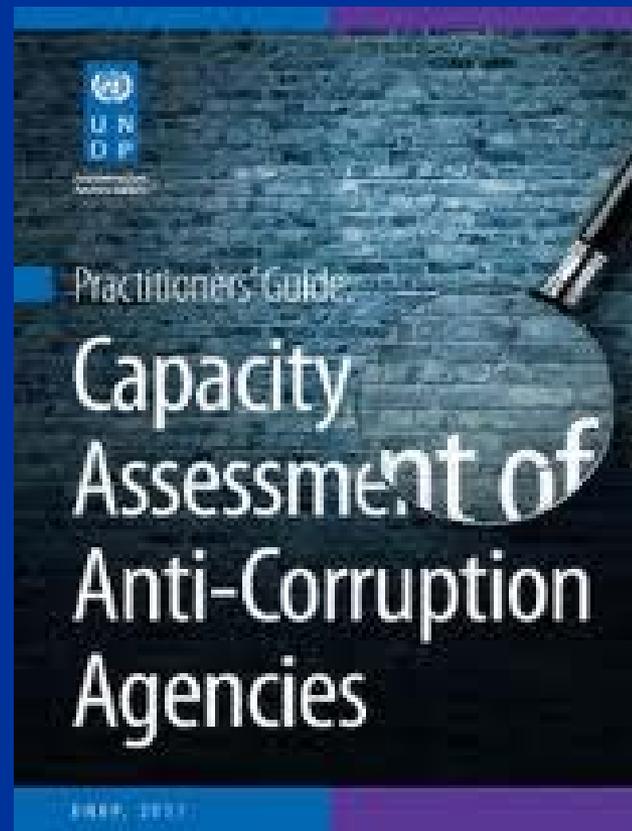
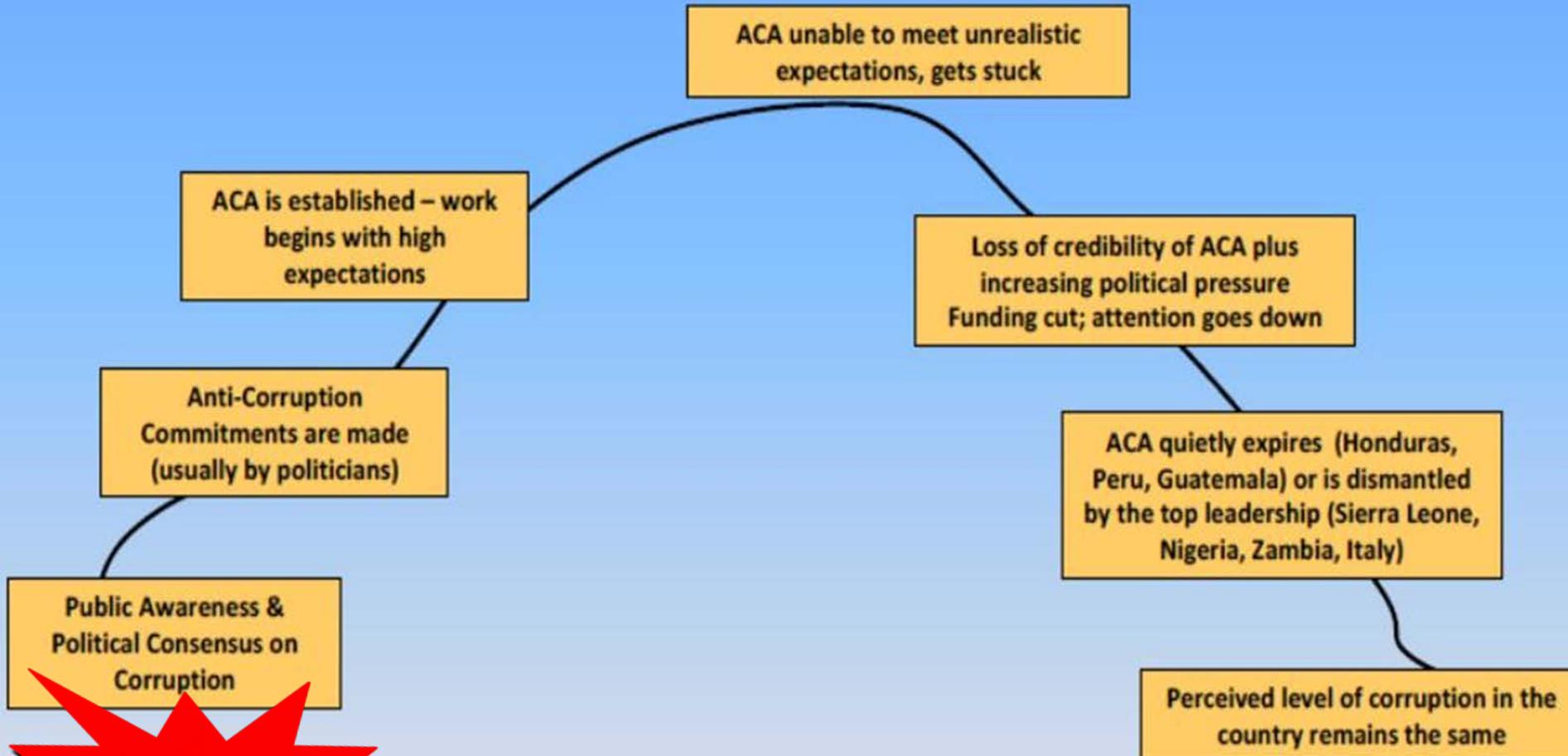


