The United Nations Convention against Corruption
ON THE LEVEL: BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENTS AGAINST CORRUPTION



# Tools and Resources: UNODC helping companies engage in anti-corruption efforts

Creating real solutions to corruption involves participation from all sectors, including the private sector. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) encourages and supports increased dialogue between business and governments on anti-corruption issues to establish transparency and sound partnerships. Companies can reach out to governments to build a strong two-way dialogue to share knowledge and support anti-corruption efforts.

UNODC has developed a large number of tools and resources aimed at providing valuable information on the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) not to only Member States and anti-corruption authorities, but also to the private sector. The UNCAC, the first global legally binding international anti-corruption instrument, has many provisions that are relevant to companies around the world.

By accessing UNODC tools and resources, companies can learn how they can help create healthy business environments and contribute towards leveling the playing field in the countries where they operate. Some of the key resources which are of interest to the private sector are listed below.

# **On TRACK against Corruption**

The TRACK portal is the central platform of "Tools and Resources for Anti-Corruption Knowledge" developed by UNODC. Located at http://www.track.unodc.org, it has three main features.

#### Legal Library related to UNCAC

The UNCAC Legal Library is a web-based portal of legislation and jurisprudence relevant to UNCAC from over 175 States, systematized in accordance with the requirements of the Convention. This legal information is searchable by country, by UNCAC article and by other criteria such as legal systems and levels of human development.

#### **Anti-Corruption Learning Platform**

A key feature of TRACK is that it provides a common space where analytical materials and tools generated by partner organizations can be searched and accessed by users world-wide. Search results are displayed in a single location through customizable search features. TRACK thus amplifies the anti-corruption and asset recovery knowledge generated by its partner institutions and brings them together in a single space.

#### **ACAD Anti-Corruption Academic Initiative**

The ACAD Initiative is a collective project between academic institutions, international organizations and national governments, which seeks to encourage the incorporation of anti-corruption learning into graduate and post-graduate courses worldwide. Housed on the TRACK portal, ACAD has developed a Menu of Topics covering a range of anti-corruption issues. In relation to each topic, the Group has brought together a selection of relevant resources including academic articles, case-studies and reports that can be used by academics and students in the development of their own anti-corruption courses and in support of their ongoing studies.

## **UNODC-UN Global Compact anti-corruption e-learning tool**

This e-learning tool is a joint product of UNODC and the UN Global Compact. It uses six interactive learning modules to further the audience's understanding of the UN Global Compact's 10th principle against corruption and the UNCAC as it applies to the private sector. The tool is targeted at everyone who acts on behalf of a company. Each module lasts about five minutes, providing a quick and effective way of learning. The tool is currently available in English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Arabic, Korean, Portuguese and German. Upon successful completion, participants can receive a certificate. Individual modules or the certificate course can be incorporated into internal compliance programmes and shared throughout the supply chain. The tool is available at http://thefightagainstcorruption.unodc.org/certificate/



## An Anti-Corruption Ethics and Compliance Programme: A Practical Guide for Business

UNODC's Practical Guide outlines practical considerations for developing, implementing and continuously improving an anti-corruption ethics and compliance programme. While the approach to the development of an anti-corruption ethics and compliance programme may vary from company to company, there are some basic common elements which all companies should address. Challenges and opportunities for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are emphasized throughout this Guide. In addition, practical information is given for companies of all sizes regarding public disclosure of their anti-corruption endeavours to demonstrate commitment to the fundamental values of integrity, transparency and accountability. **The Guide is available at http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/publications.html.** 

#### **Anti-Corruption Policies and Measures of the Global Fortune 500**

This compendium, compiled by UNODC and PricewaterhouseCoopers, looks at what companies in the Fortune 500 Global Index (2008) are doing to fight corruption. It highlights a range of measures, and different approaches. While there is no one-size-fits-all, businesses should not go below international standards contained in the United Nations Convention against Corruption. The compendium is available at http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/anti-corruption-policies-and-measures-of-the-fortune-global-500.html.

#### **Corruption Prevention to Foster SME Development Volumes 1 and 2**

Recognizing that small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) make up a large percentage of global companies, this initiative developed tools to support SMEs in defending themselves against both public and private sector corruption. The publications take into account the ever-growing importance of the private sector in the global fight against corrupt practices. Volume 1 of the study provides an overview of the obstacles SMEs' face when dealing with public and private sector corruption. Volume 2 of the study contains a set of recommendations and tools that practitioners can use to support smaller enterprises in their efforts to fight corruption in their business environment and to promote good governance. The tools are available at <a href="http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/publications.html">http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/publications.html</a>.

# The United Nations Convention against Corruption: A Strategy for Safeguarding against Corruption in Major Public Events

Complex logistical arrangements, tight timeframes and the involvement of substantial public funds feature prominently in the organization of major public events and may enhance the risk of corruption. UNODC, guided by the principles in the UN Convention against Corruption, has developed a handbook outlining a set of practical measures designed to prevent and counter this threat.

The handbook covers a wide range of issues related to the organization of major public events, such as financial management and control; procurement; infrastructure and construction; security infrastructure; the involvement of the private sector; detection of corruption; and law enforcement interventions. The handbook is accompanied by a detailed "checklist" to assist the authority responsible for the organization of a major event in reviewing their preparedness and capacity to prevent, detect and respond to corruption while ensuring the successful organization of the event. The handbook is available at http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/publications.html.

