

FRONTIERS OF ASSET RECOVERY CONFERENCE 2025

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Friday 3 October 2025 | 08:00 - 17:00 | Mount Nelson Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

Start	Finish	Session	Speakers
08:00	08:30	Arrival & Registration Welcome tea and coffees and networking with delegates	
08:30	08:45	Opening Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Oxenham (Primerio International, ICC FraudNet Member) • Ouma Rabaji-Rasethaba (Former Asset Forfeiture Unit and Acting Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions: Legal Affairs Division) • Chuma Mtengwane (Asset Forfeiture Unit, Special Director of Public Prosecutions)
08:45	09:30	Session 1: Setting the Scene: The State of Play in Asset Recovery What is the current state of asset recovery in Africa? Unpacking systemic challenges and institutional weaknesses while identifying key levers for reform.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: John Oxenham (Primerio International, ICC FraudNet Member) • Paul Hoffman SC (Accountability Now) • Paul Pretorius SC (Johannesburg Bar, Member of the State Capture Commission) • Bobby Banson (Robert Smith Law Group, ICC FraudNet Member) • Chuma Mtengwane (Asset Forfeiture Unit, Special Director of Public Prosecutions)
09:30	09:45	Coffee Break	
09:45	10:15	Session 2: Keynote Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Majiedt (Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa)
10:15	11:00	Session 3: Post-Zondo Momentum: Is South Africa Turning the Corner? What is the current environment considering the Greylisting of South Africa, and the OECD pressure points South Africa continues to face? How has the country moved from inquiry to action following the Zondo Commission? What real shifts have occurred?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Judge Dennis Davis (Former Judge President of the Competition Appeal Court of the Republic of South Africa and Former Judge of the Western Cape Division of the High Court of South Africa) • Victoria Ting (Setia Law LLC, Former Prosecutor and Member of FATF) • Prof. Itumeleng Mosala (Head of the Secretariat at the Commission of Inquiry into State Capture) • Chuma Mtengwane (Asset Forfeiture Unit, Special Director of Public Prosecutions) • Matthew Chaskalson SC (Victoria Mxenge Group of Advocates, Johannesburg Bar)
11:00	11:15	Coffee Break	

11:15	12:00	Session 4: Inside the State: Challenges for and Progress of the National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa and What are the challenges that have been faced by the State Authorities in pursuing Asset Recovery and recovering the proceeds of crime both locally and internationally? What are the real-world barriers to implementing effective asset recovery mandates, particularly cross-border challenges, political sensitivities, legal constraints, and the use of civil (non-conviction based) forfeiture tools?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Andreas Coutoudis (Ubunye Chambers) • Judge Dennis Davis (Former Judge President of the Competition Appeal Court of the Republic of South Africa and Former Judge of the Western Cape Division of the High Court of South Africa) • Matthew Chaskalson SC (Victoria Mxenge Group of Advocates, Johannesburg Bar) • Paul Pretorius SC (Johannesburg Bar, Member of the State Capture Commission) • Ouma Rabaji-Rasethaba (Former Asset Forfeiture Unit and Acting Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions: Legal Affairs Division)
12:00	13:00	Lunch	
13:00	13:45	Session 5: Public-Private Partnerships: Bridging the Trust Gap This session will consider where and how the incentives, safeguards and transparency are created with the aim of fostering working relationships in public-private partnerships. It will delve into questions such as: where are the bottlenecks? Whether the resources and man-power concerns only constitute one facet of the issues faced. Whether political interference plays a role in the risks of establishing a successful public-private partnership?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Steve Baker (Baker & Partners, ICC FraudNet Member) • Renson Ingonga (Director of Public Prosecutions in Kenya) • Anton Du Plessis (Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions, National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa) • Tembeka Ngcukaitobi SC (Johannesburg Bar)
13:45	14:30	Session 6: The Practice of International Asset Recovery From evidentiary standards to litigation funding and inter-agency collaboration, this session will provide a practitioner's view of what is required to successfully trace and recover the proceeds of crime across jurisdictions, with a focus on coordinated international strategies and effective institutional mechanisms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Martin Kenney (MK Solicitors, ICC FraudNet Member) • Anthony Riem (PCB Bryne LLP, ICC FraudNet Member) • Gilbert Noël (Primerio In-country Partner, Senior Partner LX Legal & Tax, Mauritius) • Babajide O. Ogundipe (Partner, Sofunde, Osakwe, Ogundipe & Belgore Legal Practitioners, Nigeria)
14:30	14:45	Coffee Break	
14:45	15:30	Session 7: Constitutional Dimensions of International Asset recovery A discussion to consider constitutional issues that arise during the course of international asset recovery. This panel will consider the constitutionality of bringing a mandate on behalf of the people, and creative ways one can identify a plaintiff from the perspective of the constitutional court.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Toni Palmer (Ubunye Chambers) • Justice Raylene Keightley (Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa) • Justice Richard Goldstone (Former Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa) • Koogan Pillay (Africa Co-chair of the International Anti-Corruption Court)

15:30	16:00	Session 8: Lessons from the Field Fireside Chat between Martin Kenney, Ed Davis and Victoria Ting. A discussion on the process of international asset recovery, the hurdles faced, how jurisdictions differ from one another, what issues arise in these cases, and do the timelines look like in these instances. Set out the roadmap for these sorts of issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Kenney (MK Solicitors, ICC FraudNet Member) • Edward H. Davis Jr. (Sequor Law, ICC FraudNet Member) • Victoria Ting (Setia Law LLC, Former Prosecutor and Member of FATF)
16:00	16:45	Session 9: Role of Specialists This panel will consider the indispensable contribution of specialists in strengthening asset recovery efforts. Drawing on perspectives from prosecution, private investigations, compliance, and international capacity building, the discussion will focus on how specialist knowledge, from forensic investigations and financial intelligence to institutional training and advisory work, supports authorities and practitioners in overcoming cross-border and complex asset recovery challenges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator : Michael-James Currie (Primerio International, ICC FraudNet Member) • Ouma Rabaji-Rasethaba (Former Asset Forfeiture Unit and Acting Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions: Legal Affairs Division) • DC Page (V2 Global) • Craig Heschuk (GreyList Trace Limited) • Simon Marsh (Basel Institution's International Centre for Asset Recovery, Head of Africa)
16:45	17:00	Closing Address	

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