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Methodology:

- Information provided by each organization upon request of the coordinator to the ES
- Identification of the strategic partners
- Request of relevant information (5 year period)

Information requested to the organizations

1. Reports or documents (guides, guidelines, best practices, studies, etc.) related to money laundering, its related offences, and terrorist financing.
2. The current work plan -if any- on the matter and the work that is currently being developed.
3. Information on the contact points of each organization.

- * Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (GAFIC)
- * Financial Action Task Force of South America (GAFISUD)
- * Asset Recovery Network (RRAC) of GAFISUD
- * United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) through their offices in Columbia and Brazil.
- * Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE)
- * World Bank
- * International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- * Inter-American Development Bank (BID)



Identified Strategic Partners

GELAVEX	
1) INTRODUCTION	
<p>The Expert Group is the hemispheric panel for discussion, analysis, and the formulation of conclusions in the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism. Through this group, created in 1990 and functioning under the Legal Development Unit, the Model Regulations Concerning Laundering Offenses Connected to Illicit Drug Trafficking and other Serious Crimes was prepared, which CICAD approved in 1992. This is a guide in the form of a legal text for those countries that establish or modify legal regulations on the matter of control of money laundering.</p> <p>GELAVEX is composed of two sub-working groups (one subgroup on forfeiture and international cooperation and a subgroup on coordination and integration between Financial Intelligence Units and Criminal Investigation Organizations). First they are responsible for the following topics: 1) studies on the identification, seizure or preventive freezing, administration and destination of the seized goods; 2) recovery of funds of an illicit origin, asset recovery organizations; 3) Exchange of existing experiences on the matter of property administration and; 4) international cooperation in the detection, identification, seizure and forfeiture of property abroad; and the second they are responsible for: 1) the identification of applicable regulations, 2) good practices, 3) inter-institutional cooperation and, 4) common projects.</p>	
2) DOCUMENTS	
Around 14 documents in the last 4 years	
3) WORK PLANS	
The lines of action and the work plan for the last 3 years are described for the 2013-2014 period.	
4) CONTACT POINTS	
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- * The work and projects of the strategic partners of GELAVEX are oriented towards the fight against money laundering, the financing of terrorism and organized crime, always within their competencies and depending on their nature and specialty.
- * Considering that GELAVEX is the hemispheric forum for debate, analysis and forming of conclusions in the fight against money laundering and the fight against terrorism, its functions are closely related with the work, projects and work plans of the strategic partners that have been identified.
- * Concrete alliances are observed between them for the development of joint programs or activities; for example: BID AND IMF// RRAG//CICTE
- * The organizations have tackled the theme starting at the prevention of money laundering and the financing of terrorism up to the forfeiture of property or the proceeds of crime, each according to their priorities and as indicated within the scope of their competencies. IMF, BID and BM GAFI//UNODC-COLUMBIA// the StAR Initiative
- * The support of the strategic partners and of GELAVEX to the countries in the development of the training is evidenced in all areas related to the matter.
- * The interest of the organizations is observed in the theme, in both, including special offices that are responsible for designing and carrying out projects.

 **Synergies**

- *The organizations identified as strategic partners should continue the unified effort to maximize the impact of their work.
- *There should be a willingness to convene and respond to this call with the end goal of coordinating concrete actions, large projects or projects benefitting the American States.
- *The opening of channels for sharing information, not only in order to learn from the documents that are produced by the organizations, but with the objective of appreciating the work so as to not duplicate the efforts. (online space BID)

*Recommendations

- *Join efforts in international cooperation for asset recovery, since it has been observed that it was not a priority in the documents, projects or work plans that have been indicated on behalf of all the strategic partners. In this sense, it is suggested to take advantage of the experience shown in the documents and the projects that have been produced and are being promoted by GELAVEX on the topic.
- *Because of the development of the proposal of a Technical Assistance Program on International Cooperation in Asset Recovery by the Executive Secretariat of CICAD/OAS, it would be important to observe the Regional Guide of International Cooperation in Asset Recovery that will be released in November 2014 (UNODC-Columbia document)

*Recommendations

We have accomplished the general objective and specific plans:

***General Objectives:**

Determine the actions of the different organizations that work against money laundering, drug trafficking and the financing of terrorism, in order to look for synergies, avoid duplicating efforts and the best use of the actions that have been developed.

*Conclusion

1. Identify the strategic partners of GELAVEX.
2. Collect related information related to the products or general documents for each of them.
3. Make the work plans or projects of these organizations available.
4. Identify contact points for each of the strategic partners and make them available to GELAVEX.
5. Identify the most relevant and interrelated activities in order to establish corresponding synergies.

*Specific objectives

THANK YOU

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