



UPCOMING EVENTS

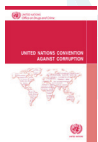
- ✿ **Sixth Session Implementation Review Group of the United Nations Convention against Corruption** (Vienna, 1 to 5 June 2015)
- ✿ **Sixth Interessional Meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Prevention** (Vienna, 31 August to 2 September 2015)
- ✿ **Ninth Interessional Meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery** (Vienna, 3 to 4 September 2015)
- ✿ **Sixth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption** (Saint Petersburg, 2 to 6 November 2015)

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through the joint UN Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption Project, in partnership with the Pacific Youth Council. The Forum platform included a photo-competition on the theme of corruption. Part of the Forum agenda was delivered through “role-play”, in which participants took roles of political leaders, international organizations, business, churches, traditional leaders, media, and academia in two sessions: political leadership and natural resource management. The Forum concluded with a joint outcome document on key challenges on youth involvement in the fight against corruption and steps to be taken at regional and country level, including establishing stronger dialogue with the institutions, investing in awareness raising and education on corruption of the wider population, establishing stronger networks and cooperation with media, and tackling the lack of available funding. UN-PRAC has recently launched a call for proposals to access small grants tied to activities of the Youth Forum.

See also: [Pacific youths selected as winners of ‘Capturing Corruption’ photo contest.](#)

Public-private partnership in the fight against corruption



From 26-27 March, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (CCI), with the support of UNODC and IACA, organized a conference on fostering public-private dialogue in the fight against corruption. More than 300 experts from the business community, public institutions and academics came together in Moscow to identify the key challenges faced by the public and private sector in preventing and combatting corruption, to be presented and further discussed at the 6th session of the Conference of the States Parties to UNCAC in St. Petersburg from 2-6 November 2015. The conference was opened by Sergey Katyrin, President of the CCI, Yury Fedotov, Executive Director of UNODC, and Martin Kreutner, Dean and Executive Secretary of IACA. In his keynote speech, Mr. Fedotov stressed that anti-corruption efforts are good for business, good for shareholders and good for employees, and called on businesses to partner with the public sector and to recognize that everyone has a common responsibility against corruption.

Pacific Youth Forum Against Corruption

The 2015 Pacific Youth Forum Against Corruption (22-24 February) was the first of its kind in the region and was attended by 45 youth between the ages of 18-30 from 14 Pacific countries. The Forum was jointly organized by UNDP and UNODC



This poster was developed from the photo submitted by the first prize winner of the Youth Forum photo competition

Moving towards an ASEAN Integrity Community

The creation of an Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Economic Community (AEC) in 2015 promises



great opportunities and prosperity for the region, but also poses new risks of domestic and cross-border corruption. With an increased level of trade and investments, corruption may yield an even-higher negative impact in Southeast Asia and endanger the success of the regional integration and undermine a level-playing field for companies and economies. In response, anti-corruption agencies, the private sector and civil society networks are joining forces at the regional level. UNODC is

actively working with a broad range of regional stakeholders on different initiatives to establish an anti-corruption framework in line with UNCAC at the ASEAN level. UNODC has proposed regional collaboration with the South East Asian Parties Against Corruption (SEA-PAC), which brings together ASEAN anti-corruption agencies, and has been involved in the creation of a "Working Group on Business Integrity in ASEAN" coordinated by the ASEAN CSR Network (ACN), which so far includes private sector anti-corruption networks from the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam. In December 2014, UNODC organized a Regional Meeting on an ASEAN framework for collaboration on accountable governance and anti-corruption. Participants agreed on promoting an anti-corruption agenda at the ASEAN level, set the foundation for a future ASEAN Integrity Community by discussing its essential components, and agreed on a follow-up publication and a meeting in Malaysia in August 2015.

Support to strengthening judicial integrity in Kosovo

CEB continued to provide support to strengthening judicial integrity in Kosovo under UNSCR 1244, which is being implemented jointly by UNDP and UNODC. In response to the request for strengthening knowledge and building capacity in the area of access to information and development of communication strategies, a seminar for representatives of departments for public relations and access to information from the Kosovo Judicial Council and from courts was organized on 25 and 26 March. The seminar underlined the importance of UNCAC as a basis for actions that promote transparency in all branches of power, including the judiciary, the importance of transparency for organizational integrity and the need to have a well-designed and structured communication and outreach strategy.



Anti-corruption and port controls training workshop in Albania

From 7-8 April, a training workshop on anti-corruption and port controls was organized in Tirana, Albania, by the Office of the Minister of State on Anti-Corruption, UNODC, World Customs Organization and US Export Control and Related Border Security. The goal of the event was to provide the participants with a general overview of UNCAC as the only global comprehensive anti-corruption legal instrument and to build their capacity in the area of corruption risk management and professional ethics. The workshop underlined the need to coordinate anti-corruption activities and suggested specific measures to be included in the anti-corruption action plans of the participating organizations as well as in the Annual Workplan of the Plan of Action for 2015-2016 for the implementation of the anti-corruption strategy.



The workshop brought together representatives from the Albanian Customs Administration, State Police Directorate, Durrës Port Authority, the officers of the Durrës Joint Port Control Unit, and representatives of the business community.

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