

OPEN WEBINAR

Advancing Whistleblower Protection in Asia-Pacific: Regional Lessons and Advocacy Priorities

Whistleblowers play a critical role in exposing corruption, yet comprehensive legal protections remain the exception rather than the norm across much of the Asia-Pacific region. Join our Asia-Pacific regional community and the Working Group on Whistleblower Protection for an open webinar that will explore how civil society can advance the protection of reporting persons as the next phase of the UNCAC Implementation Review Mechanism gets underway.

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6:30 - 6:45

Opening remarks



Janithrika Jayasundara,

Asia-Pacific Regional
Coordinator



Vladimir Radomirović

Co-Chair of the Working Group,
Pištaljka

6:45 - 8:00

Panel discussion and Q&A



Louise Portas,

Crime Prevention and Criminal
Justice Officer, UNODC



Cynthia Gabriel,

Lawyer and founder of the
C4 Center



Erdenejargal Perenlei,

Executive Director, Open
Society Forum

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SPEAKER BIOS



Louise Portas, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer with Corruption, UNODC, Vienna

Louise Portas is a Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer within the Corruption and Financial Crime Branch of the UNODC in Vienna since 2016. She is a Doctor in Law and has a PhD doctorate in anti-corruption. She provides technical assistance to States Parties to fast-track and strengthen their implementation of the UNCAC. She is also specialized on issues related to whistle-blower protection and corruption detectors, and serves as the whistleblower protection focal point for UNODC. In this regard, she provides expertise and support to a wide range of countries on whistle-blower protection frameworks.



Cynthia Gabriel, Lawyer and founder of the Center to Combat Corruption and Cronyism, Malaysia

Cynthia Gabriel is a legal advocate, anti-corruption campaigner, and governance consultant. With nearly 25 years of experience, she has worked extensively on anti-corruption, rule of law, corporate accountability, business, and human rights. She serves on several international platforms, including Transparency International's Global Council of Thinkers, and works with organizations including UNODC, the OECD and ADB on governance and accountability initiatives. Cynthia is a recipient of the Global Anti-Corruption Champion Award in 2022 and was nominated for the International Woman of Courage Award of the United States President's Office.



Erdenejargal Perenlei, Executive Director, Open Society Forum, Mongolia

Erdenejargal is a graduate from State University of Rostov-on-Don, Russia. She started her professional career at the Ministry of Labor and Welfare and worked on labor issues for 8 years. As Executive Director of the Open Society Forum, she oversees that the organization promotes civic participation in decision making through a set of research, information, dialog and advocacy initiatives. To strengthen democratic governance, the Forum actively supports reforms in political finance, election systems, civic engagement, independent judiciaries, public budgeting, and natural resource governance.