

11th Session of the UNCAC CoSP

2nd Briefing for Civil Society – 14 May 2025

Agenda of the briefing

- Update on CoSP 11 preparations & the NGO call for participation
- Results & discussion of the community consultation on CoSP11 advocacy priorities
- Update on the UNCAC Implementation Review Mechanism: next phase deliberations
- Agenda of the June UNCAC subsidiary bodies sessions and opportunities for civil society engagement.
- Q & A
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About the UNCAC Coalition

- Civil society umbrella organization working focusing on monitoring and implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)
- Goals: To ensure that the voice of civil society is heard in UNCAC fora
 - Advocacy for policy priorities and civic space
 - Elevate anti-corruption standards and practices (Resolutions)
- Facilitation of joint advocacy, networking and coordination among civil society groups, including through 5 regional groups and 7 thematic working groups
- Support to civil society groups engaging in the UNCAC implementation review process
- Regular engagement with delegations in Vienna
- CoSP: We facilitate, share information, support where we can – are not organizers

UNCAC Conference of the States Parties (CoSP)

- Main policy-making body of the UNCAC
- Main outcome: adoption of resolutions and decisions (by consensus)
 - Can put focus on a specific issue / policy area; ideally elevate agreed standards, include calls to action for States, follow-up mandates
- Policy guidance to UNODC to develop and implement anti-corruption activities
- Side events (“special events”)
- Civil society observers allowed at the CoSP (not subsidiary bodies)
- Subsidiary bodies of the CoSP meet in Vienna
 - Working Groups on Prevention, Asset Recovery; Implementation Review Group; Expert Meeting on International Cooperation

UNCAC Conference of the States Parties (CoSP)

- **11th session in Doha, Qatar, 15-19 December 2025**
- Primarily in-person participation
 - aspects of online participation TBD
- Civil Society preparatory day on-site: **14 December**
- Venue: Sheraton Hotel Doha
- Admission enables observer participation until next CoSP
 - In annual UNCAC NGO briefing, intersessional meetings, special sessions

Call for Interest for non-ECOSOC NGOs

- [Published!](#) deadline for submission- **27 June**
- For non-ECOSOC NGOs, through filling out [a form](#) + WeTransfer
- ECOSOC NGOs will receive separate invitation
- Send directly to UNODC (**NOT** to the UNCAC Coalition)
- Application is for organizations (**NOT** individuals)
- Apply, even if not sure you will participate
- List of NGOs will be reviewed by States parties
- Non-objected NGos will receive an invitation closer to the CoSP

Why should you consider participating?

- Showcase civil society work and expertise on anti-corruption
 - Side events, statements, written submissions, etc.
 - Impact CoSP resolutions and discussions – help to raise the bar on global anti-corruption commitments and standards
- Monitor States' commitments & positions on anti-corruption
- Network with government officials, CSOs, international organizations
- Strengthen space for CSO participation at UN level
- Raises your organization's profile; opportunities for advocacy

Your rights as observers

Make written submissions to the Conference

- Not more than 1500 words (non-ECOSOC CSOs) / 2000 words (ECOSOC CSOs); must not mention country names
- To be submitted 2 weeks before the CoSP to uncac@un.org

Make oral statements in plenary

- Under each agenda item, after the States parties (register on-site)
- In-person; limited pre-recorded video statements may be possible

Your rights as observers

Organize/participate in side events (led by CSOs/ partnering with States)

- Call for applications: anticipated for September (a month to apply)
- Limited slots- higher chance to get a slot if you co-organize
- NGO-led events tend to be towards end of the Conference

Participation in events until the next CoSP 12 in 2027

- Annual UNCAC NGO briefing
- Possible CoSP special sessions

CSO Participation: modalities

- In-person (& possibly limited online) participation, as part of a delegation of an observer organization
- Individual attendance outside an organizational/country delegation is not possible
- Plenary discussion usually is webcasted
- More States include non-governmental experts in their official government delegation
 - Additional personnel for the delegation => ability to cover more negotiations
 - Access to meetings closed for NGO observers
 - Representation of the State => limits other observer rights (cannot speak on behalf of an NGO)
 - If interested, discuss with your government ASAP

CSO Participation: modalities

- Travel: On your own cost
 - Host country, together with UNODC, will explore possibility of funding a small group of CSOs – no dedicated support from other donors to cover travel
- Civil society [toolkit for CoSP participation](#)

CoSP 11: Assumptions & Context

- Host country appears supportive of international civil society participation
- Geo-political situation impacts consensus
- Change in U.S. Government (current CoSP President) impacts CoSP fora and funding- no update on Qatar funding CSOs participation

CSO Participation: Key objectives

- Wide participation and strong presence of civil society
- No NGOs are excluded from the Conference due to unjustified government objections
- Meaningful impact of civil society on the CoSP agenda & deliberations
- Meaningful resolutions are adopted
- Other collective objectives?

