

# UNDERSTANDING AND IMPLEMENTING THE COMMON AFRICA POSITION ON ASSET RECOVERY (CAPAR)

Side event at the Ninth Session of the UNCAC Conference  
of States Parties ( 9th CoSP )

- 📅 Thursday, 16 December 2021
- 📍 Savoy Hotel, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
- 🕒 9.30 am - 12.30 pm Cairo Time  
7.30 am - 10.30 am GMT

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## Background

African countries continue to lose huge proportions of their resources through illicit consignment of financial and other assets to foreign jurisdictions, thus making the continent a net creditor to the rest of the world. These resources, if harnessed properly, could make huge differences in Africa's development. However, the conversion of these assets for productive use in Africa would require definite and coordinated actions by African countries.

Facilitated by African Union Champion, President Muhammadu Buhari, the African Union Commission, the AU-Advisory Board on Corruption, Consortium to Stem IFF from Africa, and the Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CoDA), (also Secretariat of the Mbeki Panel), the Common African Position on Asset Recovery (CAPAR) was adopted by the African Union Executive Council at its 36th Ordinary Session 7 February 2020 and adopted by the Assembly of African Union Heads of State and Government at its 33rd Session on 9 February 2020.

CAPAR is a political, policy, and advocacy instrument to assist in identifying, repatriating and effectively managing Africa's assets for the common good of citizens in accordance with Africa's development agenda, domestic laws and other legitimate government purposes in a manner that respects the sovereignty of Member States.

CAPAR is a critical step in stemming or reversing illicit financial flows from Africa and for the recovery and return of assets within a contextualized historical, political, economic, and social narrative. CAPAR has four pillars: asset detection and identification, asset recovery and return, asset management, and cooperation and partnerships.



Following adoption, the Assembly mandated CoDA and the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption to support implementation of CAPAR, in collaboration with the African Union Commission, African Development Bank, UNECA, and other partners. Since then, CoDA has set up a working group on the implementation of CAPAR, consisting of key representatives of the High-Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa, African governments, the African Union Commission and member institutions of the Consortium to Stem Illicit Financial Flows from Africa.

## **Objectives and expected outcomes of CAPAR**

The main objectives of the Side Event is to convene relevant stakeholders to:

- a. Deliberate on the CAPAR
- b. Identify challenges in the implementation of CAPAR
- c. Develop recommendations and strategies to inform the international community and stakeholders about the Pillars of CAPAR.

The specific expected outcomes of the Side Event are to:

1. Greater awareness on CAPAR
2. Understanding on the Pillars of the CAPAR
3. Analyse the interconnection between IFFs, domestic resource mobilization, and peace, security, good governance, sustainable development and Agenda 2063
4. Recommendations and strategies to be submitted the United Nations, the African Union, the international community and relevant stakeholders on actions to stem the illicit financial flows from Africa and return of African assets.

## **Side event on CAPAR**

From 13 to 17 December 2021, the UNCAC coalition will hold the Ninth Session of the UNCAC Conference of States Parties (9th CoSP) in Sharm El Sheik, Egypt. The conference will bring together key advocates on anti-corruption, including civil society organizations, from different parts of the world to discuss key issues regarding anti-corruption and other related criminal or illicit activities. Consequently, CoDA, Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission Nigeria (ICPC), and African Union Advisory Board on Corruption (AU-ABC) are partnering to organize a side event during the conference. The three institutions see the conference as an excellent opportunity to provide visibility, increase understanding, and galvanize support for implementation of CAPAR at the country and continental levels.

The side event will feature presentations on different aspects of CAPAR and is expected to generate useful dialogue needed to provide strategic insight on how best to implement CAPAR.

The event will hold as follows:

**Date** Thursday, 16 December 2021

**Venue** Royal Savoy Hotel, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

**Time** 9.30 am to 12.30 pm Cairo Time | 7.30 am - 10.30 am GMT

There will be zoom connection for participants who will be joining virtually.

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▶ Interpretation will be provided in **Arabic, English and French**

## PROPOSED AGENDA

Time	Activity
9.00-9.30 am	Networking Coffee/Tea
9.30-9.40 am	Welcome and Introductions by Prof. Bolaji Owasanoye, Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission Nigeria
9.40-9.45 am	Statement by Ms Souad Aden-Osman, Executive Director, Coalition for Dialogue on Africa
9.45-9.50 am	Statement by Madame Seynabou Ndiaye Diakhate, Vice Chairperson, African Union Advisory Board on Corruption
9.50-9.55 am	Opening Statement by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, African Union Commission
9.55-10.10 am	<b>PRESENTATION 1:</b> The Journey to the CAPAR: Preparation and Adoption by the African Union Heads of State and Government
10.10-10.25 am	<b>PRESENTATION 2:</b> Overview of the CAPAR: Pillars and Recommendations
10.25-11.00 am	<b>GROUP DISCUSSION</b>
11.00-11.15 am	<b>PRESENTATION 3:</b> Asset Recovery and Returns: Experiences from Nigeria
11.15-11.30 am	<b>PRESENTATION 4:</b> Asset Management, an Essential Part of CAPAR
11.30-11.45 am	<b>PRESENTATION 5:</b> International Cooperation and Technical Support for Implementation of CAPAR
11.45-12.20 pm	<b>GROUP DISCUSSION</b>
12.20-12.30 pm	Closing remarks
12.30 pm	LUNCH

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