

9th Session of the UNCAC CoSP

Briefing for Civil Society – 1 December 2021

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Organizational matters

- CoSP is planned as scheduled
- Keep following CoSP official website:
<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/COSP/session9.html>
- [Health requirements](#) for entry into Egypt (Yellow fever requirements!):
- [COVID prevention and risk mitigation](#) measures
- Recommended hotels will have quick tests, medical staff, shuttle buses
- CoSP transfer from on official website
- Delays in issuing visas

Civil society participation

- 367 representatives from 154 CSOs
- **261 in-person**
- Written submissions (1500/2000 words, follow guidelines)
- UNCAC Coalition written submissions:
 - Regional priorities
 - UNCAC implementation parallel reports
 - WG's on ViC, AR, Environmental Crimes

CoSP Plenary

- **Deadline** for sending pre-recorded statements for 'General discussion'- 6 December
- Registration for list of speakers for general discussion is open
- Delivering statements under other plenary agenda items

CoSP 9 - Side Events



- Schedule yet to be published
- NGO-led events (primarily on the last days – Thursday, Friday)
- In-person or hybrid
- Some side events will be webcasted (open to the public to follow)
- Opportunity to engage and raise questions

CoSP 9 - NGO facilities



- NGO lounge (meeting and work space for civil society attendees)
- Bring warm clothes (strong AC)
- Plan of conference venue yet to be published on [Egyptian government website of CoSP](#)
- Bring printouts from home as it may be difficult to print on-site
 - Don't forget to submit reports / documents you want to hand out for clearance to UNODC asap

CoSP 9 - Resolutions

Most negotiations take place this time in Vienna ahead of the CoSP

- Sharm El-Sheik Declaration (Egypt)
- Corruption prevention (Morocco)
- UNGASS Follow-up (Peru, Columbia, UAE)
- Training & Education (Russia)
- Strengthening UNCAC at the Regional Level (Angola)
- Enhancing Law-Enforcement Cooperation (KSA)
- Follow-up to Abu-Dhabi Declaration (UAE, Egypt)
- **Beneficial Ownership / Asset Recovery (Nigeria) – controversial and ongoing!**

Objection to CSOs

- Objection against 9 NGOs (8 by Turkey, 1 by Libya)
- Encouraging countries to be active and make statements on shrinking civic space

Preparatory Meeting for Civil Society

- UNCAC Coalition & UNODC will hold a day of briefings and preparatory session
 - Sunday, 12 December, 10:30 am – 5:30 pm at the Conference venue
 - [Agenda \(.PDF\)](#)
- Goals:
 - a) brief civil society attendees on the Conference
 - b) to discuss priority issues and coordinate advocacy efforts throughout the conference
- Sign up through [this google form](#) (possible to attend also virtually)

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CIVIL SOCIETY PREPARATORY MEETING

9th Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC (COSP 9)

Sunday, 12 December 2021

NGO Meeting Room, International Congress Centre (ICC) in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt

10:30-11:15	<p>Opening</p> <p>Mathias Huter, Managing Director, UNCAC Coalition Member of the Bureau (TBC)</p> <p>John Brandolino, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC (TBC)</p>
11:15-11:30	Break
11:30-13:00	<p>UNODC Session: Briefing on COSP & Explaining the role of CSOs at the Conference Moderator: Mirella Dummar Frahi, Chief, Civil Society Unit, UNODC</p> <p>Speakers: Brigitte Strobel-Shaw, Chief, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch (CEB), UNODC Livia Krings, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, CEB, UNODC</p> <p>Q&A</p>
13:00 -14:00	Lunch Break – Self Catering
14:00-15:30	<p>UNCAC Coalition Session: Coordinating civil society advocacy and messaging at the Conference Moderator: UNCAC Coalition representative</p> <p>Overview of on-site CSO activities</p> <p>Lightning talks on priority topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Preventive measures – Beneficial ownership transparency – Asset recovery – Civic space & improved UNCAC review mechanism – Follow-up to the UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on corruption – Other issues (identified by participants, dependent on proposed resolutions) <p>Discussