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08:00 Registration

09:45 OPENING SESSION

The opening session will feature welcoming remarks by the host, the G8 Presidency and other top level representatives of invited countries and organizations.

11:45 Break

12:15 SESSION I Expectations towards the Arab Forum on Asset Recovery

The session will set the stage for the Forum by providing select delegations of the region (Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Yemen) an opportunity to shortly outline their main expectations towards the forum.

13:15 Lunch

15:00 SESSION II Successes and Challenges: Lessons learned by the Deauville partnership countries in seeking the recovery of assets

The session will be outlining the successes and challenges encountered thus far by both requesting and requested countries in pursuing the recovery of assets diverted from the Arab countries in transition.

Presentation by Tunisia on the primary legal, institutional and operational challenges in tracing assets and cooperating effectively in their seizing, confiscation and return (15 min.).

Presentation by the UK on the primary legal, institutional and operational challenges in tracing assets and cooperating effectively in their seizing, confiscation and return (15 min.).

Discussion

16:00 Break

Working Sessions will start as of 16.30 and be divided in three Work Streams for:

Work Stream 1 for Investigators, forensic auditors and FIU staff

Rapporteur: Canada/StAR

Getting started: mounting national and international financial investigations

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

Moderator: Jordan

Getting started:

Presentation 1 by Tunisia:

Developing a case strategy, assembling a team, gathering intelligence and evidence (including the volume/source of losses), considering different legal avenues for asset recovery (10 min.).

Presentation 2 by the UK: Adopting a proactive approach to asset recovery – identifying the assets, the role of FIUs, opening a domestic investigation, reaching out and supporting affected countries (10 min.).

Open Discussion (60 min.)

Conclusions

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

Rapporteur: UK/StAR

International cooperation for the purpose of asset recovery

This Work Stream will highlight lessons learned by G8 countries, Deauville partners and other countries in requesting international cooperation – in particular mutual legal assistance - for the purpose of seizure and confiscation of the proceeds of corruption and related offences as well as responding to such requests received.

Moderator: Japan

International cooperation in criminal matters for the purpose of confiscation:

Presentation 1 by Egypt : State of play of Mutual legal assistance requests – what progress has been made and what is holding them back (10 min.).

Presentation 2 by Switzerland : State of play of Mutual legal assistance requests – what progress has been made and what is holding them back (10 min.).

Open Discussion (60 min.)

Conclusions

Work Stream 3 for Policy makers, legal draftspersons, staff of foreign affairs and technical assistance providers

Rapporteur: US/StAR

Effective policies, laws and technical assistance to advance asset recovery at domestic level and internationally

This Work Stream will provide a platform to discuss and identify 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.

Moderator: UAE

Creating an enabling policy environment: Presentation 1 by the US : Taking the profit out of crime - Establishing and operating effective proceeds of crime regime, domestically and in cooperation with foreign jurisdictions (10 min.).

Presentation 2 by Qatar : Establishing asset recovery policies and creating domestic coordination mechanisms (10 min.).

Open Discussion (60 min.)

Conclusions

18:00 Close of First Day

19:00 Dinner hosted by the H.E Dr. Ali Bin Fetais Al Marri, Attorney General of the State of Qatar

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SESSION IV 9.00 – 11.00

Work Stream 1

Moderator: Belgium

Sources of corporate, financial and property information and their use in financial investigations:

Presentation 1 by Liechtenstein (10 min.).

Presentation 2 by Qatar (10 min.).

Presentation 3 by Guernsey : (10 min.).

Open Discussion (80 min.)

Conclusions

Work Stream 2

Moderator: Saudi Arabia

Securing assets:

Presentation 1 by the UAE : Asset freezing – tools and methods to ensure the rapid and coordinated freezing of assets (10 min.).

Presentation 1 by the US : Asset freezing – tools and methods to ensure the rapid and coordinated freezing of assets. Methods to connect the assets and the underlying offence. (10 min.).

Open Discussion (80 min.)

Conclusions

Work Stream 3

Moderator: Jersey

Creating an enabling legal environment – Part 1:

Presentation 1 by Canada: Putting laws or mechanisms in place to rapidly freeze assets of corrupt regimes (10 min.).

Presentation 2 by Libya: Rapid asset freeze by domestic decree – advantages and challenges (10 min.).

Open Discussion (90 min.)

Conclusions

11:00 Break

SESSION V 11.30 – 13.00

Work Stream 1

Moderator: Spain

Making effective use of practitioners' networks:

Presentation 1 by StAR/INTERPOL Focal Point: Experiences, good practices and lessons learned from the establishment of the StAR/INTERPOL Global Asset Recovery Network (10 min.).

Presentation 2 by CARIN: Experiences, good practices and lessons learned from the establishment of CARIN as an example of a regional network (10 min.).

Presentation 3 by EUROJUST: The mandate, functions and services provided by EUROJUST in facilitating the identification of contacts, the tracing and freezing of assets (10 min.).

Presentation 4 by EGMONT: The role of FIUs and the Egmont Group in asset recovery. (10 min.).

Open Discussion (40 min.)

Conclusions

Work Stream 3

Moderator: Russia

Creating an enabling legal environment – Part 2:

Presentation 1 by Italy: Rebuttable presumptions, non-conviction based forfeiture and other legal tools for effective confiscation (10 min.).

Presentation 2 by Switzerland:

Innovative legal tools to facilitate Asset Recovery (10 min.)

Open Discussion (60 min.)

Conclusions

13:00 Lunch

Works Streams 1 & 2

Space for Bilateral Meetings for Participants of Work Streams 1 and 2:

(CLOSED SESSIONS)

This space is intended for practitioners in Work Streams 1 and 2 to organize bilateral meetings to discuss individual cases as well as identify and resolve specific technical questions and challenges.

Work Stream 3

Moderators: The World Bank/UNODC

(CLOSED SESSIONS)

Technical assistance/capacity building cooperation priorities in advancing asset recovery and anti-corruption reforms (Closed Sessions): 1

Presentation of TA priorities by Libya

Discussion with TA providers (14.30 – 15.00)

Presentation of TA priorities by Yemen

Discussion with TA providers (15.00 – 15.30)

Presentation of TA priorities by Egypt

Discussion with TA providers (15.30 – 16.00)

16:00 Break

16:30 G8 and other regional coordination meetings / meeting of the Rapporteurs

17:30 Closing of Day 2

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09:00 SESSION VI From Words To Action Moderator: StAR

- Presentations of Working Stream Reports by Rapporteurs
- Presentation of the Chairs' Statement
- Comments and discussion
- Launch of the Arab Asset Recovery Forum Website

11:00 Break

SESSION VII 11.30 – 13.00

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Work Stream 3

Moderators: The World Bank/UNODC

(CLOSED SESSIONS - Continues)

Technical assistance/capacity building cooperation priorities in advancing asset recovery and anti-corruption reforms (Closed Sessions):

Presentation of TA priorities by Tunisia

Discussion with TA providers

13:15 Lunch

14:30 CLOSING SESSION - Closing remarks

15:00 CLOSE OF FORUM

15:30 Visit to the Museum of Islamic Art

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Work Stream 2

Moderator: Turkey

Direct recovery and civil litigation:

Presentation 1 by France : Opportunities and limitations of pursuing asset recovery as partie civile to a criminal enforcement action (10 min.).

Presentation 2 by Kuwait : Opportunities and limitations of pursuing asset recovery by means of private civil litigation (10 min.).

Open Discussion (60 min.)

Conclusions