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Sharm El-Sheikh, 13-17 December 2021**

Special Event

The Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR) Day

Tuesday, 14 December 2021

International Congress Centre (ICC), (Plenary 2 – CRP4)

The special event organized by the World Bank and UNODC Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative and other partners provides a platform for StAR, its partners, practitioners and other stakeholders to engage in discussions over various topics related to asset recovery, present new tools, studies and solutions and outline the challenges and expectations for the future.

**Simultaneous interpretation will be available in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.*

**The event will be held in hybrid format. Virtual platform for online participation will be Interprefy.*

Time	Topic	Moderator/Presenter
09:00-09:30	<p>HIGH-LEVEL OPENING SESSION</p> <p><u>The State of Play for Asset Recovery</u></p> <p>The high-level opening session will provide brief welcome remarks by the StAR Initiative Secretariat and set the stage for the substantive discussions during the day. The various topics of the StAR Day sessions will be introduced by the StAR Secretariat, and high-level speakers will provide reflections on the state of play for asset recovery worldwide, including trends identified in the second cycle of the UNCAC Implementation Review Mechanism as well as how different jurisdictions have been addressing key challenges to asset recovery.</p>	<p>(Moderator) Mr. Emile J. M. Van Der Does De Willebois, Coordinator, StAR Initiative</p> <p>Ms. Brigitte Strobel-Shaw, Chief, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC</p> <p>Mr. Ja-Hyeon Ku, Deputy Minister for Prosecution Service, Ministry of Justice, Republic of Korea</p> <p>Mr. Andrew Preston, Head, Joint Anti-Corruption Unit, Home Office, United Kingdom</p> <p>Ms. Greta Fenner, Managing Director, International Centre for Asset Recovery, Basel Institute on Governance</p> <p>Mr. Cheol-Kyu Hwang, President, International Association of Prosecutors</p>



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<p>9:30-10:30</p>	<p><u>Orders without Borders – The Direct Enforcement of Foreign Restraint and Confiscation Decisions</u></p> <p>The fireside chat session will mark the launch of a new StAR publication on the direct enforcement of foreign confiscation orders “Orders without Borders: Direct Enforcement of Foreign Restraint and Confiscation Decisions; Approaches, Challenges, and Recommendations – a Worldwide Study”.</p> <p>Speakers will provide an overview of the conclusions of the study on current approaches used by jurisdictions on the direct enforcement of foreign confiscation orders (Art. 54 (1(a)) of UNCAC) and recommendations on how common obstacles could be overcome, including those related to confiscation orders derived from non-conviction based forfeiture mechanisms.</p>	<p>(Moderator) Mr. Vladimir Kozin, UNODC</p> <p>Mr. Oscar Solorzano, International Centre for Asset Recovery, Basel Institute on Governance</p> <p>Ms. Hermione Cronje, South Africa</p> <p>Ms. Laure du Castellon, Belgium</p> <p>Mr. Stefano Betti, StAR Consultant</p> <p>Co-organized by: StAR and the International Centre for Asset Recovery of the Basel Institute on Governance</p>
<p>10:30-11:00</p>	<p>Networking Break</p>	
<p>11:00-12:00</p>	<p><u>Data and Transparency in Asset Recovery and Returns</u></p> <p>Better data on the quantities of proceeds of corruption that are frozen, seized, confiscated or returned worldwide is required to measure progress. Thus, this session will focus on the benefits of strengthening data collection and the importance of transparency to further advance asset recovery.</p> <p>Speakers will present an update on the StAR Initiative’s new global survey on efforts to recover and return proceeds of corruption in a systematic way and discuss examples of good practice related to the transparency of data on asset returns.</p>	<p>(Moderator) Ms. Roberta Solis, StAR Initiative</p> <p>Ms. Sol Krause, StAR Initiative</p> <p>Ms. Flavia Munteanu, Head, International and Operational Asset Recovery Policy, Homeland Security Group, Home Office, United Kingdom</p> <p>Ms. Emily Adby, International and Operational Asset Recovery Policy, Homeland Security Group, Home Office, United Kingdom</p> <p>Mr. Emmanuel Akomaye, UNODC Consultant</p>
<p>12:00-14:00</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>	
<p>14:15-15:30</p>	<p><u>Ending the Shell Game – Why Fighting Corruption and Going After Dirty Money Relies on Global Beneficial Ownership Transparency</u></p> <p>The session will focus on beneficial ownership in the context of cross-border corruption investigations and asset recovery with the aim of de-mystifying different elements of the CoSP resolution on “Enhancing the use of beneficial ownership</p>	<p>(Moderator) Ms. Sol Krause, StAR Initiative</p> <p>Professor Bolaji Owasanoye, Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other related Offences Commission, Nigeria</p>



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<p>15:30-16:30</p>	<p>information to facilitate the identification, recovery and return of stolen assets”.</p> <p>Speakers will address the relevance of different provisions in the resolution for tracing assets and investigating international corruption, such as collection, information storage, data format, verification, and access to beneficial ownership information.</p> <p><u>Standing as Victim of Corruption and Damages</u></p> <p>In collaboration with the International Bar Association’s Subcommittee on Asset Recovery, the StAR Initiative is working on a new publication which examines avenues available to victims (countries, civil society organizations or individuals) to obtain compensation for damages from corruption (including social damages), and who has standing to demand such damages in different legal systems. These concepts can become practical in grand corruption cases (reparation processes or civil lawsuits) in which states claim damages deriving from active bribery or other corruption related offences in major business transactions.</p> <p>The session will provide an overview of the conclusions of the publication and of current approaches in this topic in different legal systems.</p>	<p>Dr. Orji Ogbonnaya Orji, Executive Secretary, Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative, Nigeria</p> <p>Prof. Jason Sharman, Cambridge University</p> <p>Mr. Thom Townsend, Executive Director, Open Ownership</p> <p>Mr Andrii Borovyk, Executive-Director, Transparency International Ukraine</p> <p>Co-organized by Nigeria, StAR and UNCAC Coalition</p> <p>(Moderator) Mr. Felipe Falconi, UNODC</p> <p>(Moderator) Ms. Yara Esquivel, StAR Initiative</p> <p>Ms. Greysa Barrientos, Prosecutor, Costa Rica</p> <p>Ms. Kate McMahon, Chairperson, International Bar Association Anti-Corruption Asset Recovery Subcommittee</p> <p>Mr. Richard E. Messick, Consultant, StAR initiative</p> <p>Ms. Juanita Olaya Garcia, UNCAC Coalition</p> <p>Co-organized by: StAR and the IBA Subcommittee on Asset Recovery</p>
<p>16:30-16:45</p>	<p>Networking Break</p>	
<p>16:45 – 17:45</p>	<p><u>Taxing Corruption – How Can Anticorruption and Tax Authorities Work Together?</u></p> <p>The StAR Initiative is launching in collaboration with the Institute for Austrian and International Tax law a publication</p>	<p>(Moderator) Mr. Jean-Pierre Brun, StAR Initiative</p>



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<p>17:45-18:00</p>	<p>on the ways in which tax and law enforcement authorities can support each other's objectives.</p> <p>This session will explore how a corruption investigation can assist tax authorities collect revenue, and vice versa how tax investigations can lead to the recovery of the proceeds of corruption. It will focus on modes of cooperation, the gateways for information exchange and the conditions under which it can take place and the use of relevant investigative tools.</p> <p>CLOSING SESSION</p> <p><u>Charting the Way Forward for Asset Recovery</u></p> <p>Speakers will provide a summary of the discussions held during the day and recommendations on the way forward to strengthen asset recovery worldwide.</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Owens, Director, Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law</p> <p>Ms. Jovile Mungyereza, Uganda</p> <p>Mr. Jean-François Bohnert, Chief Public Prosecutor, Head of the National Financial Prosecution Office, France</p> <p><i>Co-organized by: StAR and the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law</i></p> <p>Mr. John Brandolino, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC</p> <p>Mr. Emile J. M. Van Der Does De Willebois, Coordinator, StAR Initiative</p>
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