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The United Nations Convention against Corruption:

An entry point for social accountability programming



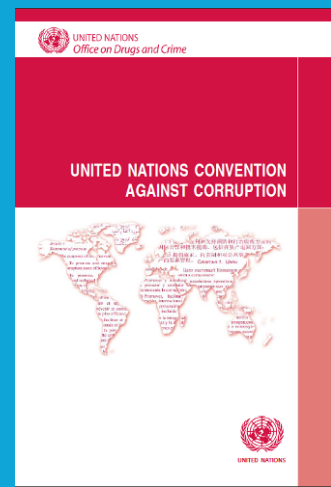
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Article 5: Preventive anti-corruption policies and practices

A general provision requiring States to take an effective and coordinated approach to the prevention of corruption.

Anti-Corruption Policies must **promote the participation of society**, reflect the rule of law and promote the proper management of public affairs.



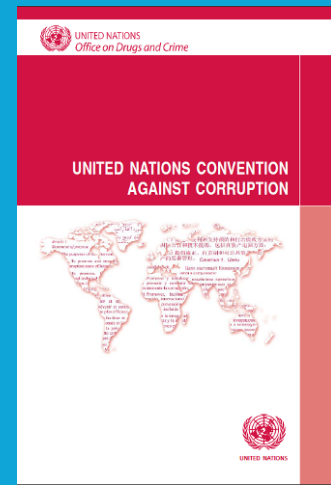


Article 13: Participation of society

Art.13 recognizes the important role of civil society in the prevention of corruption.

State Parties required to take measures to promote the active participation of **individuals and groups outside the public sector in:**

- The prevention of, and fight against, corruption.
- Awareness-raising as to the causes and effects of corruption.

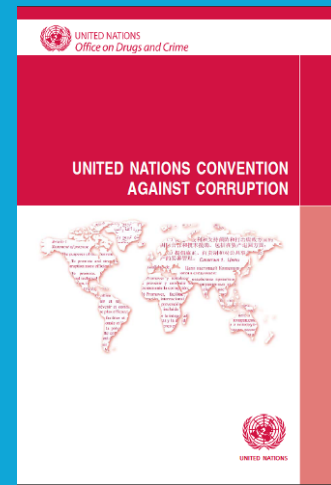




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4 measures which States are recommended to include in efforts to engage civil society in corruption prevention:

- (a) Enhance transparency of and public contribution to decision-making processes.
- (b) Ensure that the public has access to information.
- (c) Public Information activities and public education programmes.
- (d) Respect, promote and protect freedom to receive, publish and disseminate information on corruption.





ACAD – Anti-Corruption Academic Initiative

- Idea: to facilitate the integration of anti-corruption teaching into the curricula of universities and other institutes of higher education
- Concept:
 - *"Menu of course topics"* – wide choice of anti-corruption teaching subjects; annotated with bibliography, case studies, materials; textbook/teacher's manual
- Open-source, free of charge, accessible online, module-based, across disciplines/jurisdictions



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UNODC Initiative on Promoting Responsible and Professional Reporting on Corruption

Aimed at fostering the implementation of UNCAC as a framework for responsible and professional reporting on corruption.

Collation of good practices for promoting responsible and professional reporting on corruption in the form of a publication validated by an expert group.

Such good practices will include:

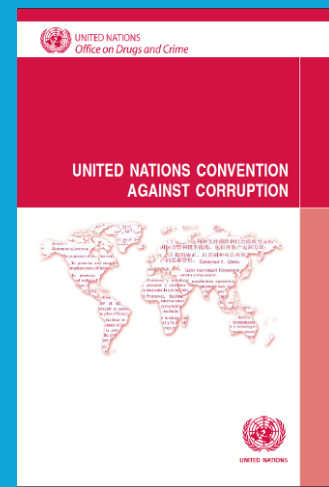
- Legislative measures protecting freedom of expression
- Institutional measures ensuring the protection of journalists
- Public-private partnerships to enhance the protection of journalists and standards of journalism.



Article 13: Participation of society

Paragraph 2 requires States to take measures to:

- Ensure Anti-Corruption Bodies are known to the public;
- Provide access to such Anti-Corruption Bodies for the reporting, including anonymously, of suspected acts of corruption.



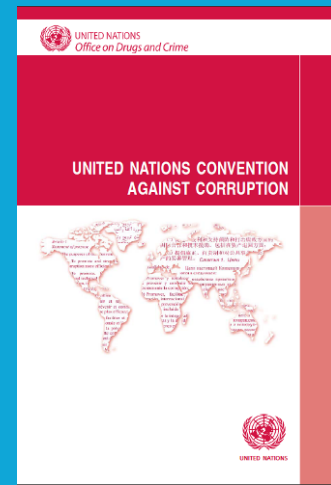


Article 10: Public Reporting

States parties required to take measures to enhance transparency in its public administration.

Such measures may include:

- Procedures / Regulations allowing public to obtain information on the organization, functioning and decision-making processes of government.
- Simplifying administrative procedures in order to facilitate public access to authorities.
- Publish information, including periodic reports, on the risks of corruption in its public administration.

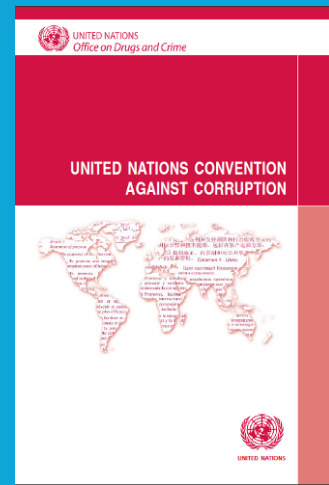




Article 6: Preventive anti-corruption body

States parties are required to:

- Have an anti-corruption body or bodies in charge of preventive measures and policies.
- Grant that body sufficient independence, resources and training to ensure that it can do its job.





The Implementation Review Mechanism as a Gateway to Social Accountability

- Peer-review mechanism on Chapters III and IV in first cycle, Chapters II and V from 2015
- Mechanism has just entered its 3rd Year.
- States from the MENA Region to begin the review process this year:
 - Tunisia
 - Qatar
 - Yemen and Egypt deferred for next year.



The Implementation Review Mechanism as a Gateway to Social Accountability

Entry points for social accountability under the Review Mechanism:

- Consultative Role in the completion of the Self-Assessment Checklist by States (Article 28 of the Terms of Reference).
- Participation in the direct dialogue stage of the review (Article 30 of the Terms of Reference).
- Encourage the publication of the final report (Article 38 of the Terms of Reference).

UNODC recent Cooperation with Civil Society

- Joint Training given with the UNCAC Coalition to CSOs on the Review Mechanism in March 2012.
 - Equip CSOs with the substantive knowledge of UNCAC and its review mechanism
 - Prepare CSOs to contribute positively if invited by their governments to participate in the preparation of the self-assessment checklist and the country visit
 - Positive results for the 1st year of the review cycle



- NGO Briefing given as part of the Implementation Review Group meeting in June 2012.



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