# Turning the Jakarta Principles into practice: Where to start?

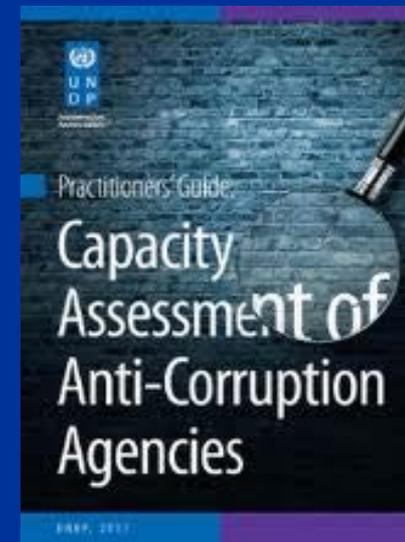
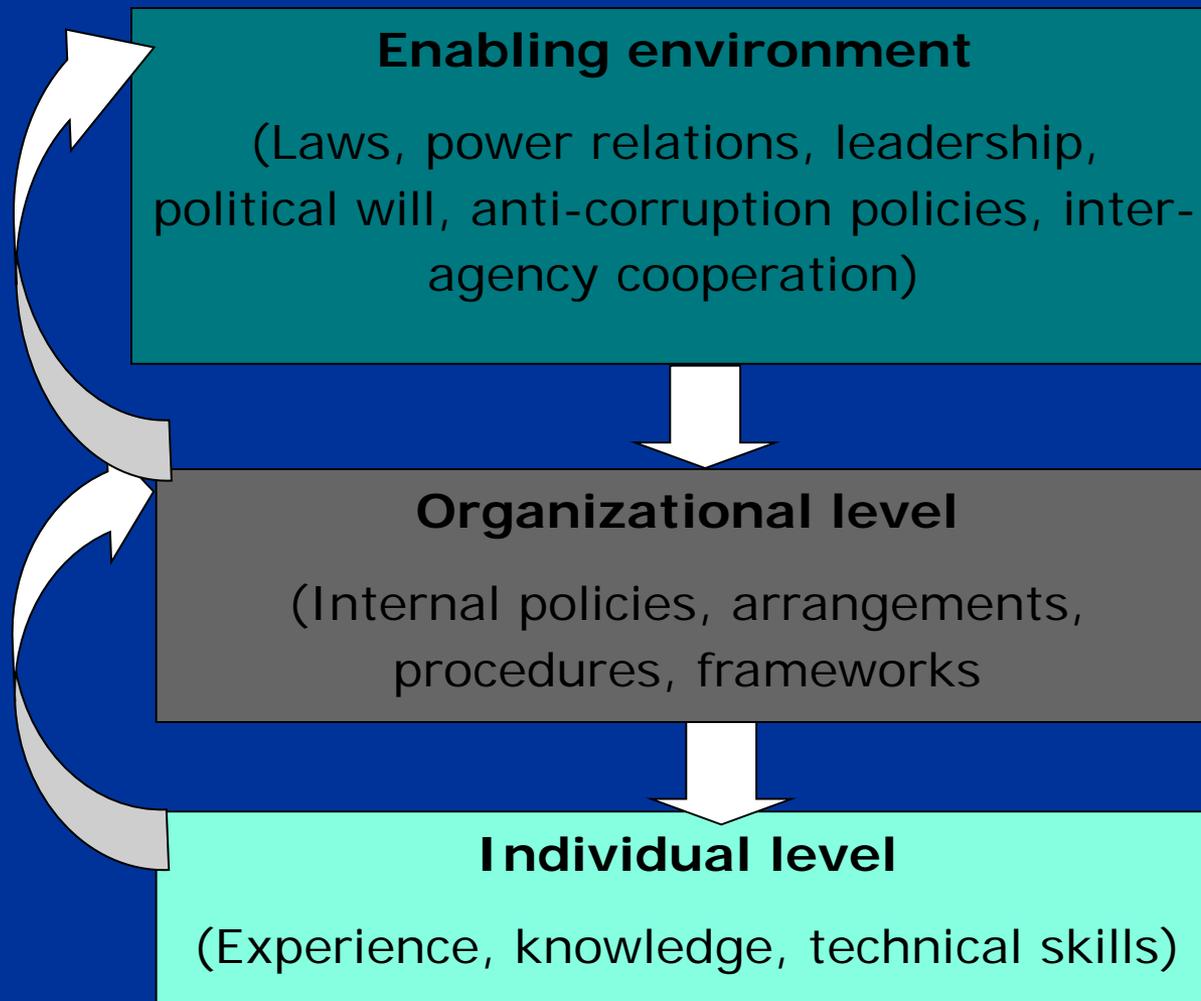


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# Observed life cycle of ACAs



# 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