



Preventing and Combating Financial Crimes: Why it Matters?

In an era where transnational organized crime continues to evolve, fighting against financial crimes —especially money laundering— has become more crucial than ever. The ability to effectively identify, locate, seize, manage and liquidate illicit assets strikes at the heart of criminal organizations, disrupting their operations and depriving them of their ill-gotten gains. This not only serves as a powerful deterrent, but also provides important resources for victim restitution, building institutional capacity, and community development. By strengthening member states' capabilities in this area, the Department against Transnational Organized Crime, in the OAS Secretariat for Multidimensional Security, support involved agencies in enhancing the integrity of financial systems, promoting economic stability, and contributing to a safer, more just society.

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1 Strengthening Anti Money Laundering Systems

We bolster Member States' capabilities to combat financial crimes, particularly money laundering, helping countries updating legal and operational frameworks, developing institutional capacities, and meeting AML international standards. Our team focuses on training and technical assistance for key agencies engaged in preventing and countering money laundering activities, with special focus on judges, prosecutors and law enforcement.

OUR MISSION

To enhance member states' capabilities in combating money laundering and financial crimes through technical support, capacity building, and promoting international cooperation.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Specialized workshops on money laundering, non-conviction-based asset forfeiture, financing of illicit activities, and international cooperation.
- 120-hour diploma courses on non-conviction-based asset forfeiture and anti-money laundering.
- Development of handbooks and training manuals for investigators and prosecutors in money laundering investigations.
- Technical assistance on financial intelligence, strategic analysis methodologies, and asset recovery systems.
- Preparation of national and sectoral money laundering risk analyses as tools for developing new AML legislation and controls.



2 Asset Recovery in Money Laundering and Corruption Cases

We strengthen law enforcement's capacities to prevent and counter money laundering and criminal organizations by improving financial intelligence, investigations, and asset forfeiture processes.

OUR MISSION

Enhance financial intelligence and money laundering investigations to effectively tackle illicit assets while fostering cooperation.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Develop tools, handbooks, strategic plans and manuals for money laundering investigations and asset recovery.
- Conduct training on information exchange and international cooperation in financial intelligence and asset recovery.
- Evaluate and design training curricula for prosecutors and investigators on money laundering investigation, asset recovery and tracking the finances of organized crime.
- Investigation protocols and tools for international asset recovery in corruption cases.
- Virtual training courses for financial intelligence analysts, investigators and prosecutors.

3 Asset Confiscation and Management of Illicit Origin

We assist member states in enhancing their asset management systems, focusing on identifying, locating, and managing seized and forfeited assets.

OUR MISSION

Strengthen the capacities of member states in illicit asset confiscation and management and aligning them with international best practices.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Specific protocols for the management and disposal of complex assets.
- Protocols for adding seized assets to national inventories.
- Training and capacity building of asset recovery agency officials to promote the preservation of high-value and complex-to-manage assets.



OUR IMPACT

In **Peru**, our work strengthened the Ministry of Justice's capabilities by **designing and implementing guidelines** for leasing real estate properties, managing operating companies, and scrapping abandoned vehicles.

In **Colombia**, more than **270 participants** were trained through workshops on Non-Conviction Asset Forfeiture, Financing of Illicit Activities, and International Cooperation, including prosecutors, investigators, and local and international experts.

In **Colombia**, **100 participants** were trained during a 12-hour diploma course in Non-Conviction Asset Forfeiture and Anti-Money Laundering, including investigators and prosecutors.



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