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## CORRUPTION AND ECONOMIC CRIME BRANCH ANTI-CORRUPTION UPDATE

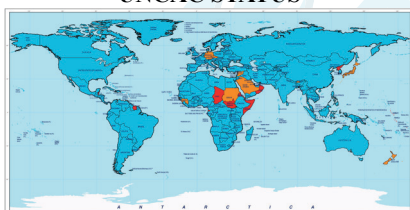
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4th Session of the Implementation Review Group of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (Vienna, 27-31 May 2013)
- Fourth Intersectoral Meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Prevention (Vienna, 26-28 August 2013)
- Sixth Intersectoral Meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery (Vienna, 29-30 August 2013)
- 5th Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (Panama, 25-29 November 2013)

### UNCAC STATUS



#### Announcements

Last Ratification:  
Myanmar 20 December 2012



### Independence is the cornerstone for effective anti-corruption agencies

A two-day international conference of top corruption fighters from 30 countries took place in December in Indonesia. Conference participants issued "The Jakarta Statement on Principles for Anti-Corruption Agencies", which includes a set of core principles to guarantee the authority of such agencies, and safeguard their operational independence.

The recommended principles from the Jakarta Declaration urge anti-corruption agencies to work collaboratively with state agencies, civil society, the private sector and others in order to avoid operating in isolation. It also suggested that such agencies should be established by proper and stable legal frameworks, such as a Constitution or special laws.



Candice Welsch, Chief, Implementation Support Section, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC

### Progress on Asset Recovery

#### Tunisia recovers USD 29m in "stolen assets" from Lebanon

Months of preparation and the combined efforts of the Tunisian and Lebanese Governments, the StAR initiative and the UN Special Advocate for Stolen Asset Recovery, Attorney General Dr. Ali bin Fetais al-Marri, paid off when Tunisia received \$29m belonging to former president Zine el Abidine Ben Ali from Lebanon on 11 April.

### StAR Rolls Out New Training Tool in Asset Recovery



A ten day training on Financial Investigations and Asset Recovery towards the Egyptian authorities was conducted in January 2013 by the Basel Institute in collaboration with UNODC.

This training, which is funded by the European Union and implemented by UNODC is the first one of a programme composed of seven phases which will be conducted in the course of the year 2013 with the aim of training 190 Egyptian practitioners and training ten Egyptian trainers.

### Expert group meeting on match-fixing and illegal/irregular betting

An expert group meeting on match-fixing and illegal/irregular betting took place in Lausanne, Switzerland, from 7 to 8 March 2013. The objective was to provide feedback for the finalization of a study entitled "Criminalization approaches to combat match-fixing and illegal/irregular betting: a global perspective". The study will provide a comparative overview of the most relevant criminalization approaches to match-fixing and illegal/irregular betting.

## Sixth meeting of the Core group of experts on identity-related crime

The Sixth meeting of the Core group of Experts on identity-related crime was held from 16 to 18 January 2013. The group brings together governmental experts, representatives from the private sector, as well as academic experts and representatives from international and intergovernmental organizations, to pool experience, develop strategies, facilitate further research and agree on practical action against identity-related crime.

A short checklist of strategic elements in developing national strategies for the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of identity-related crime was drafted. Furthermore, it was agreed that, in determining areas for effective intervention through technical assistance, a legislative framework would be drafted.

## UNODC partners with the Government of Georgia on new Anti-Corruption Strategy

At the request of the government of Georgia, UNODC held a workshop from 12 - 14 March 2013 aimed at taking the first important steps in the development of a new national anti-corruption strategy for 2014 - 2016. Participants drew from the recently concluded UNCAC Implementation Review process, with the broad structure of the UNCAC used as a framework for deciding thematic areas to be covered.

An end product of a Strategy Matrix was completed by the end of the workshop with ongoing support to be provided by UNODC as the process of finalizing the strategy continues.



## Panel Discussion on the Negative Impact of Corruption on the Enjoyment of Human Rights

The first Panel Discussion on the Negative Impact of Corruption on the Enjoyment of Human Rights was held on the 13th of March in the framework of the 22nd session of the Human Rights Council. Its objectives were to make recommendations on how best to promote and protect human rights in the fight against corruption, on the one hand, and how to strengthen anti-corruption efforts through the application of a human rights-based approach, on the other.

## SPECIAL CORNER

### E-LEARNING TOOL : UN and the private sector tackling corruption together

A screenshot of the 'The Fight Against Corruption' e-learning tool interface. At the top, it says 'THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION' in large blue letters, with UNODC and United Nations Global Compact logos below. A small text box explains that this is a joint product of the UN Global Compact and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, designed to help the private sector understand the 10th principle of the UN Global Compact. Below this, there's a 'Your Certificate' graphic and a '[Start the Certificate Course]' button. Further down, there's a 'Preview of Individual Sections' area with two preview images: one for 'Introduction' featuring Mr. Ban Ki-moon and Mr. George Kall, and another for 'Interactive learning modules' featuring a woman.

A certificate programme of the interactive 'The Fight Against Corruption' e-learning tool was recently launched in English and French with more language versions to follow soon.

The tool aims to enhance understanding of the Global Compact's 10th Principle against corruption and how UNCAC is the basis for that Principle.

It includes six interactive learning modules each of which deals with a specific theme and presents a series of choices which need to be made. The modules are based on real-life scenarios designed to provide

guidance on how to deal with potential risks of corruption that people may face in their daily work.

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