

**Synopsis:***Improving MLA through pre-MLA*

The UK Central Authority plays a critical role in facilitating MLA to countries around the world. In some cases however MLA is not the most suitable way of obtaining material and it is often desirable for overseas authorities to obtain intelligence prior to making an MLA request. During the presentation we will discuss what assistance can be obtained outside the scope of MLA (pre-MLA enquiries) and how they can enhance the MLA process and improve the quality of assistance provided when it comes to combating international crime.