



IRG, Best Practices and Challenges for effective domestic cooperation – The Angolan case

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Anti Corruption Working group



- In October 2019 the presidential despacht nr 176/19 created the Working Group in charge for the national implementation of the UNCAC which main objectives are inter alia:
 - Study and propose the national anti corruption strategy;
 - Conduct the UNCAC IRM process at national level;
 - Present and propose domestic legislation in line with the UNCAC and other relevant international legislation.
- 20 institutions are part of the task force, immediate tasks are:
- In the context of the Country assessment carried out in February 2022, the WG created four (4) subgroups as following:
 - a. Review all relevant legislation
 - b. Review the national Implementation of UNCAC
 - c. Elevate institutional capacity
 - d. The Angolan Strategic Anti Corruption Plan

Institutions Involved

- Supreme Court
- Attorney General of the Republic
- State Administration General Inspection
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Interior
- Ministry of National Defense
- Ministry of External Relations
- Ministry of Justice and Human Rights
- National Bank of Angola
- Financial Intelligence Unit
- Cabinet of the President of the Republic



Subgroup of assessment



- Coordinator (Director of Financial Intelligence Unit)

Members:

- Attorney General of the Republic
- Ministry of Interior (national police)
- Ministry of External Relations
- National Bank of Angola
- Financial Intelligence Unit
- Public Procurement National Service

The Process



- Angola started the assessment process through a virtual training session with the national experts and the UNODC Secretariat
- Filling the self assessment questionnaire on the OMNIBUS platform
- Several national meetings which included training were held under the coordination of FIU
- Each member of the subgroup was assigned two articles (one from each chapter) to follow on the answers to its development and examples
- Different review sessions were taken
- The questionnaire was “finished” and the focal points “took over” and promptly these were inserted into the OMNIBUS platform.

The country visit



- Right after the nomination of reviewer countries, namely Equatorial Guinea and Maldives, the Angolan focal points increased the contacts in two directions simultaneously, with the UNODC Secretariat and with the national sectors involved.
- The first meeting for the logistical matters with the Angolan focal points and the UNODC Secretariat was held at the margins 9th UNCAC CoSP, in Sharm el Sheikh, where the dates have been defined.
- The country visit was held from 7 to 9 of February 2022, in hybrid format, i.e. in person participation of all national experts, the UNODC Secretariat, the reviewer from Equatorial Guinea and virtual participation of the reviewer from Maldives.
- The venue was a hotel, where participants spent all working day and took also the meals, to facilitate the work and concentrate all into the same place, translations into Portuguese were also provided.
- Throughout two working days both chapters II and V of the UNCAC, were exhaustively discussed through fruitful Q&A sessions.
- All meetings were chaired by the national focal points, except the meeting where the reviewing experts and the Secretariat joined directly the civil society organizations.
- List of outstanding laws was provided by UNODC, most of them presented before they left Luanda

Challenges and Lessons



- Challenges:
 - Full Engagement of the national sectors
 - Insufficient domestic information of the previous assessments under the UNCAC IRM
 - Insufficient statistics
 - Group members have their full time jobs
 - Logistical issues, preparations for the country visit
 - The Covid19 restrictions
- Lessons:
 - Sharing of views and experiences of national sectors
 - Update the domestic legislation and increase the national awareness on anti corruption measures and the UNCAC IRM.
 - Capacity building of national experts to review other countries in the future
 - Get all you can get from UNODC training and reviewers orientation

Thank you!