

Launch of the Global Judicial Integrity Network

"Joining Forces to Strengthen Judicial Integrity and Prevent Corruption in the Justice System"

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Programme



Introduction

Article 11 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) emphasizes the crucial role of the judiciary in combating corruption and recognizes that in order to play this role effectively, the judiciary itself must be free of corruption and its members must act with integrity. Accordingly, it requires each State Party to (a) take measures to strengthen integrity among members of the judiciary, and (b) take measures to prevent opportunities for corruption among members of the judiciary.

The term "integrity" in article 11, in its application to members of the judiciary, may be defined as a holistic concept that refers to the ability of the judicial system or an individual member of the judiciary to resist corruption, while fully respecting the core values of independence, impartiality, personal integrity, propriety, equality, competence and diligence. These values are identified in the *Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct*, and elaborated comprehensively in the *Commentary on the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct*.

In 2016, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) launched a global project to provide sustained support and delivery of technical assistance to Member States in specific areas covered by the Doha Declaration, adopted at the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 2015, including strengthening judicial integrity and the prevention of corruption in the justice system. In particular, the Doha Declaration reaffirmed the commitment of States to "make every effort to prevent and counter corruption, and to implement measures aimed at enhancing transparency in public administration and promoting the integrity and accountability of our criminal justice systems, in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption."

The implementation of the Doha Declaration will be an important enabler for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030, particularly for Goal 16 to "promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels." Relevant targets under Goal 16 include 16.3 (Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all), 16.5 (Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms) and 16.6 (Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels).

UNODC, as guardian of the Convention, serves as Secretariat to the Conference of the States Parties to UNCAC. In this role, UNODC services the Implementation Review Mechanism for the Convention. The Second Cycle of the Review Mechanism, launched in 2016, focuses on the implementation of Chapter II of the Convention, which includes article 11. The Global Judicial Integrity Network, described further below, will provide a platform for accessing relevant resources, good practices and other materials that will assist in the successful participation in, and follow-up to, the review process.



The Global Judicial Integrity Network

The Global Judicial Integrity Network is a platform to provide assistance to judiciaries in strengthening judicial integrity and preventing corruption in the justice system. The Network will promote peer learning and support activities among judges and other justice sector stakeholders; 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. Through the Network, global guidance and technical materials on judicial integrity and anti-corruption will be developed and strengthened, and technical assistance will be provided to support judiciaries in the development and implementation of strategies, measures and systems to strengthen integrity and accountability in the justice system. The core objectives of the Network will be:

- (i) to promote networking opportunities for judges and other justice sector stakeholders through virtual and face-to-face opportunities for dialogue, with a view to continuously expanding the Network and advancing the exchange of knowledge and mutual support in strengthening judicial integrity and preventing corruption in the justice system;
- (ii) to facilitate the access of judges and other justice sector stakeholders to existing guidance materials, tools and similar resources on judicial integrity, including through the establishment of a database of relevant resources;
- (iii) to assist in the identification of gaps in international standards and technical resources on judicial integrity and to support the development of new tools and technical resources to address such gaps;
- (iv) to facilitate the identification of technical assistance needs and the provision of required technical assistance, including through facilitating peer-to-peer support and learning opportunities.

In preparation for the Launch of the Global Judicial Integrity Network, UNODC consulted with close to 4000 judges from across the globe, including through:

- Seven regional preparatory meetings held between 2016 and 2017 in Jordan, Tunisia, Thailand, Panama, Burkina Faso, Namibia and at the United Nations in Vienna, Austria;
- The attendance of the meetings of, inter alia, the International Association of Judges and its
 regional groupings, the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association, the Latin
 American Federation of Judges, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the CEELi
 Institute Central and Easter European Judicial Exchange Network, the Judicial Integrity
 Group, the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers, the Pacific Chief Justices' Forum, the
 Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA), the International Organisation for Judicial



Training, the European Network of Councils of the Judiciary, the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute and the 2nd High Level Meeting of Chief Justices of African Constitutional and Supreme Courts;

• The dissemination of an online survey in Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish to more than 1000 judges and justice sector stakeholders.

These consultations helped UNODC to learn more about the efforts made by judiciaries to strengthen judicial integrity in line with article 11 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, and to identify good practices as well as any remaining challenges. As such, they provided the basis for conceptualizing the Global Judicial Integrity Network with a view to meeting the needs and expectations of judges worldwide.



