

Civil Society Team

Small Grants Scheme

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Why to partner with private sector in the fight against corruption?

- Private sector accounts for about 60% of the GDP globally
- About 10% of private sector companies are MNCs and their sales are worth US \$31 trillion – 90% are SMEs
- Private sector is increasingly providing services that were previously provided by the state
- Actors of private sector are not only victims of corruption but part of the solution

Why CSOs should encourage SMEs to work on UNCAC?

- Existence of a number of global initiatives and compliance programmes that partner with MNCs (e.g. UN Global Compact, EITI, GSCP)
- A need to engage with SMEs at local level as they represent 90% of global economy and are more difficult to reach
- CSOs are part of the local community and potential clients of SMEs
- CSOs can play an important role in engaging SMEs on the implementation and monitoring of UNCAC

UNODC small grants scheme

Small grants to facilitate civil society engagement, in innovative ways, with **small and medium-sized businesses** on anti-corruption activities

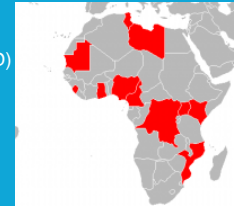
Criteria for CSO selection

- Targeting CSOs based in Africa
- Experience in monitoring activities, conducting legal analysis, drafting reports, and working with the private sector
- Advocacy experience in sectorial industries (e.g. extractive industries, construction industry, financial sector, etc.)
- Organization's potential to make useful contributions to the review process and country/regional follow-up activities

Current small grant recipients

17 projects selected out of 167 applications

- Kenya: African centre for Open Governance (AfriCOG)
- Uganda: Transparency International; Anti-Corruption Coalition
- Nigeria: Zero Corruption Coalition, Independent Advocacy Project
- Sierra Leone: Transparency International
- Ghana: Ghana Integrity Initiative; Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC)
- Cameroon: reflection and Concrete Actions for Africa development (RECAAD), Foundation for Human Rights and development (FHRD)
- D.R.C.: Observatoire de la Lutte contre la corruption (OLCAC); Action contre l'impunité pour les droits humains (ACIDH)
- Mozambique: AMODE; AMOPROC
- Tunisia: I Watch
- Mauritania: Association Transparence et Développement (ATED)
- Libya: Libyan Transparency Association



Success story: I WATCH Tunisia

Project objective: facilitate inclusive UNCAC review mechanism by focusing on UNCAC self-assessment report and the identification of gaps. I WATCH played a facilitator role between the Government and the private sector.

Target group: MSMEs and students

Project results: I WATCH facilitated the inclusion of private sector recommendations in the self-assessment report as well as contributed to the opening up of Government to the private sector in the review process.

- conducted ethics trainings in different business schools in order to raise the awareness of business students ;
- round-tables bringing together all stakeholders involved in the review mechanism, esp. private sector;
- identification of bribery in the private sector as a gap in the Government self-assessment report;
- media attention around the UNCAC review mechanism ;
- creation of a local coalition for the UNCAC

Success story: Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition

Project objective: address the problem of corruption in the private sector by actively contributing to advocacy efforts against, and education on, corruption pertaining to SMEs in their efforts to follow and comply with UNCAC and national laws and regulations.

Target group: National Board of Small Scale Industries

Project results:

- Conducted a study on the extent of conformity of anti-corruption policies and laws of Ghana to the provisions of the articles of UNCAC & used it to make inputs in the UNCAC review process
- Generated a report on SME regulations in relation to UNCAC using the UNCAC assessment checklist
- Educated SMEs regarding their role in the fight against corruption & the review process : SMEs agreed to form a network for collective action

Success story: Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition



Success story: Observatoire de la lutte contre la corruption (OLCAC)

Project objective: to improve the socio-economic conditions of motorcycle taxis through the creation of a union, thus increasing revenues for both the drivers and the state and protecting them from yielding to corrupt practices.

Target group: motor cycle taxis

Project results: The initiative significantly improved the work of motorcycle taxi drivers who were too often deprived of adequate knowledge on their rights related to road security, education and commercial aspects of their business. At the same time, the initiative was geared towards combating corruption in this sector.

Success story: Observatoire de la lutte contre la corruption (OLCAC)



What comes next?

- Fourth round of small grants for African NGOs: call for proposals will be launched in early 2015
- Send your application to ngo.unit@unodc.org

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Thank you for your attention!