Digitalization Against Corruption:
Webinar on the Role of Data Analytics in Preventing Corruption & Fraud in Southeast Asia

25 November 2020, 14:00 - 17:20 (Thailand Time)

Concept Note

What role can emerging technologies play in the fight against corruption and fraud?

The impact of corruption and organised crime on Southeast Asia is a serious drain on resources, estimated at $73.4 - $110.4 billion USD annually (UNODC 2019). Fraud and corruption in public services increase the costs of procurements by an estimated 20%. Meanwhile, far from hindering rates of fraud, the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic poses new risks of corruption across the region (UNODC 2020). Already, the pandemic has had a profound impact on trafficking dynamics, ushering in a rise in counterfeit and faulty medical products – an illustration of corruption as a threat to public health as well as to economic stability.

But it does not have to be this way. Numerous initiatives show that transparency can be a win-win, bolstering good governance, trust in business and prosperity. Integrated data hubs can be at the heart of programming designed to promote smart cities, using innovation to pioneer an all-of-government approach that safeguards oversight in infrastructural procurement.

On the corruption side, emerging technology brings new detection and monitoring capabilities, reducing the burden on investigators and enabling the design of smarter enforcement measures. Transparent data platforms can strengthen oversight mechanisms and enhance effective information-sharing with other government departments.

Currently most Southeast Asian countries lag behind in the introduction of new technologies for data analytics. Public agencies report limitations in available datasets, legal frameworks, inter-agency data sharing, and internal capacities/technological infrastructure. UNODC research suggests that less than 50% of key agencies in the region utilize some limited form of data analytics as part of anti-corruption, fraud or anti-money-laundering activities.

To promote the ethical use of data analytics to counter fraud and corruption in Southeast Asia, UNODC is holding a *Digitalization Against Corruption* webinar on 25th November 2020, from 14:00 – 17:20 Thailand Time. The webinar aims to increase awareness about policy and operational next steps that Member States can take in order to enhance transparency through the use of data analytics.

You can check the timing in your timezone here: https://bit.ly/32QnU8v

Please register for the webinar using the form here: https://bit.ly/34ACd25

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AGENDA	
Thailand Time: 14:00 – 14:20	**Welcoming remarks** • John Penrose MP, Prime Minister's Anti-Corruption Champion, UK Government • Giovanni Gallo, Chief of the Implementation Support Section, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC **Moderator:** Francesco Checchi, UNODC Regional Anti-Corruption Adviser
Thailand Time: 14:20 – 15:40	**Session 1: Data Analytics for Good Governance & the Fight Against Corruption** • Warren Smith, Deputy Director, Government Digital Service International • Bernadine Fernz, Global Head of Infrastructure, Open Contracting Partnership • Thom Townsend, Executive Director, Open Ownership • Q & A Session
Thailand Time: 15:40 – 17:20	**Session 2: National Perspectives on Digitalization Against Corruption** • Pattaraporn Vorasaph, Deputy Director of Comptroller-General's Department, Ministry of Finance, Thailand • Rowena Candice Ruiz, Executive Director, Government Procurement Policy Board (Philippines) • Mochamad Hadiyana, Deputy for Information and Data, Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Indonesia) • Khairil Yusof, Co-Founder, Sinar Project (Malaysia) • Q & A Session