

INFORMATION BULLETIN

GROUP OF EXPERTS FOR THE CONTROL OF MONEY LAUNDERING (GELAVEX)

**LIII MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS
FOR THE CONTROL OF MONEY LAUNDERING
November 16, 2022
Virtual format
Washington DC Local Time**

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Virtual Plenary Session – November 16, 2022

The **LIII Meeting of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX)** will take place virtually on November 16, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (**Washington D.C. time**). The coordination meeting, that will be held only between the Chair and Vice Chair, Coordinators of the Working Subgroups and the Technical Secretariat; will be held on November 15, between 10:00 a.m. and 21:00 p.m. (**Washington D.C. time**).

The purpose of the meeting is to present the products developed in the framework of the approved Work Plan and the recommendations agreed at the 51st GELAVEX meeting, held virtually from Mexico City in November 2021.

The links to access each session of this meeting will be individually distributed, according to the participant's role, to all those who register through the virtual form available at the following link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/LPXNRyjHX2>

1. PLATFORM AND DELEGATIONS:

The LII Meeting of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering will be held on the **Kudo** Platform. Instructions on how to connect to Kudo are attached to this Information Bulletin. In case of any technical difficulty with the use of the platform, please get in touch through the WhatsApp group created for this purpose.

To access the group, please enter the following link from your cell phone:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/lYsTIsZOCKkDpHTROQW6YB>

Each Member State and Permanent Observer delegation may designate **up to 2 (two) speaker delegates** who will have access to the platform with the possibility to request the floor during the session, as well as to vote on behalf of their delegation. Speaking requests from delegates will be authorized if the delegation wishes to make comments, clarify doubts and/or present relevant contributions after the sub-groups' presentations. Additionally, each delegation may have a

maximum of 3 (three) non-speaking delegates who can attend the meeting virtually but will be unable to request to speak. In the event that any delegation requires an exception, please submit a request via email to DDOT@oas.org, which will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

The Technical Secretariat recommends that the delegations establish a parallel communication system between the different delegates of the same country in order to coordinate any comments or contributions that non-speaking delegates may wish to make through their speaking delegates during the meeting. In the following pages, some recommendations are provided, in order to guarantee efficient communication and optimal use of time during this virtual meeting.

Finally, we ask the delegations which have not registered yet to please indicate their primary (speaking) and alternate (non-speaking) delegates, so that it is possible to individually share the link to the platform corresponding to each one. For the delegations that have already nominated their delegates, the roles of each will be confirmed, together with the Permanent and Observer Missions.

2. PLATFORM CONNECTION TEST FOR THE REGULAR SESSION

The platform connection test will take place on Monday November 14, 2022, between 14:00 and 15:00 (EDT), Washington D.C. time. The delegates who wish to familiarize themselves with the Kudo platform will be able to do so at the indicated time through the following link:

<https://live.kudoway.com/ad/220119054770>

Meeting ID: 220119054770

3. TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE GELAVEX

Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC) of the Organization of American States (OAS)

E-mail: DDOT@oas.org

4. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Registration of participants can only be done online by completing and submitting the registration form available at: <https://forms.office.com/r/LPXNRyjHX2>

5. LANGUAGES FOR THE WORKING SESSIONS AND DOCUMENTS

The working sessions will be in Spanish and English and will have simultaneous interpretation in both languages. The Technical Secretariat will distribute the documents of this Meeting by email in advance.

6. RECOMENDATIONS ON THE PLATFORM AND THE USE OF TIME

We recommend that delegates follow the guidelines below to optimize the use of time during the meeting:

- Participants will be able to access the platform one hour before the meeting starts. To access, we suggest the following username format: **COUNTRY (Name and Last Name - Agency)** Example: BOLIVIA (Juan Perez - UIF). We suggest abbreviating the agency name: Financial Intelligence Unit - FIU; Attorney General Office – AGO; Department of Public Prosecution – DPP; Asset Management Agency – AMA, etc.
- We respectfully suggest to delegations that take the floor to speak, to kindly forego acknowledgements and greetings; in order to make the most of the limited time of the meeting;
- Due to the time limits of this meeting, the delegations that wish to speak after the presentations of the Sub-Groups' coordinators are politely requested to speak in accordance with the rules defined by the Presidency: the maximum time is 3 minutes per delegation, so that all delegations can speak within the established time;
- We request that delegations that have 2 (two) speakers coordinate with each other when requesting the floor to give time to other delegations to participate.
- The Department against Transnational Organized Crime kindly requests delegations to be connected 30 minutes before the start time of the meeting on November 16; in order to resolve any technical problem and to ensure that the meeting starts on time.

7. OTHER MATTERS

The Technical Secretariat remains available to clarify any doubts and comments from the delegations through the email DDOT@oas.org.