



OVERSEEING THE RESPONSIBLE  
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## Concept note

# NINTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

## SPECIAL EVENT | CORRUPTION IN CHECK: SUPREME AUDIT INSTITUTIONS ON THE MOVE

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, EGYPT

<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile
<b>DATE</b>	Tuesday, 14 December 2021
<b>TIME</b>	1pm to 2pm (GMT+2)
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English
<b>VENUE</b>	Conference room C2 of the Sharm-El Sheikh Convention Center
<b>FORMAT</b>	Panel discussion
<b>LINK</b>	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>



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## DESCRIPTION

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Supreme audit institutions play a key role in the fight against corruption and can contribute to the development of strategic actions in line with the United Nations Convention against Corruption. To this end, national anti-corruption strategies have become an increasingly popular approach to coordinating efforts among stakeholders. At this event, the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile will share the work of his Office in formulating a national anti-corruption strategy, with the purpose of motivating other supreme audit institutions to engage in similar initiatives. The panel will explore good practices, lessons learned and challenges faced by supreme audit institutions in the development of measures to tackle corruption, with an emphasis on the participation of society and the incorporation of a gender dimension.

## SCENARIO

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In this panel discussion, Jorge Bermúdez, Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile, will describe the experience of his Office in developing a national anti-corruption strategy, with the support of UNODC. Harib Al Amimi, President of the State Audit Institution of the United Arab Emirates, will then discuss challenges and efforts of supreme audit institutions in tackling corruption. Ghada Waly, Executive Director of UNODC, will provide closing remarks outlining international commitments related to the role of supreme audit institutions in the fight against corruption and by highlighting how these commitments were translated into actions through the national anti-corruption strategy developed by the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile, with support from UNODC. Valentina Monasterio, Chairwoman of the Audit Operations Committee of the United Nations Board of Auditors, will serve as the moderator. Short messages in the form of pre-recorded videos from civil society leaders will be shared with event participants. Audience interaction will be managed using Mentimeter, an interactive presentation software, which will enable the audience to ask questions during the event.

## SEATING ARRANGEMENTS AND THE EXPECTED AUDIENCE

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The three speakers and the moderator, two women and two men, will be seated at the podium. On Pre-recorded videos by female leaders from civil society organizations will be played to further provide a female perspective. Details of the audience, including on gender balance, will be confirmed.

## MODERATOR AND SPEAKERS

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### Moderator

#### **Valentina Monasterio, Chairwoman of the Audit Operations Committee of the United Nations Board of Auditors**

Ms. Monasterio is the Director of External Audit and a member of the Audit Operations Committee that coordinates the work of the United Nations Board of Auditors.



Ms. Monasterio is a lawyer and holds a Master's degree in International Law, Investments, Commerce and Arbitration from the University of Heidelberg, Germany, and the University of Chile.

She was a lawyer at the General Directorate of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile for 11 years and was Head of the Department of Public International Law at that Directorate for two years. She is currently the President of the Chilean Society of International Law.

### Speakers

#### **Ghada Waly, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

Ms. Waly has over 30 years of experience in the fields of poverty reduction and social protection. She served as the Minister of Social Solidarity of Egypt from March 2014 to December 2019, and as the Coordinator of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Social Justice between 2014 and 2019, during which



time she also chaired the Executive Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs of the League of Arab States. In addition, she has been the Chairperson of Nasser Social Bank, a pro-poor developmental financial institution.

In addition, she has chaired the boards of the National Center for Social and Criminological Research, the National Fund for Drug and Addiction Control and the National Authority of Pensions and Social Insurance.



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Other leadership positions include Managing Director of the Social Fund for Development, a multimillion-dollar small and mid-size enterprises fund, and Assistant Resident Representative for poverty reduction at the United Nations Development Programme, where she was responsible for coordinating the Millennium Development Goals Report and for launching the National Strategy for Microfinance. She was also Programme Director of CARE International in Egypt, working in the field of poverty alleviation, and a chairperson of Red Crescent Association.

Ms. Waly has a Bachelor's degree in Foreign Languages and Literature and a Master's degree in Humanities, both from Colorado State University. She also holds a diploma in international development and a diploma in project management and is certified in microfinance from the University of Colorado Boulder. She is fluent in Arabic, English and French and has a working knowledge of Spanish.

### **Jorge Bermúdez, Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile**

Mr. Bermúdez is a lawyer with extensive experience of working with academia and public and private organizations. He holds a degree in Legal Sciences, a Master's degree in European Community Law and a PhD in Law. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Giessen and the University of Heidelberg in Germany. He has participated in important forums, seminars and international conferences, and has published numerous books and articles related to environmental and administrative law.



Mr. Bermúdez has been the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile since December 2015. He is also the Executive Secretary of the Organization of Latin American and Caribbean Supreme Audit Institutions (OLACEFS) and holds the chair of the Working Group on Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination of OLACEFS and the United Nations Board of Auditors.



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## **Harib Al Amimi, President of the State Audit Institution of the United Arab Emirates**

Mr. Al Amimi has a Bachelor's degree in Accounting, a Master's degree in Science in Financial Management and a PhD in Financial Economics. He served as an Officer in the Armed Forces of the United Arab Emirates for more than 25 years and was appointed in 2007 as the President of the State Audit Institution, making him only the second person to hold this position in the history of the organization.



As the President of State Audit Institution, Mr. Al Amimi is responsible for supervising development related to the United Nations Convention against Corruption. Also, he was Chairman of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions between 2016 and 2018, overseeing the XXII International Congress of the International Organization of the Supreme Audit Institutions, held in Abu Dhabi in 2016. In 2019, Mr. Al Amimi became the President of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, which is a position with a two-year term.