Agenda

	Day One – 9 April 2018
08.00 - 09.00	Registration
09.00 - 10.15	High-Level Opening Session
	Video Message by Ms Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations
	Video Message by Mr Yury Fedotov, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; Director-General, United Nations Office in Vienna
	 Mr. John Brandolino, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC Hon. Walter Samuel Nkanu Onnoghen, Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Nigeria Hon. Jean Fahd, First President, Court of Cassation, Lebanon Hon. Elisabeth Lovrek, Justice, Vice-President, Supreme Court, Austria Hon. Maria Thereza Moura, Justice, Superior Court of Justice, Brazil Hon. Zainun Ali, Judge, Federal Court, Malaysia
	Hon. Allyson K. Duncan, Judge, United States of America
10.15 – 10.45	Coffee Break
10.45 – 12.00	 Plenary Session – Challenges and Good Practices in Promoting Judicial Integrity and Preventing Corruption in the Justice System – The Role of the Global Judicial Integrity Network Moderator: Ms Brigitte Strobel-Shaw, Chief, Conference Support Section, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC Ms Roberta Solis, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC – The Global Judicial Integrity Network – What to Expect, Objectives, Tools and Services Hon. Rudolf Mellinghoff, Member of the Judicial Integrity Group – The Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct
	 Hon. Diego Garcia-Sayán, UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers – Corruption as a Threat to Judicial Independence and the Delivery of Justice Hon. Christophe Régnard, President of the International Association of Judges – The Universal Charter of Judges
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.15	Thematic Breakout Sessions I
	Thematic breakout sessions will take place simultaneously and will be organized by UNODC and other stakeholders to address priority issues identified in the outreach to establish the Network. The sessions will provide ample opportunity for all participants to engage actively in the discussions of the respective topics and share the relevant experiences of their jurisdictions and institutions. At the end of each



session, organizers will collect the **recommendations** emerging from discussions as inputs for the future work of the Global Judicial Integrity Network.

Sessions taking place in the **PLENARY HALL (Room M1)** will have **interpretation into the six UN official languages**. Sessions in **ROOMS M3, M6 and M7** will be conducted in **English only**.

PLENARY HALL (Room M1) - Thematic Work Streams I and II: Strengthening Judicial Integrity & Accountability and Preventing Corruption in the Justice System

"The Bangalore Principles after 18 Years" – organized by the Judicial Integrity Group

- Moderator: Hon. Christine Chanet, Counsellor of the Court of Cassation, France;
 Member of the Judicial Integrity Group
- Mr. Jeff Apperson, Vice-President, National Center for State Courts; former President of the International Association for Court Administration
- Hon. Shiranee Tilakawardena, Former Justice of the Supreme Court and Acting Chief Justice, Sri Lanka; International Association of Women Judges
- Hon. Adrian Saunders, Justice and President Elect, Caribbean Court of Justice; former Chief Justice, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
- Hon. Lord Jonathan Mance, Deputy President, Supreme Court, United Kingdom

ROOM M6 - Thematic Work Stream I: Strengthening Judicial Integrity & Accountability

"Judicial Ethics Training" – organized by the International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT), the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) and UNODC

- Moderator: Hon. Wojciech Postulski, Judge, Poland; Secretary General of the European Judicial Training Network
- Hon. Adele Kent, Justice, President of the National Judicial Institute, Canada
- Hon. Tania Jewczuk, Judge, École Nationale de la Magistrature, France
- Hon. Jeremy Cooper, UNODC Consultant; Former Judge, United Kingdom

ROOM M3 - Thematic Work Stream II: Preventing Corruption in the Justice System

"Transparency and How to Demystify the Work of the Courts" – organized by the Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) and Venice Commission

- Moderator: Hon. Christoph Grabenwarter, Vice-President, Constitutional Court, Austria; Venice Commission
- Hon. Gerhard Kuras, Presiding Judge, Supreme Court, Austria
- Hon. Jose Igreja Matos, Judge, Court of Appeal of Oporto, Portugal; GRECO evaluator
- Hon. Sheridan Greenland, Director, UK Judicial College, United Kingdom; GRECO evaluator
- Mr. Artashes Melikyan, Co-Secretary, Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) and Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE), Council of Europe



