

# AGENDA

(AFAR IV)

**Afar From Qatar to Tunisia:  
Searching for Results in Asset Recovery**

Co-chaired by Germany, Tunisia and Qatar

8–10 December 2015 in Yasmine Hammamet, Tunisia

## AGENDA

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### **DAY 1 — Tuesday, 8th December 2015**

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14.00

**Registration**

15.00–18.00

**Bilateral Meetings and Multijurisdictional case discussions**

AFAR presents an opportunity for requesting and requested States to hold bilateral or multilateral meetings, including for the purpose of case consultations. In order to prepare for such meetings and maximize their usefulness, participating delegations are requested to indicate to StAR (contact [egopalakrishnan@worldbank.org](mailto:egopalakrishnan@worldbank.org), +12024739343), which delegations they would like to organize bilateral or multilateral meetings. They should also indicate the key issues to be discussed with a view to ensuring that countries requested for a meeting come as prepared as possible

18.00

Close of Day 1

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### **DAY 2 — Wednesday, 9th December 2015**

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09.00

## **Opening session and High-Level segment**

(\*\*Open to the Press\*\*?)

On the occasion of International Anti-Corruption Day, the opening session will feature welcoming remarks by co-chairs Germany/Qatar, Ministers or Attorneys General, G7 representatives and other high level representatives of invited countries, international organizations and civil society organizations (Quartet).

Coffee break

11.00-13.00

## **SESSION I: Progress and challenges in Arab countries**

(Moderator: QAT, Dr. Al Marri t.b.c)

Rapporteur: TUN

1. Technical Presentations by requesting countries on progress and challenges:
2. Technical presentations by G7 and other relevant requested countries

13.00-15.00

## **Lunch/ Press Conference**

15.00-19.00

## **Bilateral Meetings and Multijurisdictional case discussions**

15.00-18.00

## **SESSION II: Open discussions**

Work Stream 1 (main target audience: Policy makers)

### **1. Prevention**

- Deauville Plan of Action for AR: pursuit of legal and institutional reforms;
- Rules on asset declaration and conflict of interest;
- What role do financial centres take in prevention – challenges for the banking industry
- Discussion points: What works? What could be established at short or middle term?

**Coffee break**

### **2. Standards for MLA**

- Reports of minimum standards of requested states
- ECHR – jurisdiction
- different standards for civil forfeiture/civil litigation
- Importance of pre order police to police enquiries. How can pre order enquiries

focus MLA requests

- Discussion points: how to build up mutual trust and how to monitor cases?

Work Stream 2 (main target audience: : Investigators, prosecutors, judges and FIU personnel)

### **1. Asset management and return**

- In current proceedings
- Returns of Assets (CHE)
- Specialized Asset management Offices
- Dedicated Asset Recovery Funds
- Social Re-use
- Discussion points: To whom to return assets? Under what preconditions?

#### **Coffee break**

### **2. Innovative instruments to recover assets.**

- Recognition and enforcement of For-egn NCB orders
- Spontaneous disclosure and subsequent use of NCB in domestic proceedings and implications for the return of assets
- Use of settlements and link with ongo-ing investigations/prosecutions
- Use of civil proceedings
- Guidelines for an Efficient Recovery of Stolen Assets and their Commentaries (CHE)
- New legislation: Swiss draft bill, called “Federal Act on the Freezing and Restitution of Illicitly Acquired Assets of Foreign Politically Exposed Persons”

18.00

Close of Day 2

19.00

Dinner hosted by Tunisia

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## **DAY 3 — Thursday, 10rd December 2015**

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09.00-11.00

**Bilateral Meetings and Multijurisdictional case discussions**

09.00-11.00

### **SESSION III: Open discussions**

#### Work Stream 1 (main target audience: Policy makers)

##### **Lessons learned**

- Emerging lessons from asset re-recovery efforts outside the Arab Region
- Development policy review on Tunisia: lessons learned from the publication 'All in the Family'
  
- The next steps: the issue of Libya sanctions
- Capacity building support – impact and limitations
- Role of regional and multilateral organizations
- New legislation TUN/EGY

#### Work Stream 2 (main target audience: : Investigators, prosecutors, judges and FIU personnel)

##### **Lessons learned [closed session]**

- Stock-taking on the current state of investigations, likelihood of prosecutions and possible alternatives
- Does the intelligence now provide an accurate picture, if not how can this be improved?
- How can we overcome cross jurisdictional boundaries in exchanging evidence, intelligence and prosecuting grand corruption – do we need a new way of thinking?
- What are the alternatives to prosecution?
- Looking to the future: Can better use be made of international platforms to coordinate cross

jurisdictional corruption investigations? – where would an international platform sit?

- Future development of AFAR

11.00-11.30

**Break**

11.30-13.00

**Conclusions and Way Forward**

1. Presentation by Rapporteur for Work Stream 1
2. Presentation by Rapporteur for Work Stream 2

13:00–13:30

**Closing session: The Future of the Arab Forum on Asset Recovery** \*\*Open to the Press\*\*

1. Closing Remarks
2. The Way Forward in 2016, Remarks by Japan

13.30

**CLOSE OF THE FORUM**