it for professionals worldwide.”

“Participating in the GABV Leadership Academy enabled me to experience deep growth as both a person and a leader within my organisation. It helped me reconnect to my highest purpose and to why I chose to work for a values-based bank. The GABV Leadership Academy also gave me a new set of tools and skills to meet the future from a position of strength, not fear.”

“Leadership Academy represents a REBIRTH to my personal and professional life. The practical tools that are applied [and] the awareness [of] the staff was invaluable.”

“This has been such a treasure trove of new insights, inspiration and encouragement. Not just as a professional in values based banking, but as a person this period has been truly transitional for me. Not to mention: a lot of fun! Thank you so much!!”

“To be part of the first GABV Leadership Academy was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me. A chance for me to grow in my own personal leadership to be more courageous and confident in my role. It also allowed me time for reflection. I learned that a strong leader has to look outward and inward and to always bring my authentic self.”

“I have been privileged to attend this programme and feel stronger and more confident because of it. I am now part of a like minded community that I can call upon at any time to chat through scenarios and seek peer to peer coaching.”



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