	ROOM M7 - Thematic Work Stream III: Assessing and Monitoring Integrity
	"Impact of Digitization on Integrity and Accountability" – organized by Research Institute on Judicial Systems (IRSIG)
	 Moderator: Mr. Marco Fabri, Acting Director, Research Institute on Judicial Systems Mr. Francesco Contini, Senior Researcher, Research Institute on Judicial Systems Hon. Dory Reiling, Senior Judge, Digital Civil Justice Project in the Quality and Innovation Program, Netherlands Mr. Antonio Cordella, London School of Economics
15.15 – 15.45	Coffee Break
15.45 – 17.00	Thematic Breakout Sessions II
	PLENARY HALL (Room M1) - Thematic Work Streams I and II: Strengthening Judicial Integrity & Accountability and Preventing Corruption in the Justice System
	"Financial Disclosure for Judges" – organized by the World Bank and UNODC
	Moderator: Ms Ivana Rossi, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative, World Bank Group
	 Mr Pablo Tonelli. Member, Magistrates Council of the National Judiciary, Argentina Mr. Tilman Hoppe, Consultant, GIZ Mr Huang Wenjun, President, National Judges College, Supreme People's Court, People's Republic of China
	ROOM M6 - Thematic Work Stream I: Strengthening Judicial Integrity & Accountability
	"A Trade-Off? Balancing Independence and Accountability" – organized by the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association (CMJA)
	Moderator: Hon. Keith Hollis, Retired Circuit Judge, United Kingdom
	Hon. Lynne Leitch, Judge, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Canada
	Hon. Charles Mkandawire, Judge, High Court, Malawi
	ROOM M3 - Thematic Work Stream II: Preventing Corruption in the Justice System
	"Are Specialist Anti-Corruption Courts an Effective Means to Strengthen Judicial Integrity and The Rule of Law?" – organized by the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre
	 Moderator: Mr. Matthew Stephenson, Professor of Law, Harvard University Hon. Lawrence Gidudu, Judge, Head of the Anti-Corruption Division, High Court, Uganda
	Hon. Jan Hrubala, Judge, Head of Special Criminal Court, Slovakia
	 Hon. Amparo Cabotaje-Tang, Presiding Justice, Sandiganbayan, Anti-Graft Court, Philippines



	Day Two – 10 April 2018
09.00 - 10.15	Thematic Breakout Sessions III
	PLENARY HALL (Room M1) - Thematic Work Streams I and II: Strengthening Judicial Integrity & Accountability and Preventing Corruption in the Justice System
	"Drafting Codes of Conduct – Do's and Don'ts" – organized by the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ)
	Moderator: Hon. Nuría Abad, President, European Network of Councils for the Judiciary
	 Hon. Grzegorz Borkowski, Judge, National Council of the Judiciary, Poland Hon. Wenceslao Olea Godoy, President, Disciplinary Commission, General Council of the Judiciary, Spain
	 Mr. Horatius Dumbrava, Trainer, National Training Institute of Judges, Romania Ms. Caroline Pellerin-Rugliano, Attaché to the Registrar, Court of Justice of the European Union
	ROOM M6 - Thematic Work Stream I: Strengthening Judicial Integrity & Accountability
	"The Risks and Benefits of the Use of Social Media by Judges" – organized by the CEELI Institute
	Moderator: Mr. Christopher Lehmann, Executive Director, CEELI Institute



- Hon. Ladislav Derka, Judge, High Court, Czechia
 Hon. Cristi Derilet, Judge, Clui Municipal Court
- Hon. Cristi Danilet, Judge, Cluj Municipal Court, Romania
- Hon. Barry Clarke, Regional Employment Judge, Wales Employment Tribunal, United Kingdom
- Ms. Ksenija Renko, Communications Consultant, Jupiter Strategic Consulting Ltd.

ROOM M3 - Thematic Work Stream II: Preventing Corruption in the Justice System

"Promoting Integrity and Combating Corruption in the Justice System - Good Practices and Lessons Learned" – organized by the International Association of Judges (IAJ-UIM)

- Moderator: Hon. Roslyn Atkinson, Justice, Supreme Court of Queensland, Australia;
 President, First Study Commission of the International Association of Judges
- Hon. Nicholas Blake, Retired Judge, High Court, Queen's Bench, England and Wales
- Hon. Janja Roblek, Senior District Court Judge, President, District Court Kranj, Slovenia
- Mr. Giacomo Oberto, Secretary-General, International Association of Judges

ROOM M7 - Thematic Work Stream III: Assessing and Monitoring Integrity

"Assessing Disciplinary and Criminal Measures for Judicial Integrity- A Pilot Study!" – organized by the International Bar Association (IBA)

