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The Four Pillars of the UNCAC





Encourage and facilitate more systematic and timely return of assets stolen by politically exposed persons through acts of corruption

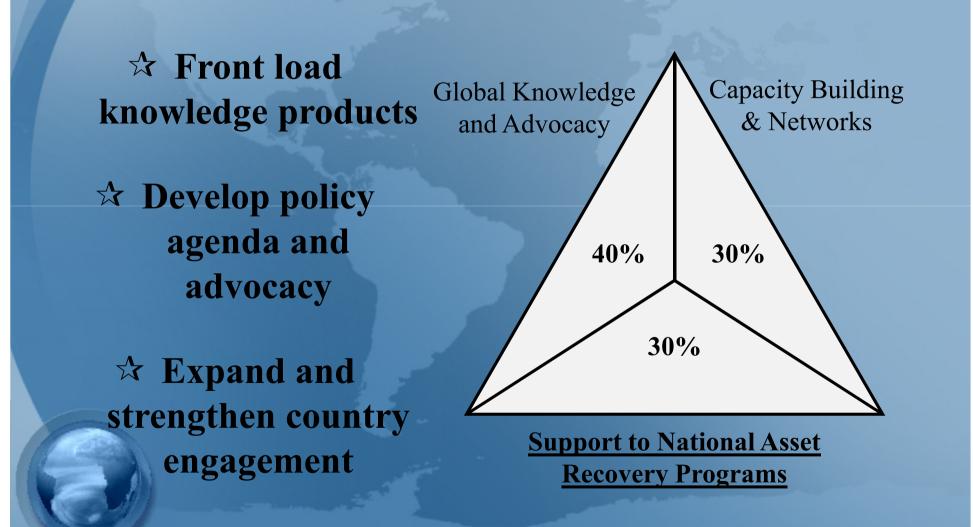


The Asset Recovery Agenda

Legal Framework	• Criminalization & asset recovery tools
Asset Recovery Process	• Multi-agency teams & practical support
Financial Center Initiatives	• Proactive approach to asset recovery
Proceeds of Corruption	• AML and AC
International Cooperation	Informal channels, networks
Monitoring & Feedback	• Feedback and quantitative data
Success stories	• Cases, returns and impacts
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StAR's strategic priorities





HANDBOOKS FOR PRACTITIONERS

- Non-Conviction Based Asset Forfeiture Guide (April 2009)
- Proceeds of Corruption: Managing Asset Return (October 2009)
- Good Practice Guide on Income and Asset Declaration (October 2009).
- Asset Recovery Handbook (October 2010)

TOOLS FOR PRACTITIONERS

- Legal Library (October 2009 and then continuous)
- Reporting on UNCAC Implementation (October 2009 and then continuous)
 - Knowledge Consortium (October 2009 and then continuous)
 - Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) Request Writer Tool (preparation)

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POLICY ANALYSIS

☆ Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs) : enhanced due-diligence
☆ Towards a Global Architecture : gaps in the institutional framework
☆ Corporate Vehicles : identifying beneficial ownership (June 2010)
☆ Lowering the Barriers : policy in financial centers (Summer 2010)
☆ Illicit Enrichment ? Confiscation of proceeds of bribery?

ENTRY POINTS / ANCHORS

- \star United Nations Convention against Corruption
 - ★ Financial Action Task Force
 - ★ OECD
 - Regional networks
 - Civil society



☆ As Part of the Anti-Money Laundering Regime

- ★ Assess risks;
- ★ Harmonize standards;
- ★ Beneficial ownership and transparency;
- ★ Integrate Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Corruption agendas.
- Practical support for asset recovery investigations
 - Interpol Incident Response Teams (Corruption)
 - **UMBRA** information exchange on corruption cases



- ★ Twenty country requests for StAR assistance
- ★ Key areas for assistance
 - ★ Awareness raising
 - ★ Gap analysis
 - Integrating the AML and anti-corruption agendas
 - ★ Legal reform and development
 - ★ Support to multi-agency teams
 - Development of asset recovery programs
 - Support on specific cases



- Help countries make informed decisions in their asset recovery programs
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- Support the preparation and analysis of information on asset recovery aspects of specific cases
- Facilitate coordination between states parties through dialogue and Mutual Legal Assistance, playing an honest broker
- **EX** Be involved in litigation or criminal proceedings
- **Example 7** Finance legal representation
- **EX** Be privy to confidential information shared by states
- Manage cases or make decisions on the conduct of cases



Technical assistance and training, targeted focused on practical problem-solving and transfer of skills

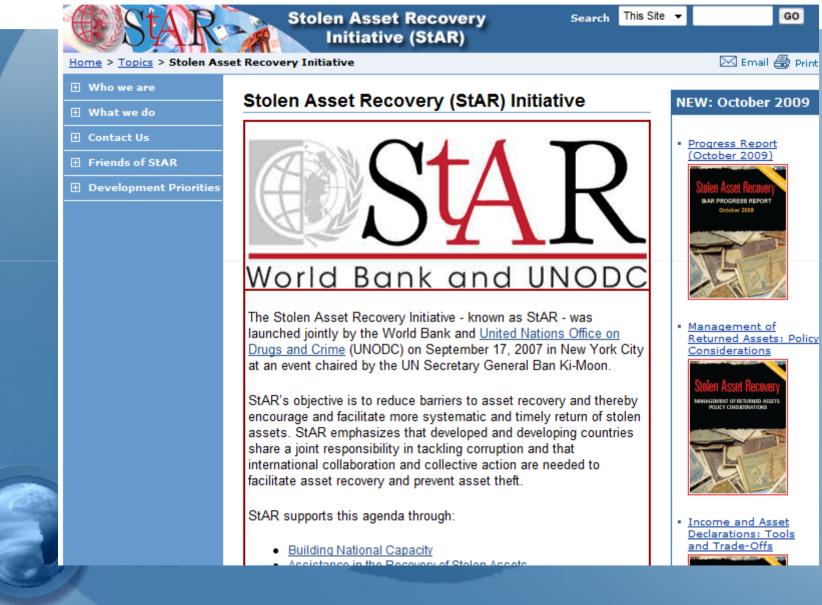
 Collaboration with other partners on practical support, eg. investigations & legal representation

Coordination with other development partners
for institution building at country level

Building networks of practitioners, regional and global level



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There should be no safe haven for those who steal from the poor" ... "Helping developing countries recover the stolen money will be key to fund social programs and put corrupt leaders on notice that they will not escape the law."

> Robert B. Zoellick, President, The World Bank





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