Recovering stolen assets through non-conviction based forfeiture

EVENT

The UN General Assembly Special Session against Corruption (UNGASS) calls for countries to adopt a wide range of measures to recover assets stolen through corruption.

This includes non-conviction based forfeiture (NCBF), which is emerging as a powerful tool to recover illicit assets when a criminal conviction is not possible.

This panel discussion will explore what we can learn from cases of NCBF around the world, what States should consider when introducing NCBF legislation, and how to overcome challenges to its effective application.

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AGENDA

The panellists will discuss cases from jurisdictions where NCBF procedures have been applied, international assistance has been provided and assets have been returned, covering:

- How NCBF mechanisms have developed as a means of recovering assets stolen through corruption
- Which models exist and what issues to consider in adapting one of these models to a local context
- Mutual legal assistance in NCBF cases where the requesting State has not yet adopted a similar mechanism
- Challenges to NCBF, including on the grounds of fundamental rights