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Special Events Summary Report
This report provides an overview of special events held at the tenth session of the Conference of the States Parties (CoSP) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). While the organization of these meetings is coordinated and facilitated by the secretariat, the sole responsibility for the content of these events (including promotional materials and the events themselves) rests with the organizers.

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Monday, 11 December 2023

Private Sector Forum
Monday, 11 December 2023, 13:00 – 18:30
Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 8:45 – 19:00

- Organizers: UNODC, UN Global Compact

- Description: With support from the United States, UNODC and the UN Global Compact co-organized a Private Sector Forum from 11 to 12 December 2023. Through ten interactive sessions, more than 200 business leaders, chief compliance and legal officers, sustainability, governance and business integrity experts, youth representatives, as well as key stakeholders from the public sector, civil society, academia and international organizations, discussed the achievements since the adoption of UNCAC and Principle Ten of the UN Global Compact, examined their relevance today and shaped the global business integrity agenda. Overall, the Private Sector Forum contributed to addressing challenges, identifying emerging trends, showcasing good practices and highlighting key priorities to enhance corporate governance and tackle corruption in the private sector, and practical tools were released during the event to guide business action on integrity.

Safeguarding Sport from Corruption
Monday, 11 December 2023, 13:00 – 14:50

- Organizer: UNODC
- Co-organizers: N/A

- Description: The special event on Safeguarding Sport from Corruption began with high-level speakers representing the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), and the European Commission. All high-level speakers highlighted the importance of enhanced cooperation and good practices, as well as continued commitment from their institutions to tackle corruption and other forms of economic crime in sports. This was followed by the launch of a joint publication between UNODC, IOC and INTERPOL: "Investigation of Cases of Competition Manipulation: A Practical Guide”, with presenters from all three institutions. The special event concluded with a panel of experts from a variety of stakeholders (Canadian Olympic Committee, Asian Racing Federation, Sport Integrity Australia) presenting their experiences and insights involving cases of competition manipulation, illegal betting and other forms of corruption and economic crime in sport.

Developing and Implementing Egypt’s Anti-Corruption Strategy
Monday, 11 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50

- Organizer: Administrative Control Authority of Egypt
- Co-organizers: N/A
A discussion on Egypt’s approach in preparing and launching the third phase of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy was held, starting from the drafting team training through the stakeholder meetings to designing and implementing the monitoring and evaluation system.

**New Technologies and Public Funds Integrity: Experiences**
*Monday, 11 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50*

- **Organizers:** UNDP
- **Co-organizers:** UNODC

**Description:** The objective of the special event on “New Technologies and Public Funds Integrity”, co-organized by UNODC and UNDP, was to facilitate global knowledge-sharing on the intersection between technology, anti-corruption and the integrity of public funds. The panel focused on the specific experiences on how technology can promote transparency, accountability and public funds integrity, focusing on the experience from Armenia, Brazil, and Palestine. The panel members agreed that transparency and integrity of public funds is crucial for enabling long-term sustainable development. Technology and innovation can be an entry point for mainstreaming anti-corruption and transparency measures. New technologies such as digital tools and platforms are used by people to hold governments accountable, particularly in Armenia, Brazil and Palestine. In turn, governments are using technology to be more transparent, accountable and inclusive. These tools and platforms are conducive to reducing the risks of and opportunities for corruption. However, the use of technology in combating corruption does not come without risks. Therefore, digital governance and digital public infrastructure ought to be key focus areas for policymakers. The special event concluded by highlighting that while technology and innovation is critical to fighting corruption at the same time all stakeholders should be involved in mitigating risks related to the privacy of users, human rights, equal access to digital technologies, etc.

**Making Cents of It: Perspectives on Political Finance**
*Monday, 11 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50*

- **Organizer:** The Carter Center
- **Co-organizers:** Chile, International Foundation for Electoral Systems, International IDEA, Transparency International

**Description:** The event provided a forum to discuss global perspectives on political finance, including the funding of political parties, election campaigns and electoral candidates. In line with UNCAC’s call for transparent financing of political parties and candidates for public office, the panellists emphasized the role of strong political finance regulations in protecting electoral integrity and examined oversight institutions, civil society good practices, and measures that states can take to strengthen and enforce their regulation of money in politics. The event highlighted the need for more efforts both at the international and domestic levels to address political finance, including steps (e.g., a resolution on political finance) that can be taken at CoSP11.

**The Atlanta Declaration in Action: Promoting Accountability**
*Monday, 11 December 2023, 14:00 – 14:50*

- **Organizer:** United States Department of State
- **Co-organizers:** N/A
• **Description:** The event elaborated on the full set of tools available to hold corrupt actors and their enablers accountable for their actions. Speakers from both government and civil society highlighted how these tools can support local accountability efforts and support anti-corruption advocates.

### Cultural Racketeering & Corruption - Recommendations for UNCAC

**Monday, 11 December 2023, 14:00 – 14:50**

- **Organizer:** The Antiquities Coalition
- **Co-organizer:** Italy

**Description:** The Antiquities Coalition (AC) and the Republic of Italy co-hosted this event to address cultural racketeering's close ties with corruption. Corruption facilitates criminal activities like looting sites, smuggling art, laundering works, defrauding collectors and museums, evading taxes, and funding terrorism. The event commenced with remarks from Italy's Minister of Justice, H.E. Carlo Nordio, and featured speakers from the AC, Italy, Mexico, and UNODC. Speakers presented their experience with this issue and what steps are required to tackle this threat head on, for example, by making better use of tools such as UNCAC, and by working across varied industries, the public and private sectors, and national borders. This event indicated that UNCAC States parties, and its secretariat at UNODC, recognize the need for action at the top to bar criminals from the nearly $70 billion global art market.

### Advancing Anti-Corruption Outcomes Across Multilateral Fora

**Monday, 11 December 2023, 17:00 – 17:50**

- **Organizers:** Brookings Institute, International IDEA, Open Government Partnership, Transparency International
- **Co-organizers:** Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania, United States Department of State

**Description:** Numerous global fora aim to advance the anti-corruption agenda and strengthen democracy. Greater collaboration and coordination among them are needed for stronger impact. We aim to enhance coordination, assess achievements and challenges, and prepare for upcoming strategic global events in 2024-25.

### Walk the Talk: Strengthening Synergies and Coordination

**Monday, 11 December 2023, 18:00 – 18:50**

- **Organizers:** European Commission (DG HOME), GRECO, OECD, UNODC
- **Co-organizers:** N/A

**Description:** The special event on “Strengthening synergies and coordination amongst organizations” brought together organizations and review mechanisms to combine knowledge, strengthen collaboration and remove silos within the international anti-corruption architecture. It was co-organized by the European Commission and UNODC, and included speakers from the OECD, GRECO, IMF, African Union, OAS and League of Arab States. Panellists described the concerns of a lack of collaboration, such as duplication of efforts, and the benefits of closer cooperation for both international organizations and countries. After having mentioned some of the solutions that had been already developed, either individually or jointly, panellists all agreed to set up a jour fixe between their organizations working on country reviews and policy reforms support. This Anti-Corruption Partnership Forum will take place on a regular basis, in a virtual format, with
the objective to share information and coordinate on individual and common activities, review mechanisms and policy developments.

**Catalysing Change: Political Will in Fighting Corruption**  
*Monday, 11 December 2023, 18:00 – 18:50*

- **Organizer:** Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
- **Co-organizers:** N/A

Description: During the event, the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) presented OSCE’s work in promoting good economic governance and anti-corruption measures to ensure security and stability in the OSCE region. Furthermore, speakers underscored the essential role of political will in the fight against corruption, emphasizing its critical importance in shaping successful anti-corruption initiatives. The event also showcased the OSCE’s success story in assisting Armenia to establish an Anti-Corruption Committee. The special event successfully amplified awareness of the imperative link between political determination and effective anti-corruption strategies.

**Using GI-TOC’s Organized Crime Index to Analyse Corruption**  
*Monday, 11 December 2023, 18:00 – 18:50*

- **Organizer:** Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC)
- **Co-organizer:** Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (United States Department of State)

Description: The event, featuring speakers from GI-TOC and an opening address from the US Department of State for INL, Maggie Nardi, explored how the Global Organised Crime Index can be used to analyse the crime - corruption nexus. The Index provides a uniquely useful and standardized way to measure the criminality and resilience of societies. State embedded actors were found to be the most pervasive actor type globally. There is a strong correlation between state embedded actors and overall criminality under the Index which means where criminality is high, there is a strong likelihood that state embedded actors are high. While the lower the resilience a country has, the higher the likelihood of the presence of corrupt actors. Government transparency and accountability were found to be the lowest scoring indicator on the Index after victim support. The 2023 Index found by a significant margin that economic crime was the most severe. Ultimately the data fed into decision-making processes needs to be widened and ensure the voices of civil society are heard.

**UNCAC IRM: Initiatives for More Transparency and Impact**  
*Monday, 11 December 2023, 19:00 – 19:50*

- **Organizers:** Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), UNCAC Coalition
- **Co-organizers:** OECD, Open Government Partnership, United Kingdom (Joint Anti-Corruption Unit, Home Office)

Description: The UNCAC IRM has promoted legal and institutional reforms at the country level. However, it has significant shortcomings in stakeholder participation, and suffers from a lack of transparency and a follow-up mechanism, which many States parties identified as its main weakness. The IRM is still in the 2nd cycle of its first phase, but States parties have also begun deliberating the IRM’s next phase, which should follow up on country review recommendations and technical
assistance needs. The session, co-organized by the UNCAC Coalition and GIZ, explored how the UNCAC IRM can be made more inclusive, transparent, and impactful: Participants heard about a UK-led initiative to address these challenges, a civil society perspective, including through an in-depth study led by the NGO Delibera Brazil, as well as good practices from the OECD and OGP review mechanisms that could inspire the UNCAC IRM’s deliberations in its current phase and beyond.

From Support to Governance: Global Anti-Corruption Pathways
Monday, 11 December 2023, 19:00 – 19:50

- **Organizer:** Citizens for Global Solutions
- **Co-organizers:** N/A

- **Description:** Cooperation among States on investigative and prosecutorial strategies to combat corruption has advanced significantly. However, there are gaps in the existing legal framework and a need for global approaches to combat endemic grand corruption. This event applied lessons learned from regional approaches and foreign assistance to an International Anti-Corruption Court (IACC). Judge Mark Wolf, Senior US District Court Judge and Chair of Integrity Initiatives International (III), provided background and overview of the IACC. Dr. Claudia Escobar, Former Magistrate Judge in Guatemala and III Vice-Chair, offered insight the hybrid International Commission Against Impunity. Hillary Forden made recommendations based on her experience with the Carter Center and other organizations. Fernando Iglesias, Co-President of the World Federalist Movement, drew lessons from the campaign for a Transnational Criminal Court for Latin America (COPLA). Finally, Justice Maria Wilson of Trinidad and Tobago reflected on the interaction between a potential IACC and other existing mechanisms.
**Tuesday, 12 December 2023**

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**StAR Initiative Asset Recovery Day**  
*Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 9:00 – 18:30*

- **Organizers:** World Bank and UNODC Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative  
- **Co-organizers:** Colombia, Egypt, France, Iraq, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Norway, United Kingdom, United States, UNODC Nigeria, UNODC ROMENA, UNDP, African Union Advisory Board against Corruption, OECD, Royal United Services Institute, African Center for Governance, Asset Recovery and Sustainable Development, Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency Coalition, Civil Forum for Asset Recovery, Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia, East-West Management Institute, Inc., HEDA Resource Centre, International Lawyers Project, Transparency International France, Derechos Humanos y Litigio Estratégico Mexicano, UNCAC Coalition, Basel Institute on Governance, Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice, Beijing Normal University, Transparency International

- **Description:** The joint United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and World Bank Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative organized the traditional special event “StAR Day” on the margins of the Conference. The special event provided participants with a series of thematic panels focused on challenges and good practices in asset recovery, including discussions on beneficial ownership transparency, engaging civil society in asset recovery and the interplay between tax crimes and corruption. During the event, the recently launched Global Forum of Asset Recovery (GFAR) Action Series was also highlighted, with co-hosts, focus countries and partners announcing the results achieved so far. StAR also launched two new publications on the standing of victims of corruption and compensation for damages and on asset management at the special event.

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**Teieniwa Vision: From Strategy to Action**  
*Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 8:00 – 08:50*

- **Organizers:** UNODC  
- **Co-organizers:** Pacific Islands Forum

- **Description:** The event was a momentous opportunity to showcase the considerable distance covered and progress made since the adoption in 2021 of the Pacific Roadmap to address corruption: the Teieniwa Vision. The panellists included three of the leaders who first launched the Teieniwa Vision in Kiribati in 2020 under the leadership of H.E. Kiribati President Maamau. All panellists converged to stress that the success of the Teieniwa Vision depends on the collective commitment of political leaders to institute comprehensive reforms. They provided national examples of those such as the 2023-2025 Kiribati National Anti-Corruption Strategy, the commencement of the Australian National Anti-Corruption Commission, the upcoming nomination of the Anti-Corruption Commissioner in Tonga. Those national efforts will be complemented by the work of the Teieniwa Vision task force. The 2024 Teieniwa Vision regional follow-up conference was announced, and it was stressed that it will be an opportune moment to harness Leaders’ reinvigorated commitment.

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**Digitizing Public Procurement for Integrity**  
*Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 9:00 – 09:50*
- **Organizer:** Open Contracting Partnership
- **Co-organizers:** France, Nigeria

**Description:** This event heard from a range of country contexts on how governments can buy faster and smarter through data and digitization in public procurement, and make sure strong reforms are sustained over time.

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**UNCAC@20: Romania’s Lessons Learned and Good Practices**

**Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 9:00 – 09:50**

- **Organizer:** Romania
- **Co-organizers:** N/A

**Description:** The UNCAC@20 event on 12 December 2023, showcased Romania’s commitment in the fight against corruption. Specialized anti-corruption agencies, boasting a proven track record, implemented comprehensive integrity legislation within the framework of a mature and long tested national anti-corruption policy. The gathering reflected on the past two decades of combating corruption in Romania, assessing progress, successes, and challenges faced. A panel featuring top anti-corruption practitioners from Romania discussed the lessons learned throughout this process. Special guests from two longstanding partner countries provided insights into our joint efforts. Key speakers included: Florin-Ionel MOISE, Head of the Romanian National Integrity Agency; Peter HALPERN, Central Europe Anti-Corruption Resident Legal Advisor, U.S. Department of Justice; Alex FLORENTĂ, Romania’s General Prosecutor; Jean-François BOHNERT, Head of the National Financial Prosecution Office, France; Cornel-Virgiliu CĂLINESCU, Head of the Romanian National Agency for the Management of Seized Assets. At this enlightening gathering, participants were immersed in a comprehensive exploration of Romania’s institutional architecture dedicated to the prevention and combating of corruption. The discourse not only shed light on the nuanced structures and mechanisms but also delved into an insightful dialogue on the best practices that have emerged, painting a vivid picture of the efforts made by the diverse institutions in attendance. Furthermore, the discussion unfolded the challenges encountered in their mission, providing a holistic view of the collective journey towards transparency, integrity, and the relentless pursuit of a corruption-free landscape. In Romania, the main public institutions with responsibilities that fall within the scope of the fight against corruption are the following: The Ministry of Justice develops public policies, strategies and action plans in the field of justice, the prevention and fight against corruption and serious crime, including the National Anticorruption Strategy. The implementation of the National Anticorruption Strategy is carried out under the authority and coordination of the Minister of Justice who reports to the Government. The National Integrity Agency deals with the collection, monitoring and verification of declarations of assets and interests, in order to identify possible incompatibilities, conflicts of interest, unjustified assets and whistle-blower protection. ANI is an autonomous institution, which is not subordinated to any other public authority or institution. The National Anticorruption Directorate is a prosecutor's office specialized in combating medium and high-level corruption, an independent entity in relation to the courts, the prosecutor's offices attached to them, as well as in relation with other public authorities. The Public Ministry investigates small level corruption cases, through the prosecutor's offices attached to the courts, the prosecutor's offices attached to the specialized courts, the military prosecutor's offices, as well as through the prosecutor's offices attached to the courts of appeal. The Anticorruption General Directorate, within the Ministry of Internal Affairs, is the specialized unit for preventing and countering corruption. It is subordinated to the Minister but independent from an operational point of view, as DGA judicial police officers are delegated by the case prosecutors to investigate corruption crimes. By establishing the National Agency for the Management of Seized Assets, Romania proposes an integrated approach to asset recovery by combining the support functions for
the prosecutor’s offices, police and courts with international tracing, interlocutory sales and management of seized assets, asset sharing agreements and social reuse of confiscated assets. The event was moderated by Andrei FURDUI, the Head of the Crime Prevention Department within Romanian Ministry of Justice.

### Diverse Partnerships to Catalyse UNCAC Implementation
**Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 9:00 – 09:50**

- **Organizers:** United States Agency for International Development
- **Co-organizers:** International Monetary Fund

- **Description:** The USAID and IMF panel featured remarks from Shannon Green, USAID Assistant to the Administrator; Emmanuel Mathias, IMF’s Chief of Governance and Anti-Corruption Division; and Joe Foti, Open Government Partnership (OGP)’s Chief Research Officer; Zambian Anti-Narcotics official Ivor Mukwanka moderated the panel. USAID outlined efforts to help partners implement UNCAC commitments and support civil society, media, and youth in the fight against corruption; and highlighted a new initiative—the Global Accountability Program—to build partners’ resilience to transnational corruption, detect dirty money, and hold corrupt actors accountable. The IMF emphasized examples of building partnerships to support UNCAC implementation with a focus on macroeconomically relevant corruption identified through annual economic health checks that lead to policy recommendations, incorporating conditionalities to address corruption and governance vulnerabilities in lending programmes, and providing tailored capacity-building. OGP highlighted its model of having governments co-create commitments with civil society and the need for actions to be specific, feasible, and measurable. All panellists underscored the linkages across their various efforts and noted how we are stronger together in the fight against corruption.

### Strategic Litigation: Advocacy Tool for Policy Change
**Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 9:00 – 09:50**

- **Organizers:** Transparency International, Ghana Integrity Initiative
- **Co-organizer:** N/A

- **Description:** Civil society organizations (CSOs) face resistance to their rights to participate in development decisions and hold governments accountable, especially regarding state resource use. Strategic litigation has emerged as a strategy to counter this resistance. Following the discussions at the event, consensus was reached that strategic litigation relates to a methodical application of legal tools, procedures, and frameworks by civil society, which is a potent tool for advocacy and enables civil society to enforce national anti-corruption laws and promote compliance. The case involving Rajapaksia, the former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka was cited among many other cases to substantiate the importance of strategic litigation to the work of CSOs. As much as governments admit that strategic litigation is a legitimate tool for CSOs, it is unacceptable to them when it is deliberately used to frustrate their work, Ghana’s Special Prosecutor’s representative said.

### Launch of Nazaha’s Global Initiative to Measure Corruption
**Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:30**

- **Organizer:** Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority of Saudi Arabia (Nazaha)
- **Co-organizers:** N/A
• Description: The high-level event launched “Nazaha's Global Initiative for Measuring Corruption”, implemented by UNDP. The session introduced the project’s key deliverables, namely the development of indices focusing on integrity in public procurement, UNCAC compliance, and experience of bribery.

UNODC Anti-Corruption Hubs and Platforms
Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50

• Organizer: UNODC
• Co-organizer: N/A

• Description: UNODC has supported States since 2017 in effectively implementing the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) by establishing regional anti-corruption hubs and platforms. These platforms gather countries from the same region to identify shared challenges in implementing UNCAC and develop strategies to address them. This method enhances regional coordination and facilitates peer learning as it becomes a space for sharing experiences, challenges and best practices. To date, nine platforms have been formed across the globe, each tailored to the specific needs of its member countries. The objectives of the event were for participants to better understand the role of UNODC anti-corruption regional platforms and hubs and explore ways to exchange best practices between different regions.

Targeting the Corrupt: How Anti-Corruption Sanctions Operate
Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50

• Organizer: Human Rights First
• Co-organizers: Rights:applied

• Description: The event discussed the use of sanctions as a tool to combat corruption. The panel reviewed US, UK, Canada and EU sanctions and in particular anti-corruption regimes. The panel also discussed the use, effectiveness and future of sanctions as a tool to combat corruption.

Empowering Women in Good Governance and Anti-Corruption
Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50

• Organizers: North Macedonia, South Africa, World Bank
• Co-organizer: GlobE Network

• Description: Anti-corruption and gender equality are mutually reinforcing, but how can we promote, support and strengthen the role of women as agents for change in the fight against corruption? How can women’s empowerment and diversity in leadership roles reinforce corruption prevention and lead to more inclusive anti-corruption efforts?

Measuring Corruption to Trigger Action and Assess Impact
Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 13:30 – 14:50

• Organizers: Italy, Montenegro, Nigeria, Serbia, Center for Fiscal Transparency and Integrity Watch, Center for International Private Enterprise, International Sociological Association, UNODC
• Co-organizers: Ghana, Mexico, OECD, UNDP Montenegro, World Bank
• **Description:** By measuring corruption and by sharing the results, countries can foster transparency and accountability of public institutions, attract the attention of investors, and raise public awareness about the consequences of corruption. However, measuring corruption is technically complex and there is no single number that can account for such complexities. States parties to UNCAC recognized in resolution 8/10 and the UNGASS political declaration the need for a comprehensive and context-specific approach to measuring corruption.

**Coding4Integrity Hackathon: Technology to Fight Corruption**
*Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 14:00 – 14:50*

- **Organizer:** Administrative Control and Transparency Authority (ACTA) of the State of Qatar
- **Co-organizer:** UNODC GRACE initiative

- **Description:** Through the Coding4Integrity hackathon, UNODC promotes technology to empower youth to actively promote UNCAC. The recent hackathon, organized with ACTA in Qatar, gathered over 110 participants from the Arab Region. At the special event, the three winning teams showcased their tech-based projects. Speakers presented their perspectives and experiences on the topic of technology as a force for good.

**Exposing the Hidden Links: Corruption and Human Trafficking**
*Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 14:00 – 14:50*

- **Organizers:** United States, UNODC (Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section)
- **Co-organizers:** N/A

- **Description:** Human trafficking is a lucrative business that exploits millions of people and violates their basic human rights. Corruption allows traffickers to operate with impunity and evade justice. The special event explored how anti-corruption interventions can effectively disrupt the trafficking cycle.

**CSOs Role in Coordination between UNTOC-UNCAC Implementation**
*Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 14:00 – 14:50*

- **Organizer:** UNODC Civil Society Unit
- **Co-organizers:** Italy, Mexico, Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, UNCAC Coalition

- **Description:** UNTOC and UNCAC have many overlaps and linkages, as do their Conferences of Parties and review processes. The special event highlighted how civil society organizations can contribute to increased coordination that is needed to tackle their common challenges and achieve their common objectives.

**The Power of Gender Equality & Inclusion to Combat Corruption**
*Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 18:00 – 19:50*
- **Organizer:** UNODC
- **Co-organizer:** Global Judicial Integrity Network

**Description:** Various gender champions exemplify the power of diversity and inclusion in the fight against corruption. The discussion highlighted the ways in which panellists, through their leadership roles, have promoted both gender equality and anti-corruption in their respective countries and organizations.

### A Victim-Centred Approach to Corruption
**Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 18:00 – 18:50**

- **Organizers:** Due Process of Law Foundation, Rapha International
- **Co-organizers:** Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Lawyers without Borders Canada, UNCAC Coalition

**Description:** The event showcased relevant experiences from Latin American and the Caribbean emphasizing successes and challenges in the implementation of a victim-centred approach to fighting corruption in order to mitigate its impact on communities and vulnerable groups and promote their access to justice.

### Youth Engagement Guide for Anti-Corruption Authorities
**Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 18:00 – 18:50**

- **Organizers:** Independent Commission Against Corruption, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
- **Co-organizers:** International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA), UNODC GRACE Initiative, UNODC Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific

**Description:** Young people are the pillars of the future, and meaningful youth empowerment must find a place in anti-corruption policies. This special event shared with participants why youth should be engaged in curbing corruption, and how youth engagement initiatives can be more meaningful. The “Policy Guide for National Anti-Corruption Authorities on Meaningful Youth Engagement in Anti-Corruption Work”, jointly developed by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) of Hong Kong, China, UNODC and the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities, was launched at the event. Representatives of ICAC and UNODC introduced the background, contents and implementation of the guide. A youth leader also shared her experience in participating in this project. In addition, four winners of the Southeast Asian police cadet essay competition and a winner of the Coding4Integrity Arab Youth Anti-Corruption Hackathon shared their ideas on how to safeguard and enhance integrity in law enforcement and how to fight corruption using technology.

### Addressing the Enforcement Gap
**Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 18:00 – 18:50**

- **Organizer:** HEDA Resource Centre
- **Co-organizers:** Club de Madrid, Integrity Initiative International

**Description:** HEDA and Club de Madrid Tackle Global Grand Corruption at CoSP10 with Stakeholders Collaboration. Focused on exploring mechanisms to combat impunity for corruption crimes, the event provided a comprehensive overview of potential solutions in the UNCAC
framework and the prevailing issue of inadequate enforcement of these provisions across jurisdictions. The event delved into diverse potential solutions, encompassing specialized national anti-corruption agencies and courts, hybrid institutions like the former International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG), regional anti-corruption instruments such as the African Union Malabo Protocol, and the proposed International Anti-Corruption Court (IACC) alongside incremental steps toward its establishment. Key focus areas included exploring success factors for the potential of an IACC in addressing the global enforcement gaps, mobilizing civil society for building coalitions in support of accountability mechanisms, exploring avenues to build international political will for the creation of an international court to combat corruption, and collaborative efforts in the fight against corruption. The event concluded with a resonating call for united international efforts and the adoption of effective mechanisms to combat corruption on a global scale.

INTERPOL Tools to Tackle Financial Crime and Corruption

*Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 19:00 – 19:50*

- **Organizer:** International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)
- **Co-organizers:** Angola, Namibia and IACC
- **Description:** The special event showcased how member countries and partners are utilizing INTERPOL capabilities to tackle financial crime and corruption.

Militarization and Corruption Viewed from the Global South

*Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 19:00 – 19:50*

- **Organizer:** Mexiro A.C.
- **Co-organizers:** N/A
- **Description:** The colonial framework depends on a narrative construction with the purpose of legitimizing civilizing projects, extractivist models and a political agenda that seeks to deepen militarization and corruption. This narrative construction becomes a technology that is built upon regimes of silencing, the devastation of ecosystems, corporealties, emotional and territorial geographies. This discussion table is planned in the Global South as places of enunciation and because our corporealties have been racialized to continue perpetuating violence and genocides through militarization and a colonial narrative. We seek to show militarization and corruption as material tools of colonialism that aim to slowly erase indigenous peoples, black and non-mestizo people.

Wednesday, 13 December 2023

Action Now: Combating Corruption to Protect the Environment

*Monday, 11 December 2023, 14:00 – 14:50 (High-Level Segment)*

*Wednesday, 13 December 2023, 8:00 – 9:50 and 13:00 – 14:50 (Technical Segments)*

- **Organizers:** UNODC
- **Co-organizers:** Angola, Basel Institute on Governance, Belgium, Brazil, Environmental Investigation Agency, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, FACT Coalition, France, Germany, Liechtenstein, Malawi, Namibia, Natural Resource Governance Institute, Nature Crime
• **Description:** The event, divided into high-level and technical segments, discussed the impact of corruption in undermining efforts to address crimes that affect the environment, climate change, and issues related to clean energy and green transition. It further discussed how corruption diverts resources meant for conservation of biodiversity, addressing the above-mentioned challenges, and facilitating clean energy and green transitions. Organized in a joint effort by Member States, intergovernmental and civil society organizations, it highlighted good practices and emerging opportunities, and proposed responses and solutions to such corruption. In doing so, it emphasized the need for global and multi-stakeholder responses.

**GlobE International Cooperation Day**  
*Wednesday, 13 December 2023, 14:30 – 20:00*

- **Organizers:** GlobE Network  
- **Co-organizers:** China (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China), France, Israel, Italy, United Kingdom, United States of America, Basel Institute on Governance, Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries, International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre, Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities, OECD

- **Description:** The GlobE International Cooperation Day gathered 26 speakers and more than 110 participants. This special event featured four sessions, which offered practical insights into how to strengthen transnational cooperation among stakeholders involved in the fight against corruption. The sessions underscored the significance of regional and international networks and the role of partnerships between them in advancing transnational corruption cases; emphasized the importance of law enforcement collaboration by showcasing experiences of several countries; outlined the role of regional or national fora for the effective exchange of information; and explored innovative approaches enhancing international cooperation, respectively. These discussions were preceded and followed by a high-level opening and closing sessions. Speakers and co-organizers came from Brazil, China (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China), France, Israel, Italy, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Spain, United Kingdom, United States of America, Basel Institute on Governance, COMJIB, IACCC, NCPA, OECD, and World Bank.

**Celebrating UNCAC@20: A Focus on Judicial Integrity**  
*Wednesday, 13 December 2023, 8:50 – 9:50*

- **Organizers:** UNODC, American Bar Association, Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo  
- **Co-organizers:** N/A

- **Description:** The special event, marking the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), centred on the implementation of article 11 of UNCAC, delving into challenges and successful strategies in strengthening judicial integrity worldwide. Expert speakers from the judiciaries of Brazil, Italy and the Philippines, and from the Center for Human Rights of the American Bar Association, shared valuable insights, encompassing both personal and institutional experiences. The topics covered ranged from transparency, accountability and effective communication with the public to addressing obstacles encountered by women in accessing justice and pursuing judicial careers. The event also explored the role of judicial councils and looked at anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs)) measures. The event was
Corruption as a Security Threat: New Perspectives  
**Wednesday, 13 December 2023, 9:00 – 9:50**

- **Organizers:** Canada, Centre de Recherche sur l'anti-corruption, Transparency International Defence & Security, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre  
- **Co-organizer:** United States Department of State  
- **Description:** This special event featured four presentations representing operational, policy and conceptual perspectives on why and how corruption has a security impact. Key takeaways were:  
  - Corrupt practices disproportionately affect groups in situations of vulnerability;  
  - Case-specific systemic gender inequality puts women at risk of harm;  
  - Need to integrate anti-corruption into the Women, Peace, and Security agenda;  
  - Necessity for politically-informed, diplomatic and military responses in fragile states; and  
  - Importance of helping partners to build strong security sector governance as part of conflict prevention and stabilization.

Implementing Beneficial Ownership Reforms: Global Frameworks  
**Wednesday, 13 December 2023, 9:00 – 9:50**

- **Organizers:** UNODC (Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch), UNODC Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, Open Ownership, Tax Justice Network Africa, Transparency International  
- **Co-organizers:** N/A  
- **Description:** The event focused on global progress and relevant international standards that help establish adequate transparency of beneficial ownership information to counter corruption and illicit financial flows. Stemming from the mandates derived from resolution 9/7, which recognized that an effective beneficial ownership disclosure regime is increasingly seen as an essential policy tool in the fight against corruption, during the two years since the last Conference, the Corruption and Economic Crime Branch of UNODC implemented a broad set of activities to promote greater transparency of beneficial ownership and assist States parties in establishing effective beneficial ownership transparency regimes. Speakers from UNODC, the Financial Action Task Force, the StAR Initiative, the International Monetary Fund, and Transparency International shared insights about the importance of beneficial ownership information in the fight against corruption and ongoing efforts to increase its transparency and their role in enhancing and strengthening global standards in this regard.

Take a Break – Come Laugh with Alexa!  
**Wednesday, 13 December 2023, 9:00 – 9:50**

- **Organizer:** Repatriation Group International  
- **Co-organizers:** N/A  
- **Description:** Stress Relief, Resilience and Well-Being through Laughter. CoSP is full of stressful, world-impactting issues. Break the tension and join a fun and educational 50-min. laughter session! This energizing pick-me-up has been used at many conferences and government events. Participants are led through a series of deep breathing exercises, laughter, and playfulness, ending with a final power-down. They leave refreshed, uplifted, and ready for the next serious event. Our laughter...
exercise programme was created in India by Dr. Madan Kataria 28 years ago. It is practiced in 120 countries and at 20,000 laughter clubs, and is medically proven to reduce stress, boost resilience and foster overall well-being. The exercises are simple and effective, with no experience necessary.

Ukraine Integrity Ecosystem: War and Post-War Recovery  
Wednesday, 13 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50

- **Organizers:** National Agency on Corruption Prevention of Ukraine, Transparency International Ukraine.
- **Co-organizers:** Basel Institute on Governance, East Europe Foundation, Institute of Legislative Ideas and TAPAS Project.
- **Description:** The event was an introduction to Ukraine’s approaches to managing global crises through integrity ecosystem, digitalization and multi-stakeholder coalitions.

The Ignored Pandemic: Acting against Corruption in Health  
Wednesday, 13 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50

- **Organizers:** Global Network for Anti-Corruption, Transparency and Accountability in Health (WHO)
- **Co-organizers:** Center for International Private Enterprise
- **Description:** This special event was an opportunity to position the health sector as a critical area of public service delivery requiring special attention and collective action with regards to ACTA and call for the health sector to be leveraged for testing relevant ACTA approaches. The event presented lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic, including how corruption affected the human right to access essential health services and discuss lessons learned in health emergency response. The special event discussed strategic multisectoral and multi-stakeholder approaches to translate the main principles of good governance (information, transparency, integrity, accountability, participation) into action and present practical country examples of collective efforts and mechanisms to integrate ACTA and mitigate the impact of corruption on health systems.

Strengthening Democracy through Civic Monitoring  
Wednesday, 13 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50

- **Organizer:** Libera Associazioni Nomi e Numeri Contro le Mafie
- **Co-organizer:** University of Pisa
- **Description:** In the context of monitoring democracies, NGOs play a crucial role in strengthening horizontal and vertical accountability mechanisms at the international, national and local levels, by acting as watchdogs against potential abuses of political power. Activating civil society monitoring, in fact crucial to prevent, and sanction cases of corruption and bribes. The event highlighted experiences with a bottom-up involvement of citizens in anti-corruption monitoring. It offered the opportunity for sharing a crucial mechanism to provide support and guidance to decision makers, revitalizing citizens’ participation in the public sphere. Different actions and tools have been analysed comparing cases between Argentina and Italy, but also the point of view of academy and its role, looking at analogies and differences, outcomes, and prospects to improve the effectiveness of future actions, CoSP10 represented a great context where the potential of such tools could be discussed, enforcing a network between different experiences around the world.
Roles & Initiatives of GCC States in Combating Corruption
Wednesday, 13 December 2023, 18:00 – 18:50

- **Organizer:** Gulf Cooperation Council
- **Co-organizers:** N/A
- **Description:** The event showcased the vital role of the Gulf region in combating corruption by enforcing law, investigating corruption-related offences, conducting preventive measures, raising awareness and collaborating with international partners to ensure security and integrity in the region.

Implementing Beneficial Ownership Reforms: National Progress
Wednesday, 13 December 2023, 18:00 – 18:50

- **Organizers:** Nigeria, UNODC (Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch), UNODC Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, Open Ownership, Tax Justice Network Africa, Transparency International
- **Co-organizers:** N/A
- **Description:** This event focused on national-level challenges and lessons in building beneficial ownership frameworks. Speakers shared their first-hand experiences and successful strategies and highlighted the importance of standardized data and collaboration among governments, civil society, and regional bodies. Thom Townsend, Executive Director of Open Ownership, moderated the event, and speakers offered perspectives from governments implementing beneficial ownership reforms, from civil society advocating for and using beneficial ownership data, and from private sector actors for whom progress on beneficial ownership transparency is important. The involvement of various stakeholders presented a multisectoral approach to address the challenges associated with beneficial ownership. Overall, this event contributed to fostering dialogue, sharing best practices, and promoting collaboration in the ongoing efforts to enhance transparency and accountability in various sectors.
The Algerian Network for Transparency "NARACOM"

Thursday, 14 December 2023, 9:00 – 9:50

- **Organizer:** High Authority for Transparency, Prevention and Fight against Corruption of Algeria
- **Co-organizers:** N/A

**Description:** The event discussed the Algerian network for transparency, an interactive digital platform bringing together stakeholders from civil society (associations, media professionals, academics and researchers) democratically elected according to pre-established criteria, whose main missions are to monitor the implementation of the national strategy.

Links between Corruption, Human Trafficking, Money-Laundering

Thursday, 14 December 2023, 9:00 – 9:50

- **Organizer:** Egyptian Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Combating Unit
- **Co-organizer:** UNODC Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa

**Description:** This event was held in the margins of CoSP10, on 14 December 2023, at 9:00 AM EST. It was held given the strong interlinkages between corruption, human trafficking and money-laundering. In this regard, it focused on exchanging experiences and best practices among participating countries: the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the Kingdom of Morocco. In addition, the most recent study by UNODC on this topic, entitled “Illicit Financial Flows associated with Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons from GLO.ACT Partner Countries to Europe”, was tackled.

Collective Action: Holding the Executive to Account

Thursday, 14 December 2023, 9:00 – 9:50

- **Organizer:** UNODC
- **Co-organizer:** Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption

**Description:** The special event, “Collective Action: Holding the Executive to Account” focused on the different approaches that have been taken by a Kenyan Member of Parliament, United States (US) Congress, an independent non-profit public charity that focuses on public procurement, a Malaysian civil society organization and the Philippines media to hold the Executive to account and address corruption. This included, but was not limited to, being a collaborator in the decision-making process, a supporter of knowledge and know-how, advocate for greater accountability and transparency, reporter and watchdog with the example of the Combating Global Corruption Act cited. This Act recently passed the US Congress and includes a classified list of countries where the government is making limited or no efforts to comply with minimum standards outlined in the Act.

Anti-Corruption & Human Rights: Exploring Synergies

Thursday, 14 December 2023, 9:00 – 9:50
• **Organizers:** Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Amnesty International
• **Co-organizers:** Switzerland, OHCHR, UNODC, Transparency International, UNCAC Coalition

**Description:** This event explored the connections between corruption and human rights by examining strategies to improve coordination among UN institutions, applying the human rights approach in the fight against corruption and exploring anti-corruption measures to protect human rights.

### Educating Youth and Society to Foster a Culture of Integrity

*Thursday, 14 December 2023, 13:00 – 14:50*

• **Organizers:** European Commission, UNODC
• **Co-organizers:** Austria, Kuwait, Libya, Malawi, Malta, Morocco, Slovenia, UNODC GRACE initiative, UNODC Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa

**Description:** The CoSP10 special event “Educating Youth and Society to Foster a Culture of Integrity” was held on Thursday, 14 December 2023, from 13:00 to 14:50. Organized by UNODC and the European Commission, it was co-organized by Austria, Libya, Malawi, Kuwait, Malta, Morocco, Slovenia, the GRACE initiative, and the UNODC Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa. By bringing together 13 panellists from across the globe, the special event enabled an action-oriented dialogue and a multi-stakeholder exchange of good practices between academics, senior public officials, youth, anti-corruption and education experts, NGO representatives, as well as educators and administrators from Austria, the European Commission, Kuwait, Libya, Malawi, Malta, Morocco, Philippines, Republic of Slovenia, Ukraine, United States of America, and UNODC. Discussions focused on how education and youth empowerment can meaningfully contribute to anti-corruption prevention and countering corruption, while enabling a culture of integrity, building on the GRACE initiative’s inclusive approach.

### 10th Forum of Parliamentarians Realizing UNCAC®20 Engagement

*Thursday, 14 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50*

• **Organizers:** Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption
• **Co-organizers:** N/A

**Description:** The 10th Forum of Parliamentarians, themed “Global Anti-Corruption Governance: Realising CoSP@20 Parliamentary Engagement,” underscored the critical role of parliamentarians as essential UNCAC stakeholders. Hosted by GOPAC, this forum ran concurrently with the CoSP’s activities, enriching the discourse on parliamentary involvement in the fight against corruption. Building upon the lessons drawn from GOPAC’s parliamentary dialogue in March 2023, the event delved into imperative adjustments to foster greater inclusivity in parliamentary engagement within the CoSP, extending its impact beyond the UNCAC@20 milestone. The forum emphasized the advantages of fortifying commitment to engage parliamentarians and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in anti-corruption endeavours. It highlighted the paramount importance of this collaborative approach in advancing transparency, accountability, and effective governance, particularly within the UNCAC@20 framework.

### Integrity and Anti-Corruption in Sport

*Thursday, 14 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50*

• **Organizer:** International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)
Co-organizer: Sport Integrity Global Alliance (SIGA)

Description: Safeguarding sport from corruption has become one of the main priorities on the international anti-corruption agenda. In this context, the panel tackled issues, such as modern trends and challenges in preventing and combating corruption and other related crimes in sport. It examined areas and relationships most susceptible to corruption within sports organizations and global sport events. The panellists shared insights into the most effective strategies for promoting integrity and preventing corruption in sports organizations. They emphasized the need for a collective commitment to fostering a culture of integrity within the realm of sports. The panellists also discussed the pivotal role that governments, international organizations, and sports bodies play in preventing corruption and promoting compliance in sport. Special attention has been paid to the IACA’s capacity-building programmes, trainings and the research project on integrity and anti-corruption compliance in sport.

Exposed Corruption: The Role of Investigative Journalism
Thursday, 14 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50

Organizers: OECD
Co-organizer: UNODC

Description: Investigative journalism and media reporting are essential sources to raise public awareness and detect corruption and economic crime, but they can face significant challenges. The event explored how journalists and governments, including law enforcement, can work better together to expose corruption and bribery.

From Education to Action: Curbing Corruption in Eurasia
Thursday, 14 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50

Organizers: Central Asian Research Institute on Corruption and Money Laundering
Co-organizers: Anti-Corruption Research and Education Centre (ACREC)

Description: The event focused on traits of curbing corruption in Eurasia. The panel highlighted the activity of the Eurasian Academic Anti-Corruption Network - a collaborative alliance uniting Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, Armenia, and Moldova, and highlighted CSOs as catalysts for transformation.

Marrakech Declaration: A Decade Later
Thursday, 14 December 2023, 14:00 – 14:50

Organizer: National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight against Corruption of Morocco
Co-organizers: N/A

Description: Twelve years after its adoption by the fourth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) on 28 October 2011, in Marrakech, Morocco, the Marrakech declaration’s principles remain highly relevant and require revitalization to further bolster States parties’ efforts in the area of prevention. In that context, and since the fight against corruption requires a constant search for new and innovative approaches, the special event focused on three key areas: Underlining the importance of prevention as one of the main pillars in the fight against corruption; Sharing new perspectives for corruption prevention by international networks and organizations engaged in the fight against corruption (namely: AAACA,
NCPA, IAACA and OCDE); Underscoring the crucial role of cooperation in tackling corruption through technical assistance and capacity-building, particularly in the field of corruption prevention.

**Corruption and the World Drug Problem: Two Roads that Converge**  
*Thursday, 14 December 2023, 14:00 – 14:50*

- **Organizers:** UNODC, Agora Ciudadanos Cambiando, Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research (Working Group on Integrated Drug Policy & Justice), World Federation against Drugs
- **Co-organizers:** National Police Commission of the Philippines, Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Incarcerations Nations Network, Instituto RIA

**Description:** This special event, “Corruption and the World Drug Problem: Two Roads that Converge”, benefited from different perspectives, from the Philippines and the drug situation facing Southeast Asia, to Mexico and Nigeria. It started with a short overview of "A National Study on Drug-related Crimes and Corruption in the Philippines: Finding the Nexus Connecting the Dots". This shed light on the connection between drug trafficking and corruption, and how they mutually reinforce each other, creating a cycle that is hard to break. The drug situation in Mexico was showcased and how there are alternative means to addressing it, including legal regulation. The overall drug situation in Southeast Asia was highlighted, and how corruption is a driving factor. Lastly, the root causes that underpin the drug situation in Nigeria were elaborated noting that this challenge does not occur in a vacuum.

**Financial Investigation: Powerful Tool to Prevent Corruption**  
*Thursday, 14 December 2023, 14:00 – 14:50*

- **Organizer:** UNODC
- **Co-organizers:** N/A

**Description:** As the guardian of UNCAC, UNODC is a global leader in the fight against corruption. The Convention recognizes that both preventive measures and law enforcement are essential to comprehensively address corruption. These means are complements: corruption may be prevented through preventive measures that help mitigate systemic risks and, once the corruption occurs, financial investigations may be deployed as one of the priority areas for criminalization and law enforcement across various platforms and countries. In the special event, stakeholders discussed how corruption prevention and financial investigations can be further synergized to unearth and mitigate systemic weaknesses of institutional corruption vulnerabilities before corruption recurs.

**Defending Civic Space in the Fight against Corruption**  
*Thursday, 14 December 2023, 14:00 – 14:50*

- **Organizer:** UNCAC Coalition
- **Co-organizers:** United States Department of State, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law

**Description:** This event focused on the challenges and limitations of civic space in the fight against corruption and the importance of civil society’s role in combating corruption and advocating for open and transparent processes. The discussion emphasized the need to create an enabling environment that safeguards the rights and freedoms of civil society organizations (CSOs) The participants also discussed the increasing risks and restrictions CSOs encounter, such as restrictions
on foreign funding and the use of criminal defamation and insult laws to silence criticism. The event concluded with a focus on strategies for dealing with potential restrictions and safety measures for personnel and the importance of continued solidarity and collaboration within the anti-corruption community. Link to the special event recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McvtjkXEHB

**International Perspectives on Whistle-Blower Protection**  
*Thursday, 14 December 2023, 18:00 – 18:50*

- **Organizers:** Government Accountability Project  
- **Co-organizers:** European Union, UNCAC Coalition

- **Description:** Experts from EU, US, Serbia (Pištaljka), UNODC, and the Platform to Protect Whistleblowers in Africa discussed good practices for whistle-blower protection, legislative models, investigative agencies, technical assistance, and the EU Directive on the protection of persons who report breaches of Union law.

**Belt and Road Integrity Building**  
*Thursday, 14 December 2023, 18:00 – 18:50*

- **Organizers:** China  
- **Co-organizers:** N/A

- **Description:** The special event “Belt and Road Integrity Building” was held by China with over 100 participants from relevant countries, regions and international organizations. Mr. CAI Wei, Director General of the International Cooperation Department of the National Commission of Supervision of China and Ms. Ghada Waly, Director-General of the UN Office at Vienna and Executive Director of UNODC gave opening addresses. Representatives from Cambodia, China State Construction Engineering Cooperation, Anti-Corruption Agency of Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Bank of China USA, Saudi Arabia and Tsinghua University shared their respective experience in integrity building and discussed how to implement the High-Level Principles on Belt and Road Integrity Building. Additionally, a small exhibition on Belt and Road Integrity Building was also organized.
Comparative Approaches to Address Corruption

Friday, 15 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50

- Organizer: OECD
- Co-organizer: International Development Law Organization, UNODC

Description: The event explored approaches behind the broad framework. Speakers explored specific approaches taken by both States and intergovernmental organizations to address corruption, including through national anti-corruption strategies, openness and transparency initiatives, and tools and innovations deployed by intergovernmental organizations with their partners. PNG has prioritized and mobilized the private sector, civil society and the education system along with establishing an ICAC. Chile adopted a participatory process, coordinated with UNODC, a human rights approach - holistic, data-driven, with a gender perspective and sustainability. Uzbekistan cited openness and transparency as their most effective tool in fighting corruption, with local budgets and government expenditure being monitored, using an open data platform. An Openness index was published in 2023 for the first time covering 86 Ministries, departments and local government. A Central Asian Regional AC Platform was launched to support UNCAC implementation with support for civil society.

Africa: Innovative Ways to Defeat Corruption and Terrorism

Friday, 15 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50

- Organizer: Central Office for the Fight Against Illicit Enrichment (OCLEI) of Mali
- Co-organizer: N/A

Description: This special event was a platform for reflection bringing together experts and practitioners to take a multifaceted approach involving exchanges on best practices and strategies for preventing, detecting and combating corruption and terrorism in Africa.

Pioneering UNCAC’s Subnational IRM: Lessons from Mexico

Friday, 15 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50

- Organizer: UNODC Mexico
- Co-organizer: USAID Mexico, Citizen Participation Committee of the National Anticorruption System

Description: Mexico’s UNCAC Peer to Peer Review Mechanism, developed by UNODC with USAID support, is the world’s first initiative of its kind, offering countries the opportunity to assess domestic gaps in anti-corruption initiatives and highlight achievements at the subnational level. The event brought together national and subnational authorities, civil society, and international donors to explore lessons learned from this groundbreaking initiative.

Combating Kleptocracy amid Great Power Competition

Friday, 15 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:50

- Organizer: Iniciativa para la Recuperación de Activos Venezolanos
Co-organizer: Hudson Institute

Description: Global powers are wresting for influence across the economic, political, technological, and security domains on a scale unseen since the Cold War. Activists from across the Global South discussed how this political realignment is transforming their struggles against corruption and kleptocracy.

**UNCAC and Civil and Administrative Liability for Corruption**
*Friday, 15 December 2023, 14:00 – 14:50*

- **Organizer:** UNODC
- **Co-organizer:** N/A

Description: The event brought together several national experts who explored and examined domestic practices and mechanisms for international cooperation in the context of civil and administrative remedies for corruption. The event also served as the official launch of a new UNODC publication entitled "Civil and Administrative Liability for Corruption: Domestic Practices and Ways to Enhance International Cooperation under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption."

**Judicial Specialization in the Fight Against Corruption**
*Friday, 15 December 2023, 14:00 – 14:50*

- **Organizer:** Council of Europe
- **Co-organizer:** N/A

Description: The special event aimed to contribute to the debates on trends and practices of special courts and specialized judges in the anti-corruption area through a presentation of the Council of Europe’s comparative analysis on the rationale and approaches for the establishment of specialist anti-corruption courts and the use of specialized anti-corruption judges. Presenters highlighted several issues identified and analysed such as trust in public and judicial institutions, funding and cost-effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and other more specific features. Moreover, the speakers drew attention to some hard questions: Is the establishment of such court a sign of commitment and will to change and combat the corruption phenomenon or is it an apparently straightforward “quick fix” solution to an intractable problem? How can the reasons and underlying goals of the anti-corruption court impact on the success or otherwise of the enterprise? What are the consequences of each model of specialized anti-corruption judicial bodies?