

GLOBAL FORUM ON ASSET RECOVERY

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Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR)**



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GLOBAL FORUM: THE WORK STREAM APPROACH

The Global Forum on Asset Recovery (GFAR) will bring together the Group of Seven (G-7), financial centers, and countries in transition seeking to recoup assets stolen through corruption. The inaugural GFAR will focus on the asset tracing and asset recovery efforts of four focus countries: Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, and Ukraine. In addition to providing a venue for case specific meetings, GFAR seeks to provide a forum for training and discussion of best practices on cases, and identifies country-specific capacity building needs.

To facilitate frank discussion among counterparts, following the plenary session, the Forum will be split into three Work Streams that will focus on the specific roles of investigators, prosecutors and policy makers in asset recovery. The sessions under the work streams will be interactive, with the moderator aiming to foster open dialogue among practitioners dialogue and the exchange of experiences from past practices.. Practitioners are invited to attend the work stream best suited to their area of expertise.

Work Stream 1 for Investigators, Forensic Auditors, and FIU Staff

This Work Stream will focus on the experiences and lessons learned in asset tracing by selected countries. It will outline different approaches adopted by countries in opening their own domestic cases, establishing asset recovery teams, identifying and tracing assets domestically and at the international level, and using multiple channels of information communication to identify the location, nature and volume of assets.

Work Stream 2 for Prosecutors, Investigating Judges and Lawyers in Central Authorities

This Work Stream will highlight lessons learned in requesting international cooperation for the purpose of facilitating investigative cooperation that can lead to seizure and confiscation of proceeds of corruption and related offenses as well as responding to MLA requests received. It will also consider innovative legal tools for asset recovery.

Work Stream 3 for Policy Makers, Staff of Foreign Affairs and Technical Assistance Providers

This Work Stream will provide a platform to discuss and identify challenges and good practices and models in terms of policies, laws, resource allocation and coordination mechanisms providing an enabling legal, institutional and operation environment and framework to effectively identify and trace assets, ensure timely seizure and freezing, effective confiscation and recovery both at national as well as at international levels.

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Meeting rooms will be reserved for **Bilateral Meetings** throughout the duration of GFAR upon request.

Civil Society Organizations will be meeting in parallel and at times will be joining in GFAR sessions which are indicated as open.

Special events are organized to mark 10 year anniversary of StAR and the Arab Forum.

A number of **small side meetings** (clinics, discussions, presentation of knowledge products and tools) will be organized throughout GFAR.

Date/time	Plenary/Special Events/Workstreams	CSO program (parallel)	Small side meetings	Bilats*
DAY 1 — Monday December 4, 2017				
09:00-11:00	Preparations with Focus Countries- Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Tunisia and Ukraine			
11:00- 14:00	Focus Country Bilateral meetings with US and UK			
14:00-15:00	Registration for all delegations			
15:00-17:30	High Level Opening (open) (with media) The open session will feature welcoming remarks from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Co-hosts · Focus countries · Other high level representatives of invited countries and organizations 			
18:30-21:00	10 years of the Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative-StAR (open) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Remarks · Reception 			
DAY 2 — December 5, 2017				
09:00-12:00	Session I: Coordination and Collaboration in Asset Recovery			

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09:00-10:30 **Work Stream 1 & Work Stream 2 (combined session) (closed)**
Making Effective Use of Networks to Maximize Cooperation BEFORE the MLAT Process: Lessons Learned from CARIN, Interpol and Egmont

International and regional practitioner networks provide platforms that can complement and facilitate cooperation in advance of the mutual legal assistance process. These networks can be particularly useful in assisting law enforcement agencies tackling multi-jurisdictional asset recovery cases. While limitations exist on the types of information which can be shared through practitioner networks, these organizations provide FIUs and law enforcement agencies with an informal contact points with peers from other member jurisdictions. This session will draw on experiences of effective collaboration and will highlight successes, challenges and potential limitations in their use.

Moderated Davos-style discussion

Speaker 1: CARIN - Experiences, good practices and lessons learned from the establishment of CARIN as an example for a regional network.

Speaker 2: Egmont - The role of FIUs and the Egmont Group in asset recovery- how to make the most of Egmont.

Speaker 3: INTERPOL/Star Global Focal Points Initiative - Experiences, good practices and lessons learned from interacting with the network shared by a Focal Point of the network.

Speaker 4: IACCC - The role of the IACCC in working with countries and networks to help facilitate asset recovery efforts.

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:00 **Live survey and questions and answers with the participants**

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9:00-10:30 **Work Stream 3 Domestic Coordination: Lessons Learned on Striking the Right Balance with Policy and Technical Experts (closed)**
In large and complex asset recovery cases, domestic coordination is key. It is important to assemble multidisciplinary teams involving relevant administrative, investigative, law enforcement and judicial agencies, (including tax, customs, central banks, FIUs, police, prosecutors and investigative judges) to maximize the chances to achieve results.

