

**Second intersessional meeting of the Conference of the States Parties to the UN Convention
against Corruption on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly
against corruption**

19-20 November 2020

Draft agenda

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2. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly against corruption in 2021

(a) Status of the preparations for the special session

Under this item, the co-facilitators of the informal consultations on the draft political declaration, to be adopted by the General Assembly at its special session against corruption, will inform the meeting about progress made during those informal consultations.

(b) General discussion

Under this item, participants may wish to make general statements on the two main thematic areas for this meeting international cooperation and asset recovery.

(c) Denying safe havens to corruption offenders and their proceeds of crime

The focus of the discussions under this item will be on measures taken by States parties towards more effective cooperation and assistance in transnational corruption cases, including matters related to extradition and law enforcement cooperation involving offences under the Convention, with a view to denying safe havens to corruption offenders and their proceeds of crime. A panel will be organized on this topic.

(d) Challenges in identifying, tracing and freezing proceeds of corruption, and possible solutions

Panellists and participants are invited to share information on the challenges and innovative solutions their countries have encountered in identifying, tracing and freezing assets, in particular in other jurisdictions. In this regard, special consideration will be given to relevant good practices, including measures that enhance transparency of beneficial ownership and the advantages offered by the availability of such information for identifying and tracing assets.

(e) Optimizing cooperation and assistance mechanisms, especially those involving vast quantities of assets

Discussions under this item will focus on existing and potential mechanisms to improve international cooperation in complex multi-jurisdictional corruption cases, including in asset recovery. Topics to be introduced by panelists include strengthening cooperation in transnational investigations of corruption cases and practical arrangements on asset return, as well as mechanisms for improving international cooperation, in line with the recommendations in the Oslo Statement on Corruption involving Vast Quantities of Assets.