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(18th meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery)

The secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption presents its compliments to the [...] and has the honour to invite the Government to participate in the **eighteenth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery**, to be held in **Boardroom B/M1, M-Building**, Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria, from **10 to 14 June 2024**.

The Working Group was established by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in its resolution 1/4, entitled “Establishment of an intergovernmental working group on asset recovery”.

The proposed organization of work for the eighteenth meeting (enclosed annex) was prepared in line with resolutions 9/2 and 10/6 of the Conference and the guidance contained in the workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference, which was approved by the Bureau of the Conference, in order to enable consideration of agenda items 2 to 4 jointly with the Implementation Review Group and the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption. The thematic focus of the eighteenth meeting of the Working Group will be on good practices and challenges with respect to beneficial ownership information in order to detect, deter and prevent acts of corruption and to enhance the recovery and return of assets in accordance with the Convention, and illicit financial flows, challenges, obstacles, barriers in international cooperation.

Documentation, including the annotated provisional agenda and the organization of work, will be available electronically in all the official languages of the United Nations on the web pages of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at:

<https://www.unodc.org/corruption/en/cosp/WGAR/session18.html>
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The session will be held in person. Arrangements have been made to allow for pre-recorded video statements. Such pre-recorded video statements must be limited to three minutes to ensure that all delegations have the opportunity to contribute to the discussions. All pre-recorded video statements, including transcripts, should be submitted by Wednesday, **3 June 2024**.

Delegations are also encouraged to provide copies of statements in written format for posting on a dedicated space on the website of the session and to adhere to the recommendations for the submission of pre-recorded statements available on the website of the meeting. Pre-recorded video statements (including transcripts) or written statements should be submitted via email to uncac@un.org and unov.conference@un.org, including a subject line in the following format: “18th WGAR statement – [country name] [agenda item number]”).

The INDICO registration system will be used for the registration of delegates for participation. The registration for the session is open and accessible through the following link:

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/corruption/registration/june-2024-uncac-meetings/>

The Government is hereby informed that an official note verbale must be uploaded in the INDICO system, together with the mandatory details for each delegate (name, title, individual email address). Registration requests will be approved by the secretariat only after being cross-checked against the official note verbale uploaded in INDICO. The Government is kindly requested to share the note verbale with the nominated delegates to enable them to complete the registration process as soon as possible and not later than **3 June 2024** and to observe the deadline in order for the secretariat to finalize all the necessary technical preparations for the meeting. Regrettably, the secretariat will not be able to accommodate requests for registration after that date.

Since the eighteenth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery, the fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group and the thirteenth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption, are to hold joint meetings on thematic and technical assistance matters (Ref.: CU 2024/92(A)/DTA/CEB/CSS and CU 2024/95(A)/DTA/CEB/CSS), and due to technical reasons, the Government is requested to issue only one note verbale containing the composition of its delegation for the three meetings. The registration for the joint meetings is set up as one event in INDICO.

17 April 2024

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Wednesday, 12 June 2024		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1	(a) Opening of the meeting (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2 ¹	Overview of progress made in the implementation of mandates
	3 ²	Thematic discussion: a) Good practices and challenges with respect to beneficial ownership information in order to detect, deter and prevent acts of corruption and to enhance the recovery and return of assets in accordance with the Convention
3–6 p.m.	3 ²	Thematic discussion (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 13 June 2024		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3 ²	Thematic discussion (<i>continued</i>) b) Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation: Illicit financial flows, challenges, obstacles, barriers in international cooperation
3–6 p.m.	4 ³	Technical assistance
Friday, 14 June 2024		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	4 ³	Technical assistance (<i>continued</i>)
3–6 p.m.	5	Adoption of the report

¹Agenda item 2 will be discussed together with item 4 (a) of the agenda for the fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group and item 2 of the agenda for the thirteenth expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the Convention against Corruption.

²Agenda item 3 will be discussed together with items 4 (b) and 6 of the agenda for the fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group and item 3 of the agenda for the thirteenth expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the Convention against Corruption.

³Agenda item 4 will be discussed together with item 5 of the agenda for the fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group and item 4 of the agenda for the thirteenth expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the Convention against Corruption.