Prevention of Corruption:

Participation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)
UNODC and CSOs

• Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) are a wide array of non-governmental and not-for-profit organizations including non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community groups, trade unions, indigenous groups, charitable organizations, faith-based organizations, professional associations and foundations.

• UNODC Civil Society Team (Advocacy Section/DPA)
  ○ Facilitates CSOs and UNODC interaction
  ○ Promotes dialogue between Member States and CSOs under the framework of the UN Conventions
Article 13: Participation of society

Preventing corruption requires an effort from all members of society at large; Art. 13 recognizes and provides a role for CSOs:

• The Convention calls on State Parties to promote actively the involvement of CSOs in anti-corruption activities

• This implies a number of measures including access to information and transparency within certain restrictions (respect rights and national security)
UNODC Strategic Engagement with Civil Society

• UNODC contributes to the implementation of Article 13 by supporting civil society organizations’ anti-corruption activities

• UNODC partners with the UNCAC Coalition
  ○ Umbrella organization operating informally since 2006
  ○ Supports national civil society efforts to promote the UNCAC
  ○ Global network of over 300 CSOs in over 100 countries
  ○ Newly elected Coordination Committee
# The UNCAC Coalition Coordination Committee

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Chair: Slagjana TASEVA

Vice-Chairs: Vincent LAZATIN and Gladwell OTIENO
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- Participation in 4th Conference of State Parties to UNCAC
  - Rule 17 – List of relevant NGOs with Member States (your deadline 9 September)
  - Special CSO event on 25 October on best practices in implementing UNCAC.
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• Training CSOs on UNCAC
  ○ Equip CSOs with the substantive knowledge of UNCAC and its review mechanism
  ○ Prepare CSOs to contribute positively if invited by their governments to participate in the preparation of the self-assessment checklist and the country visit
  ○ Positive results for the 1st year of the review cycle

Feb 2011 CSO training at the IACA, Laxenburg
Thank you for your attention!

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