

*7th Session of the Conference of the State Parties to the United Nations
Convention against Corruption*

SIDE EVENT

Good Practices in CSO Engagement in the UNCAC Review Mechanism: Governmental and CSO Perspectives

Organized by UNODC in partnership with UNCAC Coalition

***Tuesday, 7 November 2017
13:30 – 15:00, M Building, M4***

Refreshment will be served at the end of the event!

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Moderator

Petra Schirnhofer, Austrian Development Agency.

From the Republic of Mauritius

Homanaaden Ponen, Independent Commission Against Corruption
Rajendra Coomar Reedha, Civil Society Network Against Corruption

From Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mevludin Džindo, Agency for Prevention of Corruption and Coordination of the Fight against Corruption (APIK)
Pedja Djurasovic, Transparency International Bosnia and Herzegovina

From the African Regional Anti-Corruption Platform

Jackline Were, Transparency International Kenya

Synopsis

The side event brings together and demonstrates successful partnerships between States Parties and members of civil society organisations (CSOs) during and following the first and second cycle of reviews of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). Two pairings of governments and CSOs, from Mauritius and Bosnia and Herzegovina respectively, will discuss good practices in CSO engagement in the review process. Both CSOs and their respective governments will describe (a) the practicalities of their partnerships, (b) whether they resulted in CSOs having either a direct or indirect influence on policy and legislative reforms, (c) how it has helped strengthen the fight against corruption in their country, and (d) possibilities for further engagement.

The side event will stimulate thoughts on the potential means to strengthen CSO engagement for future country reviews and better inform all stakeholders on the variety of ways CSOs can meaningfully play a role in the review mechanism.

The UNCAC Coalition's Africa Region Anti-Corruption Platform will be launched. TI Kenya will present their work in supporting the creation of the platform, which aims to promote collaboration between CSOs and facilitate the identification of partners. The platform provides country-specific profiles of CSOs in the sub-region doing UNCAC-related work establishing a base to learn from other CSOs in the sub-region about their involvement.