

Concept ILW Event

Objective

Launch of the project to create Best Practices Guides for 1) chairpersons and delegations of the UN sanctions committees and 2) UN sanctions monitoring experts and their coordinators.

Key issues

The UN sanctions system is constantly evolving in terms of its complexity, diversity of sanctions measures and implementation obligations. Recommendations of the Compendium of the High Level Review of UN Sanctions (2015), the Assessment of Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities (2017), and the Note by the President of the Security Council (S/2017/507), attempt to answer to this evolution.

Part of the changes that occurred in the last years, has left sanctions committees and expert groups in a need for more harmonized guidance. A new joint-initiative launched by the governments of Australia, Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Sweden, in collaboration with other interested states, and assisted by Compliance and Capacity Skills (CCSI) aims to provide this guidance with two Best Practices Guides for 1) chairpersons and delegations of the UN sanctions committees , and 2) UN sanctions monitoring experts and their coordinators.

The supporting member states believe that enhancing the effectiveness and transparency of the Security Council's protective, preventive and coercive sanctions tool requires an ongoing sharpening of the sanctions implementation skills of E10 delegations, which participate in and normally chair the sanctions committees.

The Guides will not only serve as invaluable induction and training tools for incoming committee member states and experts. They are also expected to foster greater understanding and participation in the UN sanctions system, and enable fuller participation of states' delegations typically hampered by capacity constraints.

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The consultations with over multiple groups of sanctions actors will commence shortly. Individual invitations from the sponsoring states will be accompanied by a detailed briefing paper for each consultation.

The Best Practices Guide for chairpersons and delegations of the UN sanctions committees will be launched before the end of this year, while the Guide for UN sanctions monitoring experts and their coordinators will be released in summer 2019.