



Capacity Building (Angola and Mozambique)
Asset Recovery Workshop Programme (Online)
September - October 2024

CiFAR is promoting the Asset Recovery Workshop Programme (online) designed to train civil society in Angola and Mozambique, in cooperation with local partners: **Fórum de Monitoria do Orçamento, Centro de Integridade Pública, Associação OMUNGA, Pro Bono Angola, Associação Mãos Livres e UYELE, Associação Cívica.**

Not only it is essential to improve policies and practices on the management of assets recovered from corruption and other financial crimes, but also the active engagement of civil society in decision-making processes on how assets will be used for social purposes, as well as in monitoring the (social) reuse of assets.

Asset recovery is a complex and time-consuming exercise, requiring civil society to understand the underlying complexities in each scenario and carefully assess the best approach to assist and monitor the State in both investigating stolen assets and managing returned assets.

Thus, the programme end goal is that Civil Society Organizations, Activists, Journalists, Community Leaders and other interested stakeholders in these two countries are able to monitor the social impact of the asset recovery efforts undertaken by their governments, and this way contribute significantly to the promotion of integrity, the fight against corruption and sustainable development.

What to expect?

By attending CiFAR's Asset Recovery Workshop Programme, participants from Angola and Mozambique will:

1. access quality content related to asset recovery, increasingly recognised as a crucial area for an effective fight against corruption, delivered by experienced international and local experts;
2. have an opportunity to learn from and share expertise with local and international partner organisations;
3. gain hands-on experience of investigating corruption and building effective coalitions to advocate for change;
4. be able to identify opportunities for citizen engagement about asset recovery in the country.

How to attend?

Participants are not required to register in advance to attend the workshops, but will need to have a valid Zoom account to join in.

All sessions have a waiting room: only participants duly identified by their names and/or affiliations will be accepted.

The workshops will start on time and entrance will be blocked 15 minutes after start, so that the speakers can present their views without time constraints, and the audience has the chance to interact during the course of the session

We kindly appreciate that all interested participants log into Zoom 5 to 10 minutes before the start time.

Programme Agenda

6 September 2024	Workshop#1 Sanctions as a tool for asset recovery
11 September 2024	Workshop#2 Compensation of Corruption Victims through Asset Recovery and Management
18 September 2024	Workshop#3 The role of Cross-Border Cooperation
2 October 2024	Workshop#4 How asset management works and what can CSOs do about it?

Workshop's Details

Workshop#1 - Sanctions as a tool for Asset Recovery			
6 September 2024			
Time	13h00/ 14h30 (Luanda)	14h00/ 15h30 (Maputo)	2pm/3:30pm CET
<p>One of the tools increasingly used to freeze the assets of suspected corrupt officials are sanctions. While financial centres have at times used sanctions to freeze the assets of corrupt officials in the past, following the Arab Spring in 2011 the use of sanctions in Europe and North America as a first response to the uncovering of large-scale kleptocratic practices became much more widespread. This was followed by the introduction of more structured, systematic "Magnitsky" Sanctions regimes in US, UK, Europe, Switzerland and Canada, focusing both on human rights and corruption-related offences. More recently, the introduction of wide-ranging and extensive sanctions against Russian individuals and companies in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine has boosted the global debate around sanctions and their potential use as a tool to foster the confiscation of assets frozen under these sanctions and discussions around their potential reuse.</p> <p>Civil society has increasingly engaged on the topic of sanctions, with important contributions given by CSOs in providing information, standing legally on cases and advocating for new asset freezes.</p> <p>This workshop aims to support civil society in understanding the most important sanctions regimes and learning how to potentially engage on them.</p>			
Speakers	<p>Tinatin Tsertsvadze, <i>Open Society Foundation</i> Natalia Kubesch, <i>REDRESS</i> Florindo Chivucute, <i>Friends of Angola</i></p>		
Zoom Link	<p>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86063595246?pwd=gJNbEC433IVEICacBhWEs76kMUn4dZ.1</p>		
Note	<p>The workshop is open to participants from Angola, Mozambique, and from other CiFAR focus countries, such as Brazil, Moldova and Kenya. English/Portuguese translation planned throughout the whole event.</p>		

Workshop#2 - Compensation of Corruption Victims through Asset Recovery and Management			
11 September 2024			
Time	9h00/ 10h00 (Luanda)	10h00/ 11h00 (Maputo)	10am/11:00am CET
<p>Recognizing how the implementation of effective strategies for managing recovered assets is key to ensure that they are returned to their rightful owners: citizens and affected communities.</p> <p>During this workshop, participants will better understand how asset recovery and management work as tools to ensure the proper compensation of corruption victims, as well as introduced to the legal and policy frameworks and international conventions and standards for compensating victims of corruption.</p> <p>Participants will also learn about the processes for identifying and verifying victims, the mechanisms available for compensating victims, and examples of effective compensation mechanisms from different jurisdictions.</p>			
Speakers	<p>Jackson Oldfield, CiFAR</p>		
Zoom Link	<p>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83334450919?pwd=FQNMWimhy3qmENXcGPKu7chDu6emPu.1</p>		
Note	<p>English/Portuguese translation planned throughout the whole event.</p>		

Workshop#3 - The role of Cross-Border Cooperation

18 September 2024

Time	9h00/ 11h30 (Luanda)	10h00/ 12h30 (Maputo)	10am/12:30pm CET
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Cross-border cooperation is crucial in asset recovery, especially in a world where financial crimes and the illicit flow of assets often span multiple jurisdictions, thus is very important to recognize the challenges associated with cross-border asset recovery and the opportunities for collaborating with international law enforcement agencies and organizations, namely through specific case studies.

During this workshop, participants will learn about the potential of international cooperation in asset recovery and its main obstacles, the importance of civil forfeiture in asset recovery, the informal international cooperation in asset recovery and the key challenges in investigations related to asset recovery.

Speakers	Vladimir Aras , <i>Federal Prosecutor (Brazil)</i> Margarida Bandeira de Lima , <i>International Centre for Asset Recovery – Basel Institute on Governance</i> Carla Monteiro , <i>International Centre for Asset Recovery – Basel Institute on Governance</i> Pedro Gomes Pereira , <i>Independent Advisor on Anti-Corruption and Asset Recovery</i>
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Zoom Link	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83693545581?pwd=xCHH63D0tTabbMFf6RiAB8BJu0Mqdi.1
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Workshop#4 - How asset management works and what can CSOs do about it?

2 October 2024

Time	9h00/ 10h30 (Luanda)	10h00/ 11h30 (Maputo)	10am/11:30pm CET
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Civil society can play a significant role in asset management, especially in the context of public assets, where transparency, accountability, and social justice are critical features.

During this workshop, participants will develop knowledge about how to implement effective strategies for managing recovered assets and ensuring proper disposal or return of recovered assets to the rightful owners - the affected citizens – based on the experiences shared from Venezuela, Nigeria and Kenya.

Speakers	Mercedes de Freitas , <i>Transparencia Venezuela</i> Salaudeen Hashim , <i>CLEEN Foundation</i> Lewis Kundai , <i>CiFAR Kenya</i>
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Zoom Link	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85089153710?pwd=xXdsuzFROY24hsCmXObmpluCxLWAUq.1
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