Recommendations Towards Reducing Duplication and Enhancing Synergies (Initial Action Plan) (ITF2)

There is consensus among Interim Task Force 2 participants for the desirability of enhancing informal methods of cooperation, which may be accomplished in part through the creation of the informal GlobE network. ITF participants included representatives from other networks and international organisations as well as jurisdictions that may consider participation in GlobE.

The ‘network mapping’ document produced through the work of ITF2 has alerted GlobE to synergies and possible areas of duplication. The process has also initiated helpful discussions on steps that could be considered to further enhance synergies and reduce duplication. The following recommendations have been agreed at the ITF2 final meeting and may form the basis of an action plan.

Communications and Outreach

GlobE should continue to pursue active transparent relationships with other relevant networks and organisations to ensure mutual trust and the continual identification and enhancement of network synergies, and to avoid duplication of existing network/organisation activities and efforts.

Action: The GlobE Secretariat should prepare an outreach and communication strategy to promote continued dialog with other networks and organisations at each step of its development leading up to its launch and beyond. This should start immediately after the conclusion of the ITF Meetings and include a summary of Key outcomes from the meetings and the next steps.

Secretariat structure and functions

The appropriate structure, role and effective functioning of the GlobE Secretariat is important, especially given the size of GlobE. Consideration should be given to ensuring an appropriate skill and resource level within the GlobE Secretariat, as it may be required to provide regular and timely strategic and operational support.

Secretariat Coordination

A key purpose of GlobE is to facilitate contact with and access to other Networks or Institutions (including those with administrative enforcement functions). To avoid duplication and wherever possible this should be through Contact Points or Secretariats.
Key to effective cooperation between GlobE and other bodies is how the Secretariat will work together with secretariats of other networks and organisations to avoid duplication and support improved international cooperation. Cooperation should allow that, wherever permissible up to date contact point information should be shared among GlobE and other Networks and Institutions.

Action: The GlobE Secretariat, together with the Secretariats of other networks, should further discuss how cooperation will function in practical terms between relevant operational networks.

**Compendium of mandates of complimentary Networks and Institutions**

ITF2 participants concluded that, to avoid duplication, identify gaps and enhance synergies, GlobE should ensure a clear understanding of other relevant networks and organisations operating in the field of anti-corruption and asset recovery and associated international cooperation. A distinction should be drawn between operational networks and those that have a pure policy focus. The Secretariat should work to ensure that jurisdictions / institutions not captured by any other anti-corruption or asset recovery network can provide and receive access to informal international cooperation through GlobE.

Action: Building on the work already undertaken by ITF2, the ‘network mapping’ process should be finalised prior to the launch. This should be a constant resource and continually updated by the Secretariat for dissemination to GlobE Members.

Action: A short text on the role, possibilities and limitations of each relevant operational and strategic “network” should be included in the ‘network mapping’.

Action: In order to assess whether a network requires access to the platform, ‘network mapping’ should provide the full picture of a network’s operational capability and, as far as possible, its active status.

Action: ‘Network mapping’ should identify and list those jurisdictions not already a member of another anti-corruption network with the aim of ensuring their involvement in GlobE and their accessibility by and to the global anti-corruption community for international cooperation.

**Capturing resources that contribute to the GlobE vision and aim**

There may be a number of resources that, although not involved directly in operational anti-corruption tasks, play an important strategic function in support of the GlobE vision and aim. It is vital that these groups are involved in GlobE in order that *inter alia* GlobE practitioners can benefit from their work.

Action: A list of anti-corruption resources, organisations and networks (such as the International Anti-Corruption Academy) should be compiled, to raise awareness among members of their added value and with a view to offering them a procedure or membership status through which they may support GlobE.