

ARAB FORUM ON ASSET RECOVERY (AFAR III)

Co-chaired by Switzerland, Egypt and Tunisia

TWO YEARS ON: ARE WE MEETING EXPECTATIONS?

1–3 November 2014

International Conference Centre Geneva, Rue de Varembe 17, Geneva, Switzerland

AGENDA

DAY 1 — Saturday, 1 November 2014

Keeping Up the Political Momentum

9.00 **Registration (MAIN HALL)**

Please note that registration will be open as of 9 am, 1 November 2014. Early registration is recommended prior to the opening session.

BILATERAL MEETINGS and MULTIJURISDICTIONAL CASE DISCUSSIONS

(Room 7, Room 8, Room 11, Room 12, Room 13, Room 14, Room 15, Room 16, Room 18).

12.30-14.00 **Lunch (light food available) (MAIN HALL)**

14.00 **OPENING SESSION AND MINISTERIAL SEGMENT (Room 1)**

****Open to the Press****

(In the central area of the plenary hall seating is reserved for a maximum of 8 members per delegation. Additional seating for delegations exceeding 8 members is allocated in the rear of the plenary hall.)

The opening session will feature welcoming remarks by co-chairs Switzerland/Tunisia/ Egypt, Ministers or Attorneys General, and other high level representatives of invited countries and organizations:

Chair: H.E. Mr. Didier Burkhalter

- Switzerland- H.E. Mr. Didier Burkhalter, President of the Swiss Confederation and Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Tunisia- H.E. Mr. Hafedh Ben Salah, Minister of Justice
- Egypt- H.E. Mr. Mahfous Saber Abdelkader, Minister of Justice
- Kuwait- H.E. Mr. Abdulrahman Alnemash, President of the Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority
- Qatar- H.E. Dr. Ali Bin Fetais Al Marri, UNODC Special Regional Advocate for the Prevention of Corruption & Attorney General of Qatar
- UK- Karen Bradley, Minister for Modern Slavery and Organised Crime, Home Office
- Turkey- H.E. Veysi Kaynak, Deputy Minister of Justice
- World Bank- Ms. Sri Mulyani Indrawati, Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer, World Bank Group

15.30-16.00 **Break/ Press Conference by co-chairs Switzerland/Egypt/Tunisia** (Room 21 + 22)

16.00 **SESSION I: Overview on Progress, Challenges, and Collective Action (Room 1)**

Chair: Jean Pesme, Coordinator - Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative

1. Stocktaking and Report on the activities conducted under the framework of the Arab Forum and their impact: Presentation by Jean Pesme, Coordinator- Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative
2. Technical Presentations by Countries on progress and challenges made in the asset recovery agenda:
 - Tunisia - Mr. Riadh Belkadhi, General Attorney, Director of Criminal Affairs, Ministry of Justice
 - Egypt - Mr. Kamel Samir Guirguis, Head of Bureau of International Cooperation, General Prosecution Office
 - Jordan - to be determined

Final

- Libya - to be determined
- Yemen - Mr. Ahmad Ahmad Ghaleb Saeed, President of the Nation National Commission for the Combat of Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism
- UK - Jonathan Benton, Detective Chief Inspector, Head of Metropolitan Police International Proceeds of Corruption Unit
- U.S. - Dan Claman, Deputy Chief, International Unit Asset Forfeiture Money Laundering Section, U.S. Department of Justice
- Switzerland - Susanne Kuster, Vice Director of the Federal Office of Justice & Head of the International Legal Assistance Division

17.00-19.00 **BILATERAL MEETINGS and CASE DISCUSSIONS**

(Room 7, Room 8, Room 11, Room 12, Room 13, Room 14, Room 15, Room 16, Room 18)

19.00 **Close of Day 1**

19.30 **Reception for Arab Forum delegates at Hotel Intercontinental**

20.00 **Dinner for Ministers of Justice and Prosecutors General hosted by H.E. Michael Lauber, Attorney General, on behalf of the Swiss Federal Council, at Hotel Intercontinental**

