

What is UNCAC?



The United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) is a landmark, international anti-corruption treaty adopted by the UN General Assembly in October 2003. The UNCAC represents a global response to a global problem and provides a unique international framework for curbing corruption and its damaging effects. With 168 countries bound by it so far, UNCAC is unique not only in its worldwide coverage but also in the extensiveness and detail of its provisions. It embodies a comprehensive approach to corruption in the public and private sectors, recognising the importance of both preventive and punitive measures. It also addresses the cross-border nature of corruption with provisions on international cooperation and on the return of the proceeds of corruption. The Convention holds great promise for civil society because it calls for the participation of citizens in accountability processes and underlines the importance of citizens' access to information.



Become a member

The UNCAC Coalition is open to all civil society organisations and engaged individuals with an interest in seeing the promises of the UN Convention against Corruption become reality.

Organisations can join the Coalition online at www.uncaccoalition.org. There you can find the JOIN button on the front page.

If you are an individual and would like to join the Coalition, you need to be introduced by a current Coalition member via a letter of reference sent to info@uncaccoalition.org.

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The UNCAC Coalition:

a global civil society network

supporting the

UN Convention against Corruption



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Corruption: a global problem requires global civil society action

Who we are

The UNCAC Coalition is a global network of more than 350 civil society organisations (CSOs) in over 100 countries, committed to promoting the ratification, implementation and monitoring of the UN Convention against



Corruption (UNCAC). Established in August 2006, it mobilises civil society action for UNCAC at international, regional and national levels.

UNCAC's framework is so comprehensive that it is relevant for a wide range of CSOs. The Coalition convenes groups working in the areas of human rights, labour rights, democratic governance, economic and social development, environment and private sector accountability. Our members include 5th Pillar, AccessInfoEurope, AfriCOG, BRAC University Institute of Governance, Christian Aid, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, GAATW, Global Financial Integrity, Global Witness, Institute for Security Studies in Africa, PSLink, SERAP, Tax Justice Network, Tearfund, Transparency International, UNICORN and many more.

The UNCAC Coalition is governed by a Coordination Committee of twelve members elected for a 2 year term and the secretariat is provided by Transparency International, one of its founding members.

What we do

The Coalition engages in joint actions around common positions on the UNCAC. We facilitate the exchange of information among members and support national civil society efforts to promote the UNCAC. Coalition members share views via the Coalition website and internet mailing list as well as ad hoc working groups.

Until 2009, the Coalition's primary campaign objective was to secure an effective, transparent and participatory monitoring mechanism for the UNCAC. To this end, members engaged in joint advocacy ahead of and during key intergovernmental meetings. Since the adoption, in November 2009, of an UNCAC review mechanism that started operation in July 2010, the Coalition seeks to ensure that civil society organisations can contribute to the review process and supports them in making quality submissions. It also aims to gain government agreement to publish review reports for public scrutiny and to ensure transparency at all stages of the review process.



In addition, the Coalition sets advocacy targets in relation to specific topics such as access to information, asset recovery and protection of whistleblowers and anti-corruption activists.

To achieve its objectives, a particular focus for the Coalition will remain the sessions of the UNCAC Conference of States Parties (CoSP). Coalition members attend these intergovernmental meetings as observers. They meet

with government delegates, submit statements and hold press briefings, publish a newsletter, produce blogs and press releases...

Why joint action is important

Effective anti-corruption work demands efforts not only from governments, but also from civil society organisations, the private sector and the greater public. The need for participation of civil society and the importance of access to information are explicitly recognised in Article 13 of the UNCAC.

Without pressure from civil society groups, government anti-corruption commitments may remain mere window dressing. Coordinated global action by a wide range of civil society groups can help ensure that UNCAC achieves its promise.



UNCAC Coalition demonstration during the 3rd UNCAC Conference of States Parties, Doha, Qatar, November 2009.