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The CBK's implementation of Basel III Reforms has provided a basis for Regulatory convergence across jurisdictions however challenges remain

- CBK's liquidity and capital requirements are in line with BCBS and IFSB guidance to ensure we achieve maximum regulatory convergence.
- All Kuwaiti banks meet the fully phased-in risk-based capital, leverage ratio, and phased-in liquidity ratios ahead of the 2019 deadline.
- The effective, timely, and consistent adoption and implementation of international standards is the way to achieve maximum regulatory convergence.



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Regulators need to be proactive and agile to contain financial vulnerabilities by:

- Deploying the appropriate mix of Macroprudential tools in order to counter growing risks in the financial system.
- Staying vigilant to both domestic and cross border conditions as both impact financial stability.
- Being dynamic and adaptive by allowing banks to utilize counter cyclical buffers to continue lending in downturns.



Going forward, the CBK continues to upgrade its prudential framework to proactively ensure adherence to international best practices by:

- Addressing the growing footprint of financial technology.
- Maintaining the safety and stability of the financial system while supporting innovations in technologies that offer convenience and efficiency.
- Adopting a “Regulatory Sandbox” approach to provide a testing ground for innovative products and services.
- Implementing measures to strengthen cyber security and minimize operational risks.