What makes a resolution meaningful?

- Strengthen & raise the bar on existing commitments
- Elaborate on necessary actions rather than reiterating a general call for implementation.
- Provide mandates for States parties to share information and for UNODC to do research, reporting and develop up-to-date guides
- Set the agenda for CoSP subsidiary bodies discussions
- Influence technical assistance provided to requesting States parties

Results of Advocacy Priority Consultation

- CoSP 11 Priorities survey asked which issues should be priorities for CoSP 11 (12 issues listed and option to list “other issues”).
- Survey asked how CSOs and experts would like to be involved to advance priority issues at CoSP 11, how to advance the issue and to contribute at the CoSP
- **An excellent response rate: 110 responses** received from the UNCAC Coalition membership and Working Groups

Results of Advocacy Priority Consultation

- **How to decide on priorities:** A balanced approach that takes into account the input from this survey and the Coalition's 2025 annual survey (180+ responses) , inputs from the Coalition's board, the UNCAC Coalition's [Strategy 2023-2026](#), and opportunities to advance a specific anti-corruption issue.
- Two ongoing and major priorities are **civic space** and strengthening the **UNCAC Review Mechanism** to make it more effective, inclusive and transparent.

Results of Advocacy Priority Consultation

What does it mean to “prioritize”?

- Advocate for a dedicated CoSP resolution to address a priority issue.
- Advocate for different CoSP resolutions to focus on the priority issue.
- Advocate for governments to report on actions taken to address a priority issue.
- Bring greater attention to the need for strong, concrete action to address a priority issue (through statements, submissions, communication, side events).
- **NGOs may decide to advance other issues separately!**

Results of Advocacy Priority Consultation

What are the top 5 priority issues:

- Environmental crime and corruption/integrity in climate finance 48.2%
- Access to Information 47.3%
- Whistleblower protection 43.6%
- Human rights-based approach to corruption 42.7%
- Political finance transparency 40.9%

Results of Advocacy Priority Consultation

Responses for other issues listed:

- Grand corruption 34.5%
- Public procurement transparency and integrity 34.5%
- Gender and corruption 31.8%,
- Beneficial ownership transparency 27.3%
- Victims of corruption 27.3%
- Disclosure of assets and interests to address conflict of interests 26.4%
- Asset recovery 25.5%
- Other: 14%

Discussion: Advocacy Priorities

Possible questions to address

- How to address Access to Information? How to address dire civic space?
- How to use our full potential as a community?
- How to do effective external communications?
- What could be done completely differently?

Our CoSP 11 [community-networking spreadsheet](#)

- Not for funding raising

UNCAC IRM next phase deliberations

- **June:** Qatar will table a zero draft resolution on the next phase
- **June/September (Working Group Sessions)- December (CoSP):** Informal negotiations
- **December (CoSP):** Adoption of resolution on the scope and modalities of the IRM next phase

Our actions

- Reaching out to States parties & mobilising CSOs
- Share concrete language proposals with supportive States ahead of the the negotiations
- our [Open Letter](#) on Enhancing Anti-corruption Efforts Globally by Adopting a More Effective, Transparent and Inclusive UNCAC Review Mechanism: 300+ signed on (and counting!)

