



Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Azerbaijan

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

SPECIAL EVENT

MISUSE OF FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES FOR CORRUPTION AND RELATED CRIMINAL PURPOSES



The Republic of Azerbaijan organize a Special event titled “Misuse of fundraising activities for corruption and related criminal purposes” on 14 December 2021 from 9:00 to 10:00, on the sidelines of the Ninth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption to be held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, 13 - 17 December 2021,

BRIEF CONCEPT OF THE EVENT: Fundraising is an essential process of gathering voluntary contributions of money or other resources by non-profit, non-governmental and charity organizations, as well as commercial organizations for providing relief and support to groups of the population in need, and at times of crisis. However, sometimes fundraising activities are misused and diverted from their legitimate purpose to cover up corruption, money laundering, financing of terrorism and other related criminal activities.

The Special event will primarily focus on major means and methods (including through the use of virtual platforms) of fundraising activities, practical suggestions for the UN Member States on how to develop effective measures to mitigate and prevent the risks of misuse of these activities for corruption and other related activities. During the event the participants will have an opportunity to discuss and share existing best practices on measures that promote transparency and engender greater confidence in fundraising activities.

The expected outcome of the event will be recommendations for the UN Member States on advancing their national rules and regulations for preventing the misuse of fundraising activities for the purposes of corruption and other related criminal purposes.

FORMAT OF THE EVENT: The event will be held on a hybrid format bringing together the members of delegations of UN Member States attending in the Ninth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC, as well as representatives of international organizations, private sector, civil society and academia. Panel presentations by prominent panellists with diverse professional and academic backgrounds on the respective topic will be followed by interactive discussion with the participants.

PROGRAMME

Welcoming remarks by H.E. Dr. Kamran Aliyev
Prosecutor General of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Welcoming remarks by Mr. Tim Steele
Senior Anti-corruption advisor of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Moderation by Mr. Yalchin Rafiyev
Director of International Security Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan

PANELISTS

- **Ms. Vesna Škare-Ožbolt** Former Minister of Justice of Croatia (2003-2006)
- **Mr. Vladimir Kozin** Regional Anti-Corruption Adviser, UN Office on Drugs and Crime
- **Mr. Ben Evans** Co-founder and Senior Associate of Greenacre Group, United Kingdom
- **Ms. Natalia Bourjaily** Vice President – Eurasia of the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL)
- **Mr. Fuad Aliyev** Director of Cooperation Department, Financial Monitoring Service, the Republic of Azerbaijan

PARTICIPATION: The Special Event will be convened in a hybrid format allowing for a full-fledged in person or virtual participation. The venue of the event is **Nile Valley CR-4**. **Link for virtual participation in the event is as following:**

Microsoft Teams

Join on your computer or mobile app

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Video Conference ID: 124 206 734 2

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