

**OHCHR expert meeting on the obstacles to repatriation of funds of illicit origin to the countries of origin and their impact on the enjoyment of human rights**

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***Programme of work***

***(as of 8 February, 2024)***

**Date** 13 February 2024, 10:00-12:00 and 15:00-17:00 CET

**Venue:** Room XX, Palais des Nations, Geneva and live webcast

The meeting will consist of an opening session followed by two interactive panel discussions and a closing session. In sessions 1 and 2, initial presentations by the panelists will be followed by interventions by participants and concluding remarks from the panelists.

The meeting has been converted to an in-person-only event. The event will be live Webcast. For participants registered via Indico only the OHCHR Secretariat will provide a Teams Link for participants to join a live chat room. In this chat room, participants will have the opportunity to submit questions in writing, but kindly note that questions must be in English. Subsequently, a member of the Secretariat will read the question aloud in the meeting room and it will be simultaneously interpreted for the benefit of all attendees.

**13 February 2024**

**10:00 – 10:20 CET**      **Opening session**

- **Mr. Volker Türk**, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (video message)
- **H.E. Mr. Omar Zniber**, President of the Human Rights Council
- **H.E. Ms. Lubna Qassim**, Deputy Permanent Representative, United Arab Emirates Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- **Mr. Shervin Majlessi**, Chief, Convention Support Section, UNODC

**10:20 – 12.00 CET**      **Session 1: Obstacles to the repatriation of funds of illicit origin to the countries of origin: challenges identified at the different stages of the process of repatriation**

- **H.E. Mr. Abdulla Gadir Boh**, Chairman of the Administrative Control Authority of Libya
- **H.E. Mr. Makrem Djelassi**, Chargé de Mission at the Cabinet of the Minister of Justice of Tunisia
- **Ms. Andrea Iff**, Policy Advisor Asset Recovery, Deputy Head Peace, Governance and Equality Section, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation SDC, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- **Mr. Daniel H. Claman**, Principal Deputy Chief, International Unit, Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section, U.S. Department of Justice

- **Ms. Yara Esquivel Soto**, Senior Financial Sector Specialist Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR) Financial Stability and Integrity, World Bank Group (video statement)
- **Ms. Radha Ivory**, Senior Lecturer, TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland (video statement)
- **Ms. Attiya Waris**, Independent Expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights

Moderator: **Ms. Magdalena Sepúlveda**, Executive Director, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (GI-ESCR)

15:00 – 16:50 CET

**Session 2: Elements and benefits of a human rights-based approach to eliminate existing barriers to the repatriation of illicit funds to countries of origin: Good Practices on the use of repatriated funds for the fulfillment of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

- **Mr. Jonas Astrup**, Head, Uzbekistan Vision 2030 Fund.
- **Ms. Anita Ramasastry**, Roland L. Hjorth Professor of Law and the Director of the Graduate Program in Sustainable International Development at the University of Washington School of Law (video statement)
- **Mr. Mathias Huter**, Managing Director, UNCAC Coalition (video statement)
- **Ms. Sara Brimbeuf**, Senior Advocacy Officer, Illicit Financial Flows, Transparency International France.
- **Ms. Lucia Cizmaziova**, Research and Policy Manager, Civil Forum for Asset Recovery (CIFAR)
- **Mr. Aldo De Campos Costa**, Member of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council

Moderator: **Mr. Ahmed Moharam Ahmed Soliman**, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

16:45 – 17:00 CET

**Closing session**

- **H.E. Mr. Sabri Bachtobji**, Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- **H.E. Ms. Dato' Nadzirah Binti Osman**, Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- **Mr. Todd Howland**, Chief, Development and Economic and Social Rights Branch, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights