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**CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS
CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION, SEVENTH SESSION
Vienna, Austria, 6-10 November 2017**

SPECIAL EVENT

Fostering partnerships to fast-track UNCAC implementation

6 November 2017, Time: 15:30 – 17:00pm

CONFERENCE ROOM M6

I. INTRODUCTION

The centrality of **the United Nations Convention against Corruption** as the sole global legally binding international instrument against corruption was underlined by the **2016 London Anti-Corruption Summit**¹, as it holds great potential as a framework for the prevention of and fight against corruption and as the backbone for national and international anti-corruption initiatives to ensure that unified standards are applied and consistent approaches are taken.

In order to build on the momentum and outcomes of the London Anti-Corruption Summit UNODC organised two Regional Workshops in Southeast Asia and East Africa. These events aimed building and fostering partnerships among anti-corruption practitioners and creating **regional platforms to fast track the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption**.

These **regional platforms**, bring together States parties in Southeast Asia and East Africa with a variety of key technical assistance providers, including donors, international/regional organizations, private sector entities, and civil society organizations. The purpose of the platforms is to leverage means and actions to accelerate UNCAC implementation in the spirit of the UK Summit communiqué through:

- taking stock of UNCAC implementation within the various participating countries;
- identifying common priorities and cross-cutting technical assistance needs for follow up at regional and national levels;
- sharing and identifying good practices in implementing priority UNCAC articles;
- matching technical assistance demand with supply, identifying any remaining challenges and technical assistance gaps;
- generating ideas on how to energize the implementation of relevant key articles of UNCAC, based on identified regional priorities.

¹ Anti-corruption Summit - London 2016 – Communiqué, 12 May 2016, paras. 3; 27, available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/522791/FINAL_-_AC_Summit_Communique_-_May_2016.pdf

At the event, high level representatives of anti-corruption agencies and experts will present the thematic areas identified as priorities for cooperation in the fight against corruption in Southeast Asia East Africa. Best practices, initiatives and challenges for international cooperation in the two region will be debated with a view to inform the activities of the regional platforms in the coming years and propose models for cooperation in other regions as well.

II. PANELLISTS

- Justice Irene Mulyagonja, Inspector-General of Government, Uganda
- Mr. Wong Hong Kuan, Director, Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau, Singapore
- Mr. Kittit Wasinondh, National Legislative Assembly Member, Thailand
- Ms Jackline Were, Chapter Coordinator, Transparency International Kenya
- Ms Alison Crocket, Head, Anti-Corruption and Transparency Team, Economic Diplomacy Directorate, UK FCO

- **Moderator:** Mr Tim Steele, Senior Adviser, Anti-Corruption, UNODC

III. FORMAT AND AGENDA

The event will discuss next steps following the London Summit and the two Regional Workshops in East Africa and Southeast Asia. Panellists will deliver presentations describing their efforts for the fight against corruption in the regional contexts, emphasizing the areas in which regional cooperation is particularly needed and effective.

15:30 Introduction by the Moderator

15:40 – 16:25 National and regional challenges and opportunities for UNCAC implementation:

- Justice Irene Mulyagonja, Inspector-General of Government, Uganda
- Mr. Wong Hong Kuan, Director, Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau, Singapore
- Mr. Kittita Wasinondh, National Legislative Assembly Member, Thailand

16:25 – 16:35 Civil society's take on recent progresses in implementing UNCAC

- Ms Jackline Were, Chapter Coordinator, Transparency International Kenya

16:35 – 16:40 UK FCO initiatives to support UNCAC implementation

- Ms Alison Crocket, Head, Anti-Corruption and Transparency Team, Economic Diplomacy Directorate, UK FCO

16:40 – 17:00 Q&A and conclusions

IV. PUBLICATIONS (if any)

Outcome documents of the two Conferences on Fast Tracking the Implementation of UNCAC in Southeast Asia and East Africa.