

## HOW CAN I FIND MY OWN CARIN CONTACT?

If you would like to put the strength of the CARIN network and its membership to work in your financial investigation or confiscation effort, you should first locate your own jurisdiction's CARIN contact.

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CARIN is an informal network of contacts and a cooperative group concerned with all aspects of confiscating the proceeds of crime. It is a network of practitioners from 53 jurisdictions and 9 international organisations. It is linked to similar asset recovery networks in southern Africa, Latin America and Asia Pacific.

#### Why does CARIN exist?

The purpose of CARIN is to increase the effectiveness of its members' efforts, on a multi-agency basis, to deprive criminals of their illicit profits.

#### What are CARIN's key objectives?

In seeking to serve its stated purpose, CARIN:

- A has set up a network of contact points across multiple jurisdictions;
- A focuses on the proceeds of all crimes, within the scope of international obligations;
- A works to establish itself as a centre of expertise on all aspects of tackling the proceeds of crime;
- A promotes the exchange of information and good practices;
- A makes recommendations to bodies such as the European Commission, the Council of the European Union and the Financial Action Task Force, for example, relating to all aspects of confiscating the proceeds of crime;
- A acts as an advisory group to other appropriate authorities;
- A facilitates, where possible, training in all aspects of confiscating the proceeds of crime;
- A emphasises the importance of cooperation with the private sector; and
- A encourages its members to establish national asset recovery offices.

#### Who can use CARIN?

You can request CARIN assistance if you are a law enforcement officer (police/customs/other law enforcement agency), a prosecutor, magistrate or judge, or an official from an asset recovery office or asset management office.

#### Who may benefit from CARIN?

- A Are you an investigator, judicial authority, or administrative structure involved in asset recovery proceedings that identifies and traces assets and/or criminal proceeds?
- A Are those assets potentially subject to confiscation or forfeiture?
- A Are they located in another jurisdiction?
- A Do your suspects have any connections with other jurisdictions that may include owning assets or conducting transactions abroad?
- A Are you interested in freezing or seizing assets located in another jurisdiction that may be subject to confiscation or forfeiture?
- A Would you like to request that another jurisdiction execute a freezing or confiscation/forfeiture order on your government's behalf?
- A Are you concerned about how assets frozen on your government's behalf in another jurisdiction will be managed? Will the asset be sold, will your jurisdiction be required to bear the costs of taking care of the assets, or will you have to manage the assets using your domestic powers?
- A Do you have questions about how confiscated assets will be shared between your own jurisdiction and jurisdictions that provided legal assistance resulting in confiscation or forfeiture? Do you want to ensure that assets confiscated abroad will be repatriated or returned to victims? Are you concerned about how such repatriation will work in your case?

If the answer to one or more of the above questions is 'yes,' you may seek assistance from the CARIN network, by locating your own CARIN contact and putting them to work for you in your financial investigations and confiscation or forfeiture proceedings.

Your own CARIN contact will work with other CARIN contacts to get answers to your questions. You may also be able to directly communicate with the correct authorities in another jurisdiction, with facilitation from your CARIN contact.

#### How can CARIN help you?

CARIN contacts can assist you during any stage of the asset recovery process.

#### ASSET TRACING

- A Locating bank and investment accounts, real estate, companies, cars, boats, and aircraft, through law enforcement or public information
- A Discovering where and how assets associated with your suspects may be hidden or concealed through the use of corporate structures, nominees, trusts, etc.

#### ASSET FREEZING AND SEIZING

- A How can I ask another jurisdiction to freeze or seize assets in my case or investigation?

#### ASSET MANAGEMENT

- A Will foreign authorities look after the frozen asset and preserve its value until my case has concluded?
- A Will foreign authorities sell the asset before the final judgement?
- A What happens to the money generated by a sale?

#### ASSET CONFISCATION/FORFEITURE

- A What do I need to do to ask another jurisdiction to execute my confiscation or forfeiture judgement or order?

#### ASSET SHARING

- A How can I come to an arrangement about repatriating the assets or their value to my government from a jurisdiction that has confiscated and/or liquidated an asset in my case or investigation?

These are only some of the questions you may have regarding the tracing, freezing, seizure, management and confiscation or forfeiture of criminal proceeds or other assets belonging to a suspect. CARIN may be able to assist with these and other inquiries through its network of confiscation/forfeiture investigators and experts in key locations throughout the world.