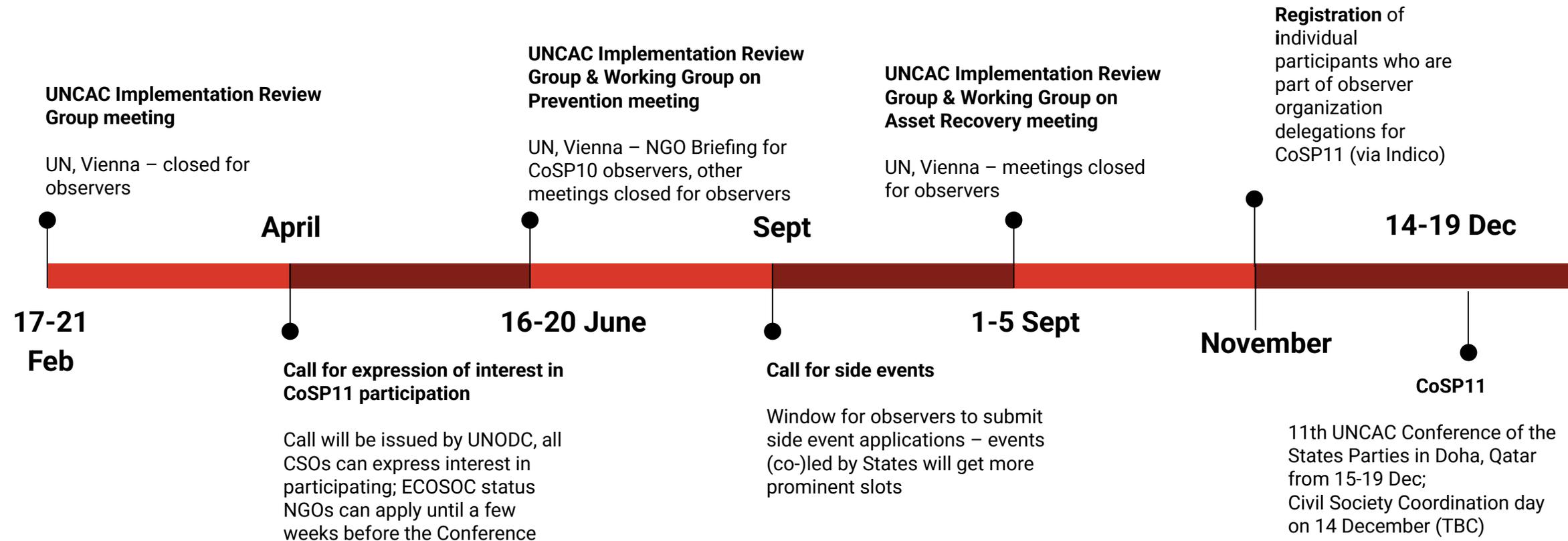
CoSP 10 implementation

- On the agenda for 16-20 June 2025: Organized Crime, Protection of Reporting Persons, BOT, Procurement, IRM next phase deliberations
- Civil society can monitor and advocate for implementation of resolutions & reporting
- Countries published info on their implementation on the [Prevention Working Group page](#)
- Civil society can make **written submissions** (CoSP 10-accredited and ECOSOC NGOs can publish submissions on the [IRG webpage](#)): **deadline- 6 June**
- UNCAC Coalition updated [survey & guidance on CoSP10 implementation](#) still open

During the IRG week in June

- Encourage Gov. to include civil society experts on delegations, panels, deliver statements: **deadline** for announcing country delegations to IRG/Prevention WG: **30 May**
- Official NGO briefing - 17 June, 13:15-15:00 CET
- CoSP 10-accredited NGOs should have received an invitation from *unov-correspondence@un.org*
- Informal events on the margins during the week: Shrinking Civic space, Environmental crime and corruption, Whistleblower protection (probably hybrid)
- Engage with States on COSP 11 priorities on the margins
- Other activities?

CoSP-related timeline 2025



CoSP11- Channels of Communication

- We will transition to a CoSP 11 mailing list (instead of CoSP10)
- Thematic mailing list still open- may decide to add/remove
- UNCAC Coalition [CoSP 11 webpage](#): follow for updates

Next steps..

- We will post the slides and a recording of the presentation on our website, where you can find more details about CoSP 11:
<https://uncaccoalition.org/the-uncac/uncac-bodies/conference-of-states-pa>
- We will share updates on our Global Listserv and in our newsletter
- Next briefing after the summer

Resources and Guidance

- [UNCAC Coalition CoSP11 page](#) (non-official)
- Civil society [toolkit for CoSP participation](#)
- UNCAC Coalition guide for governments: [Supporting meaningful civil society participation in the CoSP](#)
- UNCAC Coalition newsletter (<https://uncaccoalition.org/newsletter/>)
- UNODC [Guidance note for NGOs \(2019\)](#)
- CoSP website by host country (forthcoming)
- [COSP page on UNODC website](#) (forthcoming)

Resources and Guidance

- UNCAC IRM next phase: [Key recommendations](#)
- UNCAC Coalition updated [survey & guidance on CoSP10 implementation](#)
- UNCAC Coalition [Survey & guidance on CoSP10 implementation \(Part I\)](#)

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Thank you very much for your attention!

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