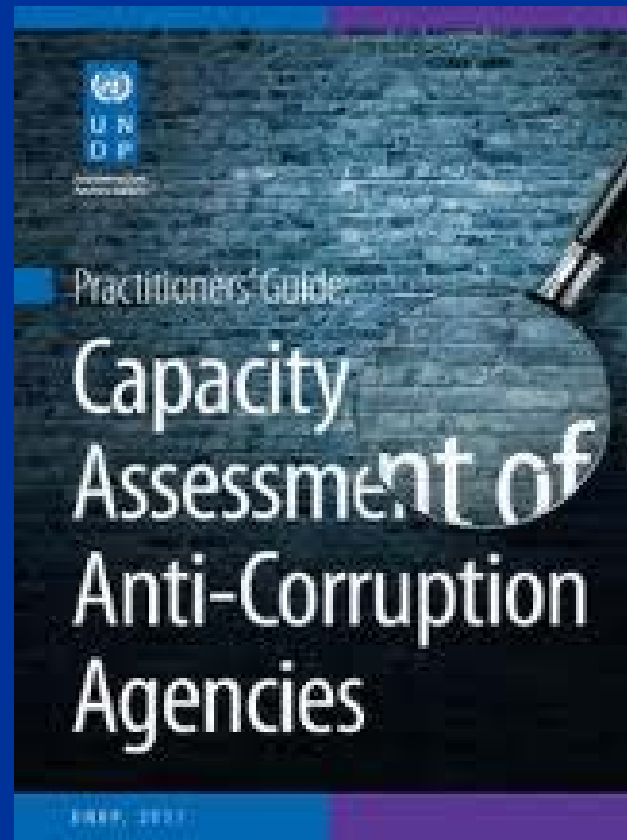
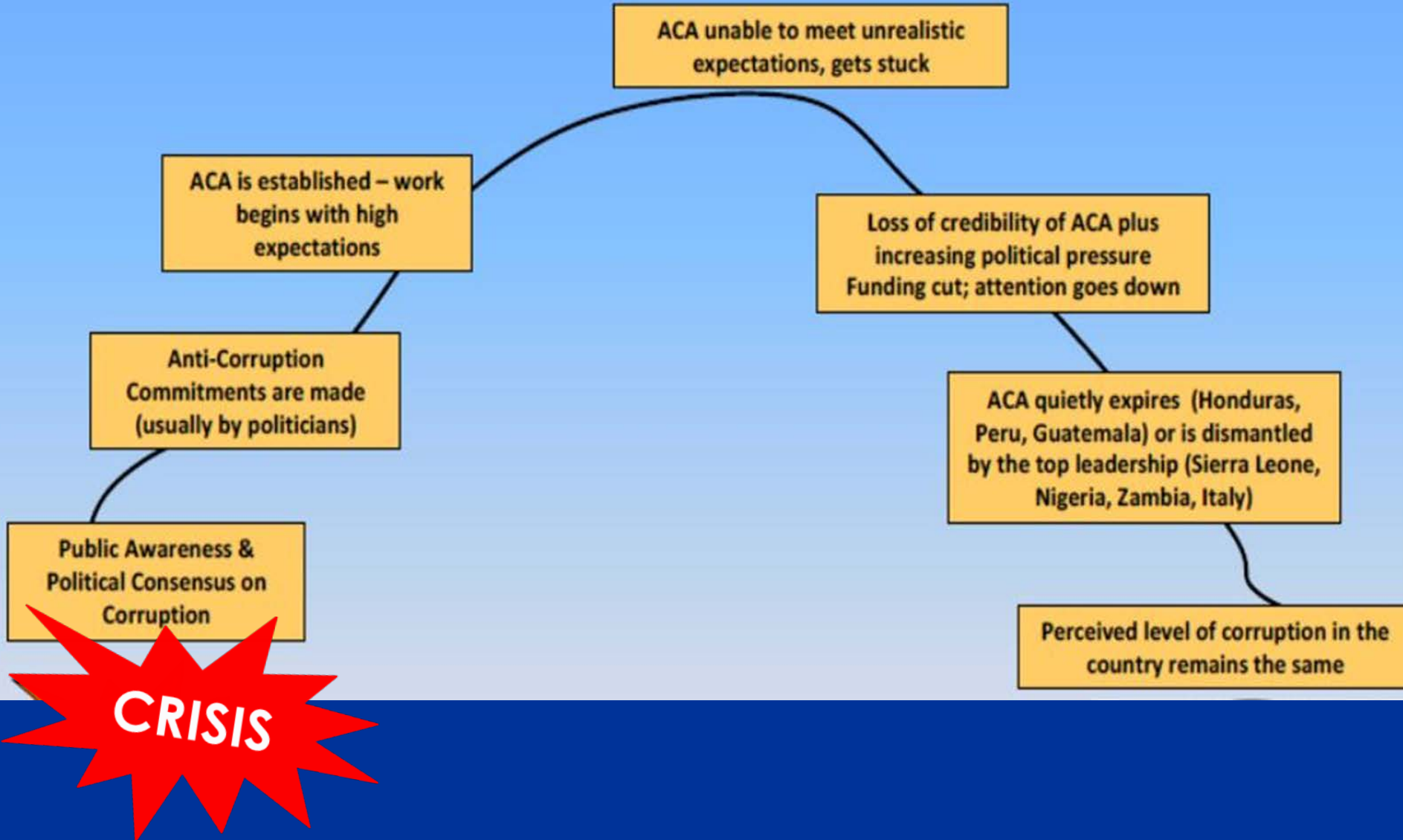


Turning the Jakarta Principles into practice: Where to start?

