



CONFERENCE OF THE STATE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS
CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

Special Event on

**“Taking Stock of Work of the Expert Group Meeting on Corruption and
International Investments”**

Sharm-El-Sheikh, 16 December 2021

International Conference Center, NILE VALLEY

15.30-16.30

Programme:

- *Outcome of the Expert Group Meeting and Way Forward* – Mr. Vladimir Kozin, Regional Anti-Corruption Advisor, UNODC
- *International Investment Agreements Reform*–Mr. Hamed El-Kady, Investment Policy Officer, Senior Coordinator, International Investment Agreements Section, Division of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD
- *Ensuring Integrity and Preventing Misuse of Immigration Investment Programs* – Ms. Luo Chenzi, Inspector of International Cooperation Department, National Commission of Supervision of China
- *Corruption and Investor-State disputes – Insights from the upcoming UNODC Study*– Prof. Yarik Kryvoi, Director of the Investment Treaty Forum, British Institute of International and Comparative Law
- *Integrity of International Investments – Technological Solutions* – Mr. Max Heywood, Head of Public Sector Policy and Outreach, Elucidate
- Questions and answers
Moderators: Mr. Vladimir Kozin, Prof. Yarik Kryvoi

Goals and expected outcome:

In December 2019, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption adopted Resolution 8/9, in which it noted “the positive role of international investments and the importance of minimizing opportunities for corruption and transfer of proceeds of crime in this context.” The Conference requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (“UNODC”) to consider organizing an expert meeting “to discuss the issues of the existence and the extent of corruption and the transfer of proceeds of crime in the context of international investments, with a view to raising awareness of existing issues in this area and promoting the implementation, if appropriate, of relevant provisions of UNCAC and other international instruments.”

UNODC partnered with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (“UNCTAD”) to organize an Expert Group Meeting on Corruption and International Investments.

The purpose of the Expert Group Meeting was to provide a platform for anti-corruption and foreign investment specialists to exchange ideas, discuss common challenges and identify ways forward with respect to minimizing the risk of and opportunities for corruption in foreign direct investments.

The Meeting took place on 18 and 19 May 2021 in a virtual format and brought together over 140 experts specialized in matters ranging from investment policy to corporate compliance and the prevention of and fight against corruption, representing development finance institutions, national and international institutions on investment promotion, the private sector, civil society and academia, and coming from more than 60 countries from across the world.

The executive summary of the follow-up report of the Expert Group Meeting, as well as a perspective outline for its future work will be presented during the special event. The event will also raise awareness of the importance of continuing ongoing work in the area of countering corruption in international investments and will include expert presentations and discussion.

The working language of the event will be English. The attendance is open to all Conference participants.