



# Assisting Member States to fully implement the United Nations Convention against Corruption

Corruption and Economic Crime Branch



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UNODC is the guardian of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, which is the sole universal legally binding instrument designed to prevent and fight corruption in both the public and private sectors. Its values and state-of-the-art principles are far-reaching and applicable to the widest spectrum of society. It obliges the States that have become parties to it to prevent and criminalize corruption, establish law enforcement structures to respond to corruption, promote international cooperation, cooperate for the recovery of stolen assets and enhance technical assistance and information exchange.

The Convention provides all national, regional and multinational anti-corruption efforts with a single set of agreed-upon anti-corruption obligations and guidelines. We advocate the use of UNCAC as a framework for developing and implementing anti-corruption initiatives as it provides for a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach covering prevention, criminalization and law enforcement, international cooperation and asset recovery. By doing so we avoid that different standards are applied and inconsistent approaches are taken and ensure that all aspects of corruption are considered and addressed.



In 2010 the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the Convention has become operational. This peer review process (the first of its kind for an instrument such as UNCAC) aims at assisting countries to fully utilize the potential of the Convention by providing the means for countries to assess how they are doing in preventing and countering corruption, highlight good practices and successes, as well as identify potential gaps and develop action plans to strengthen the implementation of UNCAC domestically.

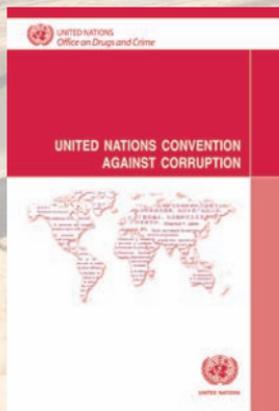
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UNODC facilitates the ratification and implementation of the Convention and develops, implements and coordinates technical assistance activities to support States in devising coherent responses to prevent and combat corruption in accordance with the Convention.



## We work with Member States to:

- set-up and strengthen institutional frameworks (anti-corruption bodies, financial intelligence units and central authorities responsible for international cooperation);
- improve existing or develop new legislation and regulations;
- develop effective and comprehensive strategies to prevent and fight corruption;
- create the skills required for countering corruption effectively;
- enhance the integrity, accountability and oversight of criminal justice institutions (police, prosecution and judiciary); and
- raise awareness about the negative impact of corruption

UNODC also supports Member States' efforts in preventing and fighting corruption in the private sector and urges businesses to comply with the Convention and to align business principles to the values of UNCAC.

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On the global and regional levels, we develop tools, resources and training programmes for anti-corruption knowledge. As a custodian of this knowledge, we are hosting TRACK, a one stop anti-corruption portal ([www.track.unodc.org](http://www.track.unodc.org)). TRACK contains a comprehensive library of laws, regulations and institutional data from over 175 States, analyzed to show in a practical and user-friendly way how each

State has implemented the Convention and what tasks still lie ahead. TRACK also hosts a gateway to asset recovery that contains case law, national resources and knowledge products. Finally, TRACK is a powerful search engine that allows users to access the anti-corruption and asset recovery knowledge generated by international organizations in one central location. In this way, TRACK is a vehicle for exchanging good practices and sharing experiences on a global level.



9 December is International Anti-Corruption Day and UNODC supports targeted information campaigns to mark the day



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