



ARAB FORUM ON ASSET RECOVERY (AFAR III)

Co-chaired by Switzerland, Egypt and Tunisia

TWO YEARS ON: ARE WE MEETING EXPECTATIONS?

1st –3rd November 2014

International Conference Centre Geneva, Rue de Varembé 17, Geneva, Switzerland

DAY 1 — Saturday, 1 November 2014

Keeping Up the Political Momentum

9.00 **REGISTRATION**

BILATERAL MEETINGS and MULTIJURISDICTIONAL CASE DISCUSSIONS

12.30-14.00 **LUNCH**

14.00 **OPENING SESSION AND MINISTERIAL SEGMENT**

****Open to the Press****

Chair: H.E. Mr. Didier Burkhalter

- **Switzerland** - H.E. Mr. Didier Burkhalter
President of the Swiss Confederation and Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **Tunisia** - H.E. Mr. Hafedh Ben Salah
Minister of Justice
- **Egypt** - H.E. Mr. Mahfous Saber Abdelkader
Minister of Justice
- **Kuwait** - H.E. Mr. Abdulrahman Alnemash
President of the Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority
- **Qatar** - H.E. Dr. Ali Bin Fetais Al Marri
Attorney General of Qatar & UNODC Special Regional Advocate for the Prevention of Corruption
- **United Kingdom** - H.E. Ms. Karen Bradley
Minister for Modern Slavery and Organised Crime, Home Office

- **Turkey** - H.E. Mr. Veysi Kaynak
Deputy Minister of Justice
- **Italy** - H.E. Raffaele Piccirillo
General Director of Criminal Justice
- **World Bank** - H.E. Ms. Sri Mulyani Indrawati
Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer, World Bank Group
(Video transmission)
- **United States** – H.E. Mr. Barack Obama
President of the United States
(Video transmission)

15.30-16.00 **BREAK/ PRESS CONFERENCE BY CO-CHAIRS Switzerland/Egypt/Tunisia**

16.00 **SESSION I: Overview on Progress, Challenges, and Collective Action**

1. *Stocktaking and Report on the activities conducted under the framework of the Arab Forum and their impact: Presentation by Jean Pesme, Coordinator- Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative*
2. *Technical Presentations by Countries on progress and challenges made in the asset recovery agenda:*

17.00-19.00 **BILATERAL MEETINGS and CASE DISCUSSIONS**

19.00 **CLOSE OF DAY 1**

DAY 2 — SUNDAY, 2 November 2014

Work Stream I. Using Innovative Asset Recovery Tools

Work Stream II. Lifting the Corporate Veil

9.00-11.00 **SESSION II**
 Open discussions

Work Stream 1

Main target audience: Policy makers and practitioners in managerial capacities

Developing an Asset Recovery Strategy, Coordinated National Action and Institutional Set-up

Work Stream 2

Main target audience: Investigators, prosecutors and FIU personnel

Facilitating Investigations of Shell Companies, Trusts & Beneficial Owners – National Guides

11.00 **BREAK**

11.30-13.30 **SESSION III**
 Open discussions

Work Stream 1

Main target audience: Policy makers and practitioners)

Administrative Freezes

Work Stream 2

Main target audience: Investigators, prosecutors and FIU personnel as well as regulators

How to Get Cooperation with Financial Centers on Beneficial Ownership

13.30 **LUNCH**

14.00 **BILATERAL MEETINGS and MULTIJURISDICTIONAL CASE DISCUSSIONS**

17:00 **Presentations by Interested Countries on Technical Assistance Needs**

Such meetings will be organized only upon request of countries interested in receiving TA and upon submission of a (short) report on their technical assistance needs and priorities to the organizers prior the Forum

19.00 **CLOSE OF DAY 2**

DAY 3 — MONDAY, 3 November 2014

Work Stream I. Using Innovative Asset Recovery Tools

Work Stream II. Lifting the Corporate Veil

9.00-11.00 BILATERAL MEETINGS AND MULTIJURISDICTIONAL CASE DISCUSSIONS

11.00 Break

11:30- 13:00 **SESSION IV**
Open discussions

Work Stream 1

Main target audience: Legal practitioners

Civil Remedies (including effectively engaging lawyers

Work Stream 2

Main target audience: Investigators, prosecutors and FIU personnel

Role of Private Sector in Accessing Beneficial Ownership Information

13.00 LUNCH

14:15- 15:45 **SESSION V**
Open discussions

Work Stream 1

Main target audience: Policy Makers and Civil Society

Action proposals for CSOs and governments to make asset recovery more effective

Work Stream 2

Main target audience: Investigators, prosecutors and FIU personnel

Pulling Information Together for MLA Requests in the context of different legal traditions

Work Stream 3

Main target audience: Investigators, prosecutors and FIU personnel

How to use FIU Channels more effectively

15:45 BREAK

16.15 CONCLUSIONS & WAY FORWARD

17:00

CLOSING SESSION:

The Future of the Arab Forum on Asset Recovery

****Open to the Press****

1. Chair and closing Remarks by Mr. Michael Lauber, Attorney General, Switzerland
2. Closing Remarks by Mr. Hisham Mohamed Zaki Barakat, Attorney General, Egypt
3. Closing Remarks by Mr. James Cole, Deputy Attorney General, United States
4. The Way Forward in 2015, Remarks by H.E. Mr. Harald Range, Federal Prosecutor General, Germany and on behalf of the G7 presidency

18.00

CLOSE OF THE FORUM