Moderated discussion

Presentation 1: Tunisia: Sharing lessons learned from the National Committee on Asset Recovery which facilitated domestic coordination and cooperation between international counterparts and Tunisian authorities.

Presentation 2: the United States: Sharing lessons on how the U.S. Kleptocracy Unit functions and coordinates with other foreign counterparts.

Presentation 3: Switzerland: Sharing lessons on how Switzerland coordinates across government for domestic and international engagements.

Presentation 4: Sri Lanka: Sharing lessons on how the Presidential Task Force for the Recovery of Illegally Acquired State Assets (START) coordinates Sri Lanka's domestic and international engagements.

10:30-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-12:00

Questions and answers with the participants

12:00-14:30

The Arab Forum on Asset Recovery: Special Event Luncheon (open to all GFAR participants)

The Arab Forum on Asset Recovery was launched in 2012 to facilitate the recovery of stolen assets for the countries impacted by the Arab Spring with a primary focus on Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, and Yemen. Building on the multilateral cooperation and four AFAR events held in Qatar, Morocco, Switzerland and Tunisia, this session will review the lessons learned from the Arab Forum which will be utilized to facilitate and strengthen the future cooperation and objectives of the Global Forum on Asset Recovery.

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14:30- 16:00

Session II: Tracing Stolen Assets

Using Technology and Innovative Techniques (open to all GFAR participants)

Follow the Money: Reconstructing the financial flows is a key component of all asset recovery investigations to identify physical and monetary assets. This session will look at some of the forensic tools developed to assist in the reconstruction of complex financial flows moving through multiple entities and off shore accounts and will present a wide range of innovative techniques, tools and approaches, (including forensic accounting, computer forensic, use of technology to analyze data) which enable these transactions to be easily understood for presentation into evidence.

Panelist 1: Cyber forensic expert

Panelist 2: Civil Society investigative expert

Panelist 3: Investigative expert on use of technology

16:00- 16:30

Coffee Break

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16:30- 18:00 **Synergies between media and civil society and law enforcement (open to all GFAR participants)**
Media/investigative journalists and CSOs can play a key role in helping uncover information (e.g. on beneficial ownership) that might be useful to law enforcement engaged in investigating grand corruption. It is crucial to build trust and meaningful relationships between media, CSOs and law enforcement bodies, and to explore ways that media and CSOs can provide information to law enforcement bodies across borders. This panel will look at ways that that trust can be built, including the use of protocols between CSOs and law enforcement, and potential limitations in their collaboration.

- Panelist 1: investigative journalist
- Panelist 2: investigative journalist
- Panelist 3: CSO representative
- Panelist 4: Law enforcement representative who worked with CSO/Media

18:00 Close of Day 2

19:30 Reception

DAY 3 — December 6, 2017

09:00-12:30 **Session III: Tools for Success**

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09:00-10:30

Work Stream 1 and 2 - Using Innovative Legal Tools for Asset Recovery (closed)

The session will review innovative legal tools such as rapid freezing powers, non-conviction based forfeiture and reversal of the burden of proof, illicit enrichment provisions, unexplained wealth orders and civil remedies that have been developed and successfully used by various jurisdictions to initially secure and confiscate of stolen assets.

Presentation 1: UK- Civil Recovery in England and Wales

Presentation 2: Switzerland- Rapid Freezing Powers

Presentation 3: Nigeria - Non-Conviction Based Forfeiture

09:00-10:30

Work Stream 3- Technical Assistance roundtable: State of Play and Needs of Focus Countries (closed)

The session will provide an opportunity for focal countries to identify technical assistance needs with bilateral and multilateral assistance providers.

Facilitated by STAR with representatives of Nigeria, Tunisia, Ukraine, Sri Lanka, US, UK, Switzerland & others TBD

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00- 12:30

Session IV – Tell Us How You Did That- Work Streams 1, 2 & 3 (closed)

Practitioners from requesting and requested jurisdictions will share their experience of specific asset recovery cases that they have resolved and highlight the obstacles they faced and innovative ways they were able to achieve successful outcomes in their cases.

Presentation 1: Brazil: (Odebrecht case),

Presentation 2: Switzerland & Ukraine

Presentation 3: Jersey (Asset Distribution Agreement with Kenya)

12:30- 13:30

LUNCH - Presentation of Asset Management Study and next steps Chaired by Italy (open to all GFAR participants)

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14.00-16.00 **Closing Round Table (open) (media)**
Presentation by focus countries
Presentation by CSO representative

16.00-17:00 **Closing session: The way forward (open) (media)**

Closing Remarks: Co-hosts

17:00 **CLOSE OF THE FORUM**

PRESS CONFERENCE TBD

* Bilaterals upon request throughout (schedule maintained by StAR)