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Addendum

VI. Technical assistance (continued)

1. A speaker from Switzerland gave a presentation on the eleventh edition of the Lausanne seminar held from 2–3 September 2021. As on previous occasions, the eleventh gathering had been co-organized with the International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR) of the Basel Institute on Governance and the StAR initiative. The speaker explained that the Lausanne process aimed at boosting cooperation in asset recovery by providing a platform for practitioners to exchange freely on the identification, freezing, confiscation and return of stolen assets. The speaker noted that this meeting had focused on strengthening cooperation between the public and private sectors to recover assets more effectively. In giving examples of good practices, she highlighted the importance for public-private partnerships to be tailored to the domestic needs and the benefit of "starting small" and then building up cooperation efforts. In concluding, the speaker noted that a report including all findings of the eleventh edition of the Lausanne seminar was forthcoming.





