



CONCEPT NOTE - SPECIAL EVENT

9th Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption

SUCCESSFUL AND INNOVATIVE EXPERIENCES WHEN PREVENTING CORRUPTION IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR: WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM EACH OTHER?

Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, 13 December 2021 – 14:00

Background

After almost 20 years of the adoption of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), preventing corruption remains one of the cornerstones of all efforts when addressing the complex and multifaceted challenges posed by this crime. This was strongly reinforced by our Heads of State and Government when they participated in the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Corruption and adopted the Political Declaration “*Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation*”.

UNCAC and the Political Declaration set respectively the obligations and political commitments of States to take decisive actions in preventing corruption in the public sector and for public officials.

Chapter II of the UNCAC is indicative of the measures that we all shall take, and the commitment made in the Political Declaration to foster a culture of accountability, transparency, legality, integrity and fairness in the public sector, including by applying anti-corruption obligations and measures, codes of conduct and other ethical standards for all public officials, are of paramount relevance and attention.

Objectives

Fulfilling our obligations and commitments is not an easy task, and this has been shown by the preliminary results of the Second Cycle of the Implementation Review Mechanism, where an important set of challenges and recommendations on Chapter II of the Convention have been identified.

At the same time there are also promising good practices, policies and efforts made by States in this regard, and this event is aimed at serving as a platform to learn from each other and promote the required international cooperation in sharing examples



on successful and innovative efforts when preventing corruption in the public sector.

In Colombia for example, the Interinstitutional Network of Transparency and Anticorruption (RITA), the Anticorruption National Portal (PACO) and the National Anticorruption Index (INAC) are some of the tools that the Government has implemented to reduce corruption, protect whistle-blowers and encourage a culture of transparency.

In the United States, it can observe a decentralized approach to anti-corruption efforts at the local, regional, and national level. The Office of Government Ethics (OGE) provides a platform for ethics and policy training to harmonize strategies and provide resources to all the different departments and agencies. Publicly available datasets have also opened up innovation from civil society, academics, and the media.

This convergence of interests and common goals can be exemplified in the international cooperation that exists among like-minded States, not only in terms of mutual legal assistance, but also in partnerships to develop projects that further aid States in the implementation of the Convention.

Format: Hybrid meeting – In person and through Microsoft Teams.

The event will feature a panel discussion on these matters. Panellists will be encouraged to share their experiences, as well as their views, and present the more innovative projects that they have implemented in their States to fight corruption in the public sector.

Agenda:

Welcome Remarks and moderation:

- **2:00 -2:05 p.m.** H.E. Miguel Camilo Ruiz Blanco, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations in Vienna.
- **2:05 -2:15 p.m.** H.E Ms. Marta Lucia Ramirez, Vice president of the Republic of Colombia and Minister of Foreign Affairs (Pre-recorded message).

Speakers:

- **2:15 - 2:25 p.m.** Mr. Camilo Jaimes – Under Secretary of Transparency of Colombia.



- **2:25 - 2:35 p.m.** Mr. Kim Ki-sun – Director General for Inspection and Protection Bureau – Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission of Korea.
- **2:35 - 2:45 p.m.** Mr. Louis Lawrence Bono, Chargé d'Affaires, Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations in Vienna.
- **2:45 – 3:00 p.m.** Q&A.

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