

Special Event

“Stepping up Global Action for Business Integrity”

**Ninth Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations
Convention against Corruption
Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt**

Tuesday, 14 December 2021 | 2 – 3 PM | Room Ste Catherine

The **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**, in collaboration with **Siemens AG**, will organize a special event on the topic **“Stepping up Global Action for Business Integrity”** at the ninth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, to be held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, from 13 to 17 December 2021.

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Despite progress in recent years, corruption remains a key impediment to sustainable development. The COVID-19 pandemic has all but intensified challenges to business integrity by disrupting supply chains and producing rapid shifts in corruption risks for companies. As a response, Collective Action by the public sector, the private sector, civil society and academia is required to develop innovative and sustainable solutions to prevent and counter corruption.

The political declaration adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its special session against corruption ([UNGASS](#)) in 2021 recognizes the importance of preventing corruption in the private sector and encourages it to engage further in Collective Action.

Siemens AG and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) look back at more than a decade of partnership to strengthen business integrity. Under its [Integrity Initiative](#), Siemens AG has contributed over US\$ 13.6 million to UNODC efforts to prevent and counter corruption in and with the private sector, enabling the Office to deliver nine projects in 17 countries around the globe.

Yet, Siemens AG is the only company supporting anti-corruption efforts under the United Nations Convention against Corruption. More work remains to be done and the private sector is called upon to step up global action for business integrity.

The objectives of this special event are to:

- Discuss the latest trends in the area of business integrity;
- Illustrate the impact of the private sector-funded work of UNODC over the past ten years;
- Call on private sector leaders and champions of integrity to step up their engagement.

At the special event, high-level panellists will discuss the following questions:

- What is the role of large multinationals in the global fight against corruption and how can more active private sector representatives be engaged?
- How can business leaders strengthen integrity in their companies and beyond?
- How can governments advance legal frameworks to strengthen business integrity?

- What are the main lessons learned from the implementation of private sector-funded anti-corruption programmes?

The special event will feature a video message by Siemens AG on its Integrity Initiative and the partnership with UNODC. This will be followed by a “Davos-style” discussion. No presentations or formal speeches will be delivered in order to stimulate an interactive debate.

The Speakers:

- Ghada Waly, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- Wagner de Campos Rosário, Minister of the Office of the Comptroller General, Brazil
- Mostafa El-Bagoury, Chief Executive Officer, Siemens Egypt
- Amgad Mohamed Saied, Legal Advisor for the Minister, Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy, Egypt
- Ahmed Mohamed Abd Elhamed Mohina, First Undersecretary, Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy, Egypt
- Natasha Shirazi, Legal Director, Orascom
- Eman Soliman, Board Member, Arab Contractors
- Pedro Gómez, Head, Partnering Against Corruption Initiative, World Economic Forum

Moderator: Gretta Fenner, Managing Director, Basel Institute on Governance

Who can attend this special event?

This special event is open to all those who will attend the five-day Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption. The special event is designed to bring together prominent officials, experts and practitioners from the public sector, the private sector, international organizations, civil society and academia working on the topic of business integrity. Participation, possible also online, is open to companies of all sizes, particularly business leaders, chief legal and compliance officers.

The Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption

The Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption is the world’s largest anti-corruption policymaking body. The sessions of the Conference, held every two years, are attended by hundreds of high-level lawmakers, policymakers and practitioners from 189 parties that have ratified the United Nations Convention against Corruption and are committed to its implementation. At each session, the Conference reviews States’ efforts to implement the United Nations Convention against Corruption and adopts resolutions which steer global anti-corruption policy and efforts. Besides an official programme of work for governments, the sessions of the Conference offer a rich programme of special events with high impact and visibility.