

Global Expert Group Meeting

Corruption involving Vast Quantities of Assets

12-14 June 2019, Oslo, Norway

Agenda

Wednesday 12 June 2019	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Brigitte Strobel-Shaw, Officer-in-Charge, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch (CEB), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</p> <p>Welcome remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Ine Marie Eriksen Sørdeide, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway <p>Keynote speeches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Carlos Holmes Trujillo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Colombia • H.E. Dr. Harib Al Amimi, President, State Audit Institution, United Arab Emirates • Mr. Rolando Ruiz Rosas, Minister, Director of International Organizations and Multilateral Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peru <p>Speeches (1h) & Discussion (30 min)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. TIAN Lixiao, Counsellor, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:30	Tour de table
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 1: The impact of corruption involving vast quantities of assets on peace and security, human rights and the environment</p> <p><i>In this session, the outcome statement of the first Global Expert Group Meeting on Corruption involving Vast Quantities of Assets adopted in Lima, Peru, on 5 December 2018, will be considered. Panellists will discuss the various types of impact of corruption involving vast quantities of assets. The floor will then be open for a general discussion on the topic.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Bolaji Owasanoye, Chairman Independent Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (ICPC), Nigeria</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the impact on peace and security, by Mr. Andrew Feinstein, Former Member of Parliament, South Africa, and CEO, Corruption Watch • Presentation on the impact on the environment, by Mr. Mike Davies, Director of Campaigns & Planning, Global Witness • Presentation on the impact on human rights, by Ms. Aruna Roy, Founder, Organization for the Empowerment of Workers and Peasants (MKSS) in India <p>Presentations (30 min) & Discussion (1h)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Martin Matter, Head, Economic Affairs Section, Political Directorate, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 2: Lessons learned from investigating cases of corruption involving vast quantities of assets and bringing them to justice</p> <p><i>In this session, panellists will continue to consider the outcome statement of the first Global Expert Group Meeting on Corruption involving Vast Quantities of Assets adopted in Lima, Peru, on 5 December 2018 and will, in particular, share their experiences and knowledge stemming from the investigation and prosecution of cases of corruption involving vast quantities of assets. The floor will then be open for a general discussion on the topic.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Bilal Mehmood Chaudhary, Director, United Nations – Peace and Security (UN-I), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Mary Butler, Chief, International Unit, Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section, Department of Justice, United States of America • Ms. Noémie Davody, Deputy Chief Prosecutor, National Prosecutor’s Office for Financial Crime, France • Mr. Fernando Filgueiras de Araújo, Federal State Attorney, Attorney General's Office of the Federal Republic, Brazil • Mr. Joachim Dyfvermark, Journalist, Swedish Television <p>Presentations (30 min) & Discussion (1h)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Amr Abdelrahman Mostafa Allam, Administrative Control Authority, Egypt</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 18:00	<p>Session 3: Enhancing transparency in political party financing and electoral processes</p> <p><i>In this session, the panellists will address one of the key drivers of corruption involving vast quantities of assets, namely the pursuit by politically exposed persons (PEPs) of financial resources in order to stay in power. Speakers will discuss lessons learned and good practices to promote integrity in political party financing and electoral processes. The participants will also discuss ways to reduce the cost of elections, as well as good practices in regulating elections and enhancing transparency and accountability of political party financing to prevent corruption.</i></p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Miguel Camilo Ruiz Blanco, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations (Vienna)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Yves-Marie Doublet, Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) Expert and Deputy Director, National Assembly, France • Mr. Yukihiko Hamada, Senior Programme Officer, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) • Mr. Marcin Walecki, Head of Democratization Department, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE/ODIHR) • Ms. Tina Sørdeide, Professor of Law and Economics, Norwegian School of Economics <p>Presentations (30 min) & Discussion (45 min) & Discussion on specific proposals (45 min)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Lise Stensrud, Policy Director, Anti-Corruption, NORAD, Norway</p>
18:00 – 18:05	Practical announcements
18:30	Reception at the Grand Hotel

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9:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 4: Ways to hold financial, legal and accounting intermediaries responsible for their role in facilitating corruption involving vast quantities of assets.</p> <p><i>The involvement of banks, even in the most developed countries, has come under scrutiny in recent months and years. In a number of developing countries too, banks have played roles in embezzlement, bribery or money laundering schemes involving vast quantities of assets. This session will discuss how stricter controls can be put into place to curtail this involvement of financial intermediaries in cases of corruption. The session will also consider the issue of legal privilege and the role of lawyers, as well as the role of accounting firms, acting as formation agents for shell companies and other legal constructs to facilitate such corruption.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Olafur Þór Hauksson, District Prosecutor, Iceland</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Carine Chartouni, Compliance Unit, Central Bank, Lebanon • Mr. Drew Sullivan, Founder, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project • Ms. Zarina Karodia, Head of European Regional AB&C Advisory, HSBC • Ms. Maria Pia Sacco, Senior Legal Advisor, International Bar Association <p>Presentations (30 min) and Discussion (1h30)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Navin Beekarry, Director General, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Mauritius</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 5: Improving international cooperation among law enforcement and judicial authorities to facilitate the investigation, prosecution and adjudication of cases of corruption involving vast quantities of assets.</p> <p><i>Cases of corruption involving vast quantities of assets invariably involve multiple jurisdictions. The illicit money in these cases often crosses borders, travels through tax havens, and ends up in real estate and other assets in countries abroad. How can national law enforcement and judicial authorities effectively investigate and prosecute these cases? How can international cooperation be further improved? How can the problem of impunity at national levels be overcome when PEPs involved in such cases exert influence over various branches of power in their respective countries? Is there a case to be made for increased extra-territorial investigations and prosecutions, or even, for supra-national prosecutions, in some specific circumstances?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Drago Kos, Chair, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Working Group on Bribery</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mark Temple, Solicitor-General, Jersey • Ms. Eduarda Rodrigues, Prosecutor, Chief of Asset Recovery, Prosecutor’s Office of the Republic, Angola • Mr. Mark L. Wolf, Senior United States District Judge, United States District Court, District of Massachusetts and Founder, Integrity Initiatives International • Mr. José Ugaz, Former Chair, Transparency International <p>Presentations (30 min) and Discussion (1h)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Eduardo Vetere, Vice-President, International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities</p>

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 6: Better ways to protect journalists and whistle-blowers, as well as investigators, prosecutors and judges and their independence, by the international community.</p> <p><i>Committed investigators, prosecutors and judges are essential for bringing cases of corruption involving vast quantities of assets to justice. At the same time, information received from whistle-blowers, investigative journalists and cooperating witnesses, are often critical for initiating investigations. Experience around the world has shown frequent harassment, intimidation, physical attacks and sudden deaths of key witnesses, whistle-blowers and those investigating, prosecuting and adjudicating corruption cases involving vast quantities of assets. What can the international community do to better protect those who are willing to dedicate their lives to fighting corruption involving vast quantities of assets?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Eva Joly, Former Member of the European Parliament, Former Investigative Judge, France</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tan Sri Abu Kassim bin Mohamed, Director General, the National Centre for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption, Malaysia • Mr. Laodé Syarif, Commissioner, Corruption Eradication Commission, Indonesia • Mr. Gianluca Esposito, Executive Secretary, Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Council of Europe • Mr. Anas Aremeyaro Anas, Founder, Tiger eye <p>Presentations (30 min) & Discussion (1h)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Alonso Eduardo Esquivel Duran, Officer, Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations in Vienna</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Session 7: Innovative international standards required to prevent corruption involving vast quantities of assets more effectively.</p> <p><i>In most cases of corruption involving vast quantities of assets, corporate vehicles registered in overseas jurisdictions are used to operate with impunity. Beneficial owners of companies obtaining contracts with governments are frequently unknown to the public officials issuing contracts and the public at large. In many cases of corruption involving vast quantities of assets, state-owned companies have been used for the purpose of embezzlement of public funds or property. In some cases, charities managed by PEPs or their relatives have also been involved in illicit practices. What measures can be put in place to stop the use of private or state-owned companies and charities for illicit enrichment? The experts will discuss issues such as asset disclosure, open ownership, and the G20 principles on state owned companies.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Adriana Galafassi, National Director of Investigations, Anti-Corruption Office, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Argentina</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Davor Dubravica, Judge, Former Chairperson, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI), Croatia • Ms. Khadija Sharife, Africa Editor, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project • Mr. Gary Kalman, Executive Director, Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT) Coalition • Ms. Ingrid Hjertaker, Political Advisor, Tax Justice Network Norway <p>Presentations (30 min) and Discussion (1h)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Solvej Krause, World Bank/UNODC Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR)</p>

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9:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 8: Sanctioning and compensating for corruption involving vast quantities of assets, including for social damage caused by it.</p> <p><i>Some jurisdictions are increasingly exploring new avenues to address the consequences of corruption including imposing economic sanctions on those involved in corruption involving vast quantities of assets. One measure that is being implemented in some countries with regards to compensating the damage caused by corruption involving vast quantities of assets are the efforts to calculate the social damage caused by such corruption. The experts will discuss the viability of these efforts.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Shervin Majlessi, Deputy Coordinator, World Bank/UNODC Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Robert Leventhal, Division Chief for Transnational Programs, Office of Global Programs and Policy, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, U.S. State Department • Ms. Denisse Rudich, Senior Advisor, The Sentry • Mr. Kjell Kristian Dørum, Senior Advisor, Ethics Council of the State Pension Fund/Oil Fund • Mr. Fabiano Angélico, Expert, Transparency International, Brazil <p>Presentations (30 min) and Discussion (1h)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Laure du Castillon, Prosecutor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:10	Courtesy Visit: Ms. Marianne Hagen , State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
11:10 – 13:00	<p>Session 9: Discussion of the main outcomes, including a set of principles and recommendations to combat corruption involving vast quantities of assets more effectively</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Mats Benestad, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Norway to the International Organisations in Vienna</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Mr. Samuel De Jaegere, Anti-Corruption Advisor, UNODC, and Ms. Livia Krings, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	Session 10: Continuation of the discussion and finalization of the outcome statement.
15:30 – 15:45	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Brigitte Strobel-Shaw, Officer-in-Charge, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime