

# Compensation of victims of an act of corruption

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**Side event - Special session of the General Assembly against corruption UNGASS (2021)**

## About the event

Corruption is not a victimless crime. UNCAC is a clear example of this consensus (see arts. 35 and 57 (3)). However, victims' compensation remains a challenge. This event will address the current practices in this regard and discuss challenges faced by practitioners (e.g. the identification of victims and the quantification of damages) and possible solutions.

The purpose of this event is to contribute to the ongoing debate on the compensation of victims of corruption, by addressing issues such as (a) the types of damage that may result from an act of corruption; (b) the quantification of such damages; (c) the identification of the victims of corruption; and (d) how is the legal standing in victims compensation cases established in different legal systems, including in cases that involve social damages.

To this end, the main preliminary conclusions of a knowledge product that the Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative in partnership with the Asset Recovery Subcommittee of the International Bar Association (IBA) is developing on the topic will be presented, including an overview over current approaches. In addition, case examples will be presented to highlight good practices, challenges and strategies to overcome them.

### Event co-organizers:

- Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC)
- Asset Recovery Subcommittee of the International Bar Association
- Transparency International
- World Bank-UNODC StAR initiative

## Speakers

- Mr. Auwal Musa Rafsanjani, Executive Director, Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC)
- Mr. Richard E. Messick, Consultant, StAR initiative
- Ms. Sankhitha Gunaratne, Deputy Executive Director, Transparency International Sri Lanka
- Mr. Stephen Baker, English barrister and Jersey advocate, Asset Recovery Subcommittee of the International Bar Association

Event moderator: Emile van der Does de Willebois, Coordinator, StAR Initiative

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