(Transportation will be provided from the conference venue leaving at 19.00 and at 19.15)

DAY 2 — SUNDAY, 2 November 2014

Work Stream I. Using Innovative Asset Recovery Tools

Work Stream II. Lifting the Corporate Veil

9.00-11.00

SESSION II

Open discussions

Work Stream 1 (main target audience: Policy makers and practitioners in managerial capacities)

(Room 2)

Developing an Asset Recovery Strategy, Coordinated National Action and Institutional Set-up

Moderator: Creon Butler, UK Cabinet Office

Panelists:

- Tunisia- Judge Mohamed Askri, Advisor to Ministry of Justice
- U.S.- Kendall Day, Principal Deputy Chief, Asset Forfeiture & Money Laundering Section, U.S. Department of Justice
- South Africa - Willie Hofmeyr, Deputy National Director of Public Prosecution and Head of Asset Forfeiture Unit, The National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa
- UK - Shane Nainappan, UK Senior Liaison Prosecutor & Asset Recovery Advisor

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

(Room 3+4)

Facilitating Investigations of Shell Companies, Trusts & Beneficial Owners – National Guides

Moderator: Jean Pesme, Coordinator Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative

Panelists:

- Guernsey - Fred Raffray, Crown Advocate
- Lebanon - Abdul Hafiz Mansour, Secretary Special Investigation Commission
- StAR - Emile Van Der Does, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank
- U.S. - Thomas Iverson, U.S. Department of Treasury

Final

11.00 **Break**

11.30-13.30 **SESSION III**
Open discussions

Work Stream 1 (main target audience Policy makers and practitioners)
(Room 2)

Administrative Freezes

Moderator: Stephen Turner, Legal Officer, Criminal, Security and Diplomatic Law Division, Canada

Panelists:

- Lebanon- Mrs. Rola Jadayel, Judge, Ministry of Justice
- EU- Oren Wolff, Policy Officer, European External Action Service EEAS
- Switzerland - Valentin Zellweger, Director of the Directorate of International Law, Switzerland

Work Stream 2 (main target audience: Investigators, prosecutors and FIU personnel as well as regulators)
(Room 3+4)

How to Get Cooperation with Financial Centers on Beneficial Ownership

Moderator: Mary Beth Goodman, Stolen Asset Recovery ((StAR) Initiative

Panelists:

- Hong Kong - Linda Lam, Deputy Principal Government Counsel, Mutual Legal Assistance
- UK - Jonathan Benton, Detective Chief Inspector, Met Police
- Cyprus - Elena Panayiotou, Unit for Combatting Money Laundering (MOKAS), Law Office of the Republic of Cyprus
- U.S. - Debra LaPrevotte, Supervisory Special Agent - U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigations

13.30 **Lunch** (Restaurant CICG)

14.00 **BILATERAL MEETINGS and MULTIJURISDICTIONAL CASE DISCUSSIONS**

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17:00 **Presentations by Interested Countries on Technical Assistance Needs** (Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, Jordan, Morocco)

Moderator: Mr. Arkan El Seblani, Project Manager, Regional Bureau for Arab States, United Nations Development Program

Such meetings will be organized only upon request of countries interested in receiving TA and upon submission of a (short) report on their technical assistance needs and priorities to the organizers prior the Forum

19.00 **Close of Day 2**

19:15 **Cocktail Réception at the Restaurant “Vieux Bois”** 12, avenue de la Paix - CH-1202 Genève

A shuttle service will be provided from the CICG Conference Center to the location. Alternatively, the restaurant is within walking distance of 10 min. Please note that parking is very limited at the location.

DAY 3 — MONDAY, 3rd November 2014

Work Stream I. Using Innovative Asset Recovery Tools

Work Stream II. Lifting the Corporate Veil

9.00-11.00 **BILATERAL MEETINGS AND MULTIJURISDICTIONAL CASE DISCUSSIONS**

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11.00 **Break** (Main Hall)

11:30- 13:00 **SESSION IV**
Open discussions

Work Stream 1 (main target audience: Legal practitioners)

(Room 2)

Civil Remedies (including effectively engaging lawyers)

Moderator: StAR – Jean-Pierre Brun, Senior Financial Specialist, World Bank Group

Panelists:

- Olaf Meyer, Senior Lecturer of Law at University of

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

(Room 3+4)

Role of Private Sector in Accessing Beneficial Ownership Information

Moderator: StAR – Emile Van Der Does, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank

Panelists:

- Yves Aeschlimann, Senior Vice President & Head of Compliance of

- Bremen in Germany
- James Maton, Partner Edwards Wildman Law Firm in United Kingdom
- Mary Butler, Deputy Chief, International Unit Asset Forfeiture Money Laundering Section, U.S. Department of Justice
- Habiba Ben Salem, Secretary General of the Commission for Financial Analysis, Tunisia
- Pierre-Yves Morier, Head of the Task Force Asset Recovery, Directorate of International Law, Switzerland

- Edmond De Rothschild in Switzerland
- Ian Comins, Chief Operating Officer, EFG Bank in Cayman Islands
- Dr. Stephan Ochsner, Chairman Ochsner Consulting in Liechtenstein
- Mr. Michael Betley, Group Chairman, Trust Corporation International, Guernsey Association of Trustees

13.00 **Lunch (Restaurant CIGG)**

14:15- 15:45 **SESSION V**
Open discussions

Work Stream 1

(main target audience: Policy Makers and Civil Society)

(Room 2)

Action proposals for CSOs and governments to make asset recovery more effective

Moderator: Dr. Muhyieddeen Touq, Jordan

Work Stream 2

(main target audience: Investigators, prosecutors and FIU personnel)

(Room 3+4)

Pulling Information Together for MLA Requests in the context of different legal traditions

Moderator: Ralf Riegel, Head of Division for International Criminal Law, Germany

Work Stream 3

(main target audience: Investigators, prosecutors and FIU personnel)

(Room 18)

How to use FIU Channels more effectively

Moderator: Daniel Thelesklaf, Director of Financial Intelligence Unit, Liechtenstein

Panelists:

- Two government representatives
- Two CSO representatives (TBD in cooperation with the CSO workshop)

Panelists:

- U.S.- Jeffrey Olson, Associate Director of Office of International Affairs, U.S. Department of Justice
- Tunisia- Mr. Riadh Ben Kadhi, General Attorney, Director of Criminal Affairs, Ministry of Justice
- Cayman Islands- Ms. Elisabeth Lees, Senior Crown Counsel (International Cooperation)
- Egypt TBD

Panelists:

- Tunisia- Habiba Ben Salem, Secretary General of the Commission for Financial Analysis
- Ukraine- Mr. Vitaliy Beregivskyi, State Financial Monitoring Service of Ukraine
- Egypt- Mr. Samir El-Shahed, Sub-governor, Executive Director of the EMLCU
- Abdul Hafiz Mansour- Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units

15:45 **Break** (Main Hall)

16.15 **CONCLUSIONS & WAY FORWARD** (Room 1)

Chair: Valentin Zellweger , Director of the Directorate of International Law, Switzerland

1. Presentation by Rapporteur for Work Stream 1
2. Presentation by Rapporteur for Work Stream 2
3. Presentation by Civil Society Representative from the Arab Countries in Transition

17:00 **CLOSING SESSION: The Future of the Arab Forum on Asset Recovery** (Room 1)
Open to the Press

Final

1. Chair and closing Remarks by Mr. Michael Lauber, Attorney General, Switzerland
2. Closing Remarks by Mr. Hisham Mohamed Zaki Barakat, A General, Egypt
3. Closing Remarks by Mr. James Cole, Deputy Attorney General, United States
4. The Way Forward in 2015, Remarks by H.E. Mr. Harald Range, Federal Prosecutor General, Germany and on behalf of the G7 presidency

18.00

CLOSE OF THE FORUM