

## Responsibilities of Law Enforcement and Investigative Authorities

**Countries should ensure that designated Law Enforcement Authorities (LEAs):**

- > Have responsibility for money laundering (ML) and terrorist financing (TF) investigations within the framework of national AML/CFT policies.
- > Develop a pro-active parallel financial investigation when pursuing ML, associated predicate offences and TF in at least all cases related to major proceeds-generating offences. This should include cases where the associated predicate offence occurs outside their jurisdictions.
- > Have responsibility for expeditiously identifying, tracing



and initiating actions to freeze and seize property that is, or may become, subject to confiscation, or is suspected of being proceeds of crime.

- > Are provided with adequate financial, human and technical resources and maintain staff with high professional standards, including standards concerning confidentiality, high integrity and who are appropriately skilled.

**Countries should also make use, when necessary, of:**

- > permanent or temporary multi-disciplinary groups specialised in financial or asset investigations; and
- > appropriate competent authorities in other countries through cooperative investigations.