LAUSANNE GUIDELINES FOR EFFICIENT RECOVERY OF STOLEN ASSETS
In sum:

Lack of Asset Recovery Policy

Legal impediments

Institutional & operational limitations

Communication and Trust

Policy
- Insufficient resources dedicated to AR
- No capacity needs assessment or development plan
- No clear targets and accountability for AR
- Lack of coordination arrangements for AR
- Opacity in the management and use of recovered assets

Legal
- Inadequate tracing & freezing powers
- No comprehensive proceeds of crime legislation (including value-based confiscation, Non-Conviction Based Forfeiture)
- No use of UNCAC for international cooperation

Institutional
- No coordination between agencies involved
- No resources, capacities and skills
- No specialized and dedicated units
- Obstacles to asset tracing (quick access to financial, corporate, property info)
- Poor MLA requests and no pre-MLA consultation

Communications
- Limited contacts among practitioners across jurisdictions
- Inconsistent use of networking opportunities
- Lack of patience, responsiveness and consistency
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Solutions

Transnational Collaborative process
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- Intelligence and pre-investigation activities (GL 1/2)
- Investigation (GL 3/5/7/8)
- Communication (GL 6)
- International cooperation (GL 4/9/10)

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