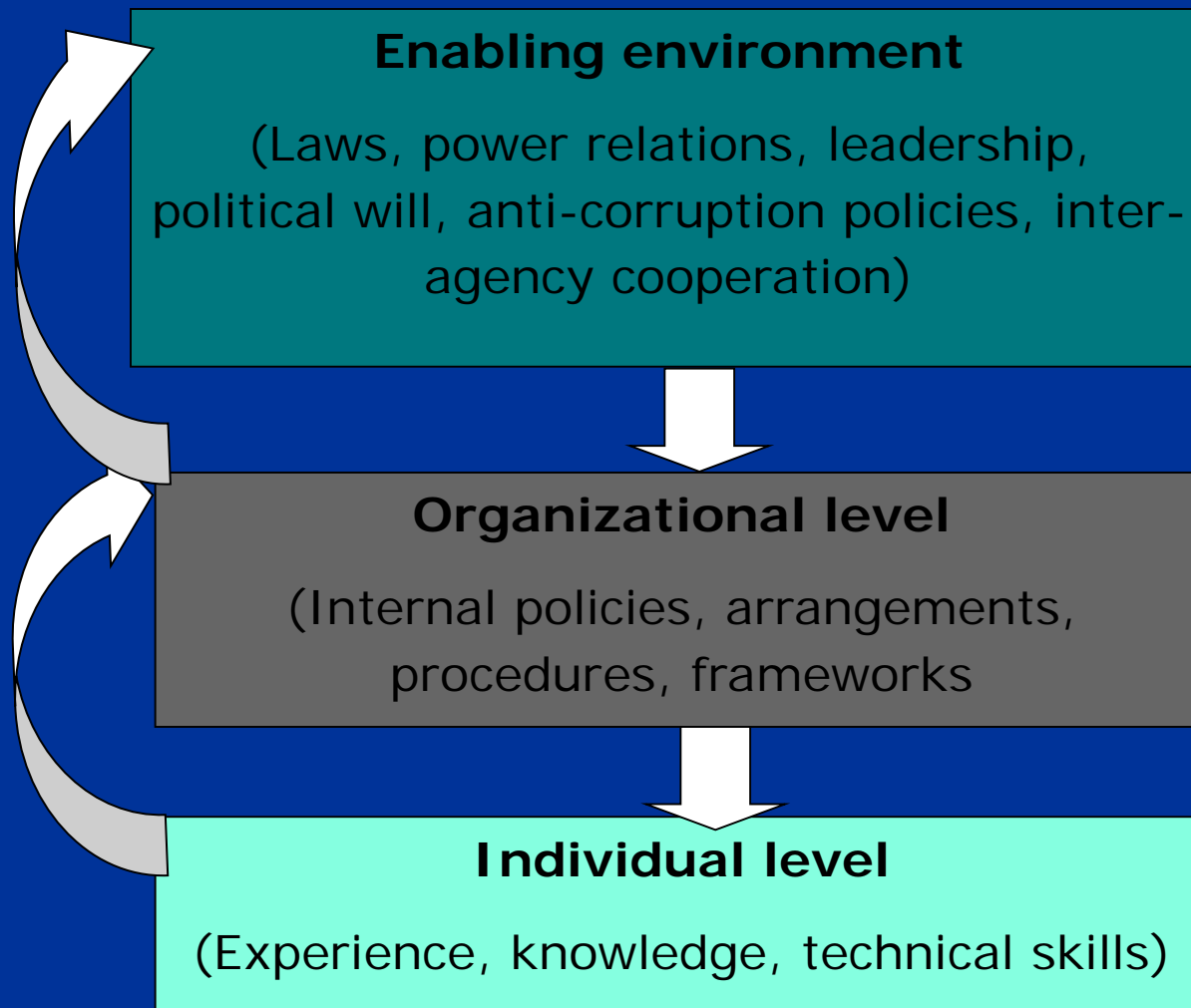


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Observed life cycle of ACAs



The effectiveness of ACAs largely depends on the enabling environment



What does operational independence mean in practice



Operational independence:

Appointment (apolitical, impartial, neutral); **removal** (legally established); **immunity** from civil and criminal proceedings; **authority over human resources**; **financial autonomy**

Financial autonomy

- *Experts estimate that 0.3% of the total national budget should be allocated to the country's anti-corruption agency (Hong Kong ICAC)*
- In Mongolia: Reduction of the budget of the anti-corruption agency compared with the year before is prohibited

Independence does not mean isolation



“The anti-corruption agency’s battle against corrupt practices is like “a gecko challenging a crocodile.”
(New York Times, 2009)



How to put into practice the principle of collaboration



Collaboration with stakeholders

(Inter-agency, CSO, private sector, international partners)

Kuala Lumpur Statement on Anti-Corruption Strategies

- Philippines: UNCAC Presidential Inter-Agency Committee created by Executive Order of the President to monitor implementation of UNCAC
- Malaysia: 6-weeks consultation labs with stakeholders to identify and operationalize anti-corruption targets as part of national development strategy

How to put into practice the principle of collaboration



Public support can help prevent temptations from politicians to curtail ACAs' powers

External communication to gain public trust

Public Reporting: (not just about activities & process)

- Regular updates to the media, including on cases
- Partnering for awareness raising campaigns
- Department dedicated to communications

What more can be done to operationalize the Jakarta Principles?



- Further elaborate on those principles that are of fundamental importance for the ACAs to operate effectively
- International community to complement the statement with a “commentary”/guidance on institutional design