

The Human Rights Case against Corruption: A Panel Discussion

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Chair/Moderator: Mr. Bat-Erdene Ayush, OHCHR

Opening remarks: Mr. John B. Sandage, UNODC

Panellists:

- Mr. Anga Timilsina, UNDP
- Mr. Gareth Sweeney, TI
- Mr. Martin Kreutner, IACA
- Mr. Abdeslam Abouddrar, Central Instance for the Prevention of Corruption of Morocco

Corruption is an enormous obstacle to the realization of human rights and can also lead to human rights violations. Anti-corruption measures therefore contribute to the effective enjoyment of human rights. Effective implementation of human rights contributes to building a corruption-free society. Aligning anti-corruption efforts with human rights promotion and protection has the potential to create synergies and will be mutually beneficial. A human rights-based approach to anti-corruption means putting the international human rights entitlements and claims of the people (the 'right-holders') and the corresponding obligations of the State (the 'duty-bearer') in the centre of the anti-corruption debate and efforts at all levels, and integrating international human rights principles including non-discrimination and equality, participation and inclusion, accountability, transparency, and the rule of law.