

**DRAFT**  
**20-21 June: Expert Meeting on Asset Recovery**  
**FORGING AN EFFECTIVE ASSET RECOVERY FRAMEWORK**  
**The need for enhancing the role of civil society**

<b>Day One</b>
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**8:45** Registration

**9:15** Welcoming and opening speech, William BOURDON (Lawyer, President of SHERPA)

**9:30** The workshop program & expectations, Elizabeth RYDER (Senior legal consultant, Co-coordinator of the Comparative Survey Project)

**9:45** **SESSION ONE - Framing the issue: Asset recovery and political will**

- Introduction to the Comparative Survey Project, Maud PERDRIEL-VAISSIERE (Managing Director of SHERPA, Coordinator of the Comparative Survey Project)
- The political obstacles to asset recovery: the sad experience of a practitioner, Jack BLUM (Chair, Tax Justice Network USA)
- The Swiss Act on Restitution of Illicit Assets : an effective tool to overcome failing states' inertia?, Sandrine GIROUD (Lawyer, LALIVE - Switzerland)
- Open Discussion

**10:45** Coffee/Tea Break

**11:00** **SESSION TWO - Criminal Remedies / Legal tools available for civil society: What have we got?**

- Delivery of preliminary findings, Maud PERDRIEL-VAISSIERE
- Open Discussion

**1:00** Lunch

**2:00** **SESSION THREE - Civil Remedies / Legal tools available for civil society: What have we got?**

- Delivery of preliminary findings , Maud PERDRIEL-VAISSIERE
- Open Discussion

**4:15** Coffee/Tea Break

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**4:30 SESSION FOUR - Linking grand corruption and Human rights: the potential of international forums**

- Presentation of the APDHE v. Equatorial Guinea case before the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), Kenneth HURWITZ (Senior Legal Officer, Open Society Justice Initiative)
- Presentation of the petitions filed by SERAP before the Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS) community court of justice and the International Criminal Court (ICC), Ugochi Mercy Nnaji (Legal counsel, SERAP-Nigeria)
- Open Discussion

**6:00** Closing

**7:30** Dinner at J' Go

<b>Day Two</b>
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**9:15 SESSION ONE - How can civil society best make use of the existing legal tools?** An open discussion facilitated by Elizabeth RYDER

→Key Discussion Points:

- Key challenges associated with legal actions taken by civil society
- The potential role for the international development community

**11:00** Coffee/Tea Break

**11:15 SESSION TWO - How can we fill gaps in the legal framework?** An open discussion facilitated by Maud PERDRIEL-VAISSIERE

→Key Discussion Points:

- The meaning of article 35 of the UNCAC
- The need for of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in asset recovery cases: towards a model law?

**1:00:** Lunch

**2:00 SESSION THREE - What are possible follow-up activities?** An open discussion facilitated by Gillian DELL

**3:45** Closing