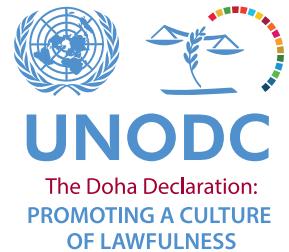




# Judicial Integrity

Strengthening judicial integrity and preventing corruption in the justice system



In 2016, UNODC launched a new Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration. Aimed at promoting a culture of lawfulness, the Global Programme provides sustained support and technical assistance to Member States in implementing ambitious goals in the areas of judicial integrity, education for justice, prisoner rehabilitation and the prevention of youth crime through sports as set out by the Doha Declaration, which was adopted at the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Under the Judicial Integrity component of the Global Programme, UNODC will develop and strengthen global guidance and technical materials. The organization will also provide bilateral and regional technical assistance to support judiciaries in the development and implementation of strategies, measures and systems to strengthen integrity and accountability in the justice system.

## Global Judicial Integrity Network

In order to achieve these objectives, one key initiative will be the establishment of a Global Judicial Integrity Network comprising members of the judiciary from around the world. This will support the implementation of Article 11 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, which underlines the central role of the judiciary in this area. Crucially, it recognizes that, in order to play this role effectively, the judiciary must be free from corruption and its members independent and act with integrity and impartiality.

Harnessing the experience and expertise of judges, judicial associations and other stakeholders, the Global Judicial Integrity Network will promote peer learning and support activities among judges; facilitate access to relevant tools and resources on various issues relating to judicial integrity; and support the further development and effective implementation of principles of judicial conduct and the prevention of corruption within the justice system. Some of these activities and resources will include:

- Identifying priority challenges and emerging issues in judicial integrity and the prevention of corruption;
- Connecting local and regional judicial integrity initiatives to amplify their results;
- Creating an online library of relevant resources, publications, training materials and guidance manuals;
- Promoting in-person and online opportunities for the exchange of good practices and lessons learned, peer-to-peer advisory services, ethics training and other capacity-building initiatives; and
- Supporting the creation and strengthening of oversight and accountability mechanisms, such as disciplinary procedures, and the drafting of national or regional integrity strategies for judges and courts.

Recognizing that many jurisdictions have already made great progress in strengthening judicial integrity, sharing these experiences will help build strong and effective justice institutions and a culture of lawfulness on a global scale, strengthen the rule of law and enhance the delivery of fair and transparent justice to every citizen.