- Moderator: Ms. Rocio Paniagua, Senior Legal Advisor, International Bar Association
- Ms. Violaine Autheman, Senior Program Manager, National Center for State Courts
- Mr. Marco Fabri, Acting Director, Research Institute on Judicial Systems
- Hon. Alex Poku-Acheampong, Justice, Ghana

10.15 – 10.45 Coffee Break

10.45 - 12.00

Thematic Breakout Sessions IV

PLENARY HALL (Room M1) - Thematic Work Streams I and II: Strengthening Judicial Integrity & Accountability and Preventing Corruption in the Justice System

"Sextortion - The Need for New Standards of Judicial Integrity and Accountability" – organized by the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ)

- Moderator: Hon. Susana Medina, Judge, Superior Court of Justice of Entre Rios, Argentina; President, International Association of Women Judges
- Hon. Vanessa Ruiz, Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, USA
- Hon. Mina Sougrati, Judge, Morocco
- Hon. Shiranee Tilakawardena, Former Justice of the Supreme Court and Acting Chief Justice, Sri Lanka
- Ms. Nancy Hendry, Senior Advisor, International Association of Women Judges
- Hon. Diego Sebastián Luciani, Prosecutor, Federal Courts in Buenos Aires, Argentina



ROOM M6 - Thematic Work Stream I: Strengthening Judicial Integrity & Accountability

"What's missing - New Approaches to Promote Judicial Integrity" - organized by the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute (CJEI)

- Moderator: Hon. Adrian Saunders, Justice and President Elect, Caribbean Court of Justice; former Chief Justice, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
- Hon. Kenneth Benjamin, Chief Justice, Belize
- Hon. Kashim Zannah, Chief Judge, High Court of Borno State, Nigeria
- Hon. Sandra Oxner, Former Judge, Canada; Founding President, Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute
- Hon. Henry Adonyo, Justice, Executive Director, Judicial Training Institute, Uganda

ROOM M3 - Thematic Work Stream II: Preventing Corruption in the Justice System

"Implementing Best Practice Guidelines for Judicial Selection and Appointment in Southern and East Africa" – organized by the Democratic Governance and Rights Unit, University of Cape Town (DGRU)

- Moderator: Mr. Arnold Tsunga, Director, Africa Regional Programme, International Commission of Jurists
- Hon. Sanji Monageng, Justice, International Criminal Court
- Mr. Jan van Zyl Smit, Associate Senior Research Fellow, Bingham Centre for the Rule
 of Law
- Mr. Christopher Oxtoby, Senior Researcher, Democratic Governance and Rights Unit, University of Cape Town
- Mr Matt Pollard, Senior Legal Advisor, International Commission of Jurists

ROOM M7 - Thematic Work Stream III: Assessing and Monitoring Integrity

"Assessing Corruption and Integrity in the Justice System - What Have We Learned?" – organized by the German Development Cooperation (GIZ), U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, UNDP, the Research Institute on Judicial Systems (IRSIG) and UNODC

- Moderator: Mr. Daniel Kempken, Head of Division, BMZ, Germany
- Mr. Tilman Hoppe, Consultant, GIZ
- Ms. Elodie Beth, Programme Advisor, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub
- Mr. Francesco Contini, Senior Researcher, Research Institute on Judicial Systems
- Ms. Sofie Schuette, Senior Advisor, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre
- Mr. Oliver Stolpe, Senior Programme Officer, UNODC

12.00 – 14.30	Lunch
13.45 – 14.30	Meeting of the Rapporteurs of the Thematic Breakout Sessions III and IV (Room M0127)



14.30 – 16.00	Plenary Session – Working Together for Judicial Integrity This session will explore the recommendations from the thematic breakout sessions and how judges, judiciaries, judicial associations and other actors can work together to promote and strengthen judicial integrity through the Global Judicial Integrity Network. • Moderator: Mr. Oliver Stolpe, Senior Programme Officer, UNODC
16.00 16.15	Coffee Burel
16.00 – 16.15	Coffee Break
16.15 – 17.00	The Global Judicial Integrity Network — Structure and Future Priorities The session will seek the endorsement of the terms of reference for the structure of the Global Judicial Integrity Network and a decision on future steps, including the potential next global gathering of the Network. The session should conclude with the adoption of a Declaration on Judicial Integrity.
	Moderator: Mr. Dimitri Vlassis, Chief, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC
17.00 – 17.30	Closing Remarks



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