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SPECIAL EVENT

**#NextGenAntiCorruption: The Future of Anti-Corruption Battle and How Cutting-Edge
Technological Solutions are Helping to Prevent and Detect Corruption**

**Date, time – December 18, 2019
14:00-15:00**

CONFERENCE ROOM - CR6

I. INTRODUCTION

In the past two decades, technology has increasingly been used by governments and civil society organizations for anti-corruption efforts, including corruption reporting, data-transparency, monitoring, data collection, and e-government. More recently, frontier technologies such as artificial intelligence and blockchain have provided us with many new opportunities in the next generation of anti-corruption programming, while adding a new dimension of vulnerability and risk. There is a need to understand how to harness these opportunities to unlock their benefits, prevent the misuse of technologies for private gain, and build just and inclusive societies.

II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this workshop are to:

1. Showcase successful innovative initiatives at regional and country levels, in using technology for social accountability, increasing transparency, and improving service delivery. (Armenia, France, Serbia, ASEAN countries)
2. Highlight the role of frontier technologies as a powerful tool to fight corruption, while identifying the risks, challenges and gaps that exist and highlighting mechanisms and measures to address those risks.
3. Identify entry points to support the [#NextGenAntiCorruption](#) programming at regional and country levels.

III. PANELLISTS

Moderator: Arne Strand – Director, U4 (confirmed) – 2 minutes introduction

Keynote speech: H.E. Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Rustam Badasyan (confirmed) - 5 minutes

Keynote speech: H.E. Pak Un Jong, Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea (ACRC) Chairperson (confirmed) – 5 minutes

Representative from France - H.E. Xavier Sticker, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations and International Organisations in Vienna (confirmed) – 7 minutes

Topic: Experience of France to promote innovation, social accountability, transparency, improved service delivery through using technology. The role of frontier technologies as a powerful tool to fight corruption.

Representative from donor community – Kötter, Henriette, Senior Policy Officer at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, BMZ (confirmed) – 7 minutes

Topic: Country examples related to the usage of technology and digital tools for anti-corruption and transparency in the field of finance, timber sector, journalism and anti-money laundering.

Representative from Serbia – Mladen Alimpijevic, Independent Adviser for Public Procurement Office, Government of the Republic of Serbia (confirmed) – 7 minutes

Topic: Public procurement reform in the Republic of Serbia.

UNDP Bangkok regional hub –Diana Torres, Programme Manager – Business Integrity in the Asia-Pacific region (confirmed) – 7 minutes

IV. FORMAT AND AGENDA

A. Opening by moderator and presentation of the objectives of the workshop.

B. Introduction of panellists by moderator.

Time for keynote speech – 5 minutes for each keynote speaker
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Time for presentation for each panellist – 7 minutes
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Right after the presentations by panellists and prior to opening the floor for questions, we have included **a respondent**– Irakli Kotetishvili, UNDP’s Anti-Corruption and Public Administration Reform Specialist, – 5 minutes. We expect him to summarize the trends in ECIS region on the role of frontier technologies as a powerful tool to fight corruption, while identifying the risks, challenges and gaps that exist and highlighting mechanisms and measures that UNDP is applying together with partners to address those risks.

C. Questions to panellists (time slot – 15 minutes)

- Facilitator opens the floor for questions to the panellists

D. Closing observations by panellists and Moderator (time slot – 7 minutes)

- 1 minute per panellist
- 2 minutes for Moderator's remarks and closing the event.

IV. PUBLICATIONS (if any)