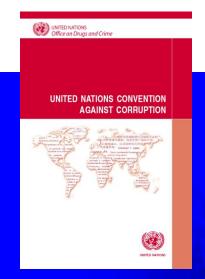


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UNCAC: Articles 6 and 36

Article 6: Each State Party shall, in accordance with the fundamental principles of its legal system, ensure the existence of a body or bodies...that prevent corruption by such means as: a) Implementing the policies referred to in article 5 (regarding prevention); and b) Increasing and disseminating knowledge about the prevention of corruption.

Article 36: Each State Party shall, in accordance with the fundamental principles of its legal system, ensure the existence of a body or bodies of persons specialized in combating corruption through law enforcement.



Types of Mandates

Prevention of Corruption: The emphasis is placed on mechanisms to prevent corruption in the public and private sectors. It could also include public awareness.

<u>Detection and Investigation of Corruption</u>: To carry out initial investigations, which can include the powers of arrest and prosecution.

Development of Policy and Legislation: To address questions of prevention and criminalization.

Intra-governmental Coordination: Often acting as a Secretariat for the coordination of governmental institutions involved in anti-corruption.



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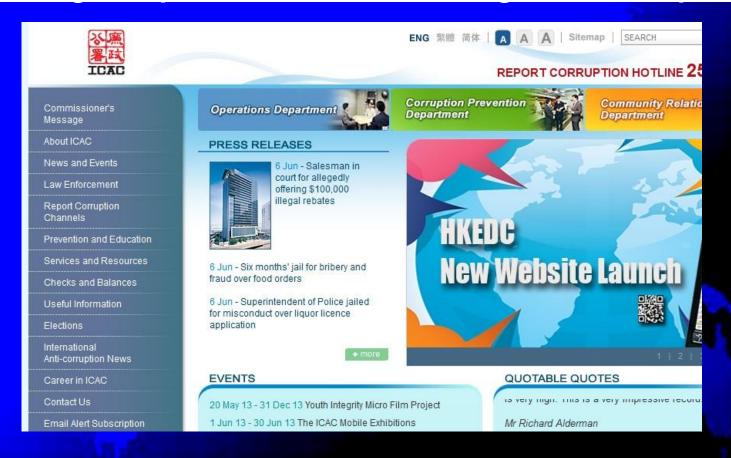


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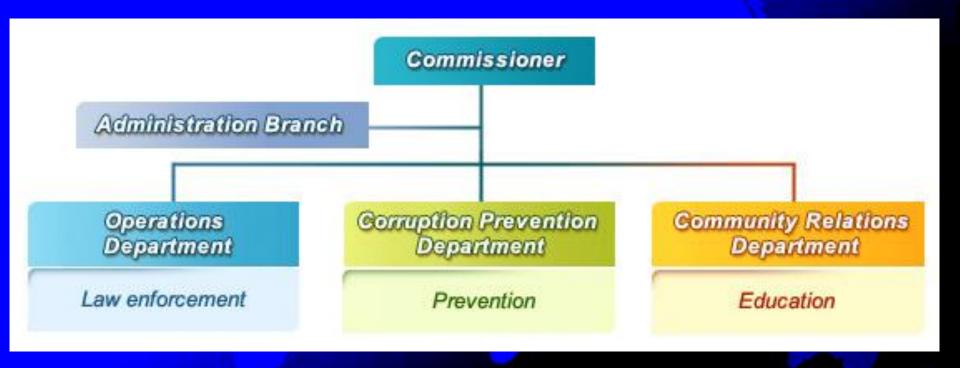




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Issues to Consider

- Establishment of a clear separation between the prevention functions and investigative functions
- Methodology and procedures necessary to facilitate active coordination and information exchange internally
- Ongoing risk of duplication or overlap of functions, responsibilities and jurisdictions
- If an agency has an investigation mandate, it is important to have clear Terms of Reference with other law enforcement bodies to clarify roles and responsibilities.



Additional Questions to Consider

- Additional resources are required in order to ensure the effective implementation of an investigation mandate:
 - ✓ Protection of witnesses
 - ✓ Specialized personnel, particularly in financial investigations and electronic evidence
 - ✓ Legal and judicial experts
 - Corruption cases are often multi-faceted and complex
 - ✓ Use of tools for detection and investigation, including special investigative techniques



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