



**Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Republic of Azerbaijan**

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

# **MISUSE OF FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES FOR CORRUPTION AND RELATED CRIMINAL PURPOSES**

**TUESDAY, 14 December 2021, 09:00 – 10:00 (UTC +2)**

## **BIOGRAPHIES OF THE PANELISTS**

### **Vesna Škare Ožbolt, Former Minister of Justice of the Republic of Croatia**



Vesna Škare Ožbolt has been Advisor of the President of Croatia, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Croatia and Member of the Croatian Parliament.

Key Accomplishments of the Ms. Škare Ožbolt as the Minister of Justice were Introduction of new institutes in the Croatian justice system to raise the level of efficiency and transparency, such as: a trial within a reasonable time, a spokesperson of the courts, Judicial Academy and obligatory training of judges and public prosecutors, judicial inspectors to control the court administration, launching the reform of land registry, authorized land registry clerks, digitization (conversion) of data from the manually kept land registers into electronic form, starting the merging of the data from the cadastre with the land registry, creating an action plan to reduce the backlog of court cases, drafted anticorruption strategy with political corruption as number one priority proposing the Law on confiscation of illegally acquired pecuniary gain, starting the reorganization of the network of municipal and county courts.

### **Vladimir Kozin, Regional Anti-Corruption Adviser, UN Office on Drugs and Crime**



Vladimir Kozin is a regional anti-corruption advisor at the UNODC Regional Office for Central Asia and the Corruption and Economic Crime Branch of UNODC/CEB. Vladimir's area of responsibility includes the facilitation of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) implementation reviews on behalf of the Secretariat. Vladimir also coordinates the organization of the sessions of the Working Group on Asset Recovery and the Expert Meeting on International Cooperation under the Conference of the States Parties to UNCAC. He is actively involved in the activities of the Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR) of UNODC and the World Bank, where he specializes on the provision of technical assistance to States in the area of asset recovery and contributed to a number of StAR publications. Before joining the UN Vladimir practiced law at a leading international law firm in Washington, D.C. with focus on compliance, due diligence and large corporate anti-corruption investigations in emerging markets. He also lived in East Asia where he worked at a think tank and researched various issues of international trade, law and development. Vladimir is an alumnus of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations; he also

holds Master of Laws degrees from the National Taiwan University and the George Washington University Law School.

### **Ben Evans, Co-founder and Senior Associate of Greenacre Group, United Kingdom**



Since 2004, Ben has been an expert and adviser for governments worldwide on best practices in NGO regulation, with a particular focus on the risk from terrorist financing and violent extremism. Ben developed and devised a unique participatory methodology for assessing compliance with FATF R8. Ben also helped develop the NPO module in the World Bank's National Risk Assessment Methodology. He has advised governments and civil society in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and the Caribbean on FATF R8 compliance, as well as providing expert submissions to FATF, the UN Security Council, the World Bank, the APG, the European Centre for Not-for-Profit Law and others.

Ben's career in Civil Society started in 1997, when he joined Liverpool Museums as a Fundraiser. In January 2000, he joined the Charity Commission for England and Wales, the government regulator of NGOs. Here he helped develop and implement a new Review Visits programme, where he led regulatory visits to over 70 charities, and later was senior case office in the Intensive Care Unit. From 2004-2012, Ben was Regional Manager (SE Asia) for the Charity Commission's International Programme.

### **Natalia I. Bourjaily, Vice President – Eurasia of the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL)**



Natalia I. Bourjaily is Vice President – Eurasia of the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) in Washington D.C, starting from 1997. She has provided technical assistance in drafting laws, provided educational and legal assistance in all NIS countries. She assisted with more than 20 laws, which have been adopted in the NIS, including NGO laws in Uzbekistan and in Kyrgyzstan, tax laws providing benefits to NGOs in Ukraine and Kazakhstan. Ms.

Bourjaily has been implementing several projects for the World Bank.

Prior to joining ICNL Ms. Bourjaily was in private practice in the US and in Belarus, where she assisted US and Western European companies with their corporate, business and litigation needs in the former Soviet Union countries. Ms. Bourjaily is a graduate of the Law School of Belarussian State University. She speaks Russian, Belarussian, and English.

### **Fuad Aliyev, Director of Cooperation Department, Financial Monitoring Service, the Republic of Azerbaijan**



Dr. Fuad Aliyev is Cooperation Department Director at the Financial Monitoring Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Dr. Aliyev is also adjunct faculty at ADA University. He has more than 10 years of experience with the FIU. Dr. Aliyev is a Vice-Chair of the Egmont Group's Membership, Support and Compliance working sub-group. He is also a member of FATF ICRG Europa/Eurasia joint group of experts. He is certified by the Council of Europe MONEYVAL Committee AML/CFT valuator since 2016. He is also ACAMS certified anti-money laundering specialist since 2013. He was the Fulbright Scholar 2011-2012 at the John Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies' Central Asia – Caucasus Institute and 2005-2006 Hubert H. Humphrey fellow at the University of North Carolina –

Chapel Hill and the Brookings Institution. Fuad Aliyev is the author of several publications in Azerbaijan and abroad on political economy of transition, economic reforms, Islamic economics and finance, etc