

**WORKSHOP ON STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COOPERATION  
IN THE AREA OF ASSET RECOVERY BY CREATING A  
REGIONAL NETWORK OF PRACTITIONERS AND BUILDING A  
PLATFORM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, EXPERIENCE  
AND GOOD PRACTICES**

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Hotel Hilton  
Sofia, Bulgaria

**AGENDA**



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INITIATIVE



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

**WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2009**

08:30-09:30	Registration of Participants
09:30-10:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks  <i>Ms. Carla Ciavarella, Regional Programme Coordinator UNODC Regional Programme Office</i>  <i>Mr. Simeon Djankov Finance Minister/Deputy Prime Minister Republic of Bulgaria</i>  <i>Mr. Stuart Gilman Deputy Director, StAR Initiative UNODC/World Bank</i>  <i>Mr. Florian Fichtl, World Bank Country Manager</i>
10:00-11:00	The StAR Initiative / Outcome of Third UNCAC Conference of States Parties  <i>Mr. Stuart Gilman Deputy Director, StAR Initiative</i>  <i>Mr. Erik Larson Crime Prevention Expert, UNODC</i>
11:00-11:30	Camden Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is it?</li><li>• How does it work?</li><li>• What benefits can it offer to a South Eastern European Network</li></ul> <i>Mr. Evert van der Steeg, CARIN</i>
11:30-11:45	Coffee break
11:45- 13:15	Lessons from the region <sup>1</sup> – Discussion of Asset Recovery cases, lessons learned and good practices  <b>Moderator</b>

<sup>1</sup> **Note:** for all these lessons from the region, if we do not pick someone in advance, we can instead use one of the participants chosen by their respective governments in response to our invitation

	<p><i>Erik Larson, Crime Prevention Expert, UNODC</i></p> <p><b>Presenters</b></p> <p><b>Bosnia-Herzegovina</b>  <i>Mr. Heikki Wendorf, International Prosecutor,  Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic  Crimes and Corruption,  State Prosecutor's Office, Bosnia and Herzegovina</i></p> <p><b>Serbia</b>  <i>Mr. Aleksandar Milojevic  Criminal Police Directorate, Ministry of Interior  Republic of Serbia</i></p> <p><b>Croatia</b>  <i>Ms. Višnja Loncar  Deputy attorney general</i></p>
13:15-14:45	Lunch
14:45-16:15	<p>Lessons from the region – Discussion of Asset Recovery cases, lessons learned and good practices</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p><i>Heikki Wendorf, International Prosecutor, SDOC  Bosnia and Herzegovina</i></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <p><b>Albania</b>  <i>Mr. Bledar Çeliku  Directorate for Combating Financial Crime, Albanian  State Police</i></p> <p><b>Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</b> <i>Ms. Mirjana Vasilevska  Basic Public Prosecution in Skopje</i></p> <p><b>Kosovo under UN Security Council Resolution 1244</b>  <i>Mr. Yordan Sirakov  Advisor to MOJ Legal Policy Unit</i></p>
16:15-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30- 17:30	<p>Lessons from the region – Discussion of Asset Recovery cases, lessons learned and good practices</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p>

	<p><i>Ms. Carla Ciavarella, Regional Programme Coordinator UNODC Regional Programme Office</i></p> <p><b>Presenters</b></p> <p><b>Montenegro</b> <i>Mr. Veselin Vuckovic Deputy Chief State Prosecutor State Prosecutor's Office</i></p> <p><b>Moldova</b> <i>Mr. Viorel Morari Chief Prosecutor, State Attorney's Office</i></p>
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<b><u>THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2009</u></b>	
09:00-10:30	<p>Lessons from the European Union and the Council of Europe – Discussion of Asset Recovery cases, lessons learned, and good practices</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Paul Roberts, Advisor to Director-General OLAF, European Commission</i></p> <p><b>Presenters</b></p> <p><i>Martin Kreutner, Director Federal Bureau for Internal Affairs, Austria</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Violeta Sechely, Chief Prosecutor National Anti-corruption Directorate, Romania and Mr. Felix Branisante, Integrity Inspector, The National Integrity Agency, Romania</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Maria Arvaniti, Head of Section of International Organizations, Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human rights</i></p>
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-12:15	Global lessons– Discussion of Asset Recovery cases, lessons learned, and good practices

	<p><b>Moderator</b> <i>Stuart Gilman, Deputy Director, StAR Initiative</i></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Theodore Greenberg, World Bank</i></p> <p><i>Jean-Bernard Schmid</i> Investigating Magistrate, Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>.</p>
12:45-14:15	Lunch
14:15-15:15	<p>The Bulgarian Experience in Establishing a Specialized Asset Recovery Agency</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p><i>Theodore Greenberg, World Bank</i></p> <p><b>Presenter</b></p> <p><i>Prof. Stoyan Koushlev, Chairman</i> <i>The Commission for Establishing of Property Acquired from Criminal Activity</i></p>
15:15- 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:45	<p>Tour de Table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What Asset Confiscation infrastructure is now in place in countries represented at the meeting;</li> <li>• What is going to be put in place over the next 12 months;</li> <li>• Perceived obstacles to creation of a working asset confiscation programme</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p><i>Bulgarian Representative and Paul Roberts</i></p>
16:45-17:30	<p>Asset and Income Declarations: Tools and Trade-offs</p> <p><b>Presenter</b></p> <p><i>Stuart C. Gilman</i> <i>StAR Secretariat</i></p> <p><b>Discussant</b></p>

<i>Ms. Silvia Kadreva</i> <i>National Audit Office, Bulgaria</i>
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**FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2009**

09:30-10:30	<p>Cooperation in Anti-Corruption efforts and Characteristics of a Successful Anti-Corruption Initiatives</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p><i>Ms. Lindy Muzila, Crime Prevention Expert, UNODC</i></p> <p><b>Presenters</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Edmond Dunga</i> <i>Head of Office, Secretariat</i> <i>Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Stanislav Aleksandrov</i> <i>Anti-Corruption Expert</i> <i>Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative</i></p>
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-11:45	<p>Conclusions- What are the next steps forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional Needs</li><li>• Coordination with CARIN</li><li>• Informal Linkages</li><li>• Should a Steering Group be formed</li></ul> <p><b>Moderators</b></p> <p><i>Erik Larson, Crime Prevention Expert, UNODC</i></p> <p><i>Heikki Wendorf, International Prosecutor, SDOC</i> <i>Bosnia and Herzegovina</i></p>
11:45-12:00	<p>Closing Session</p> <p><i>Ms. Carla Ciavarella,</i> <i>Regional Programme Coordinator</i> <i>UNODC Regional Programme Office</i></p>
12:00- 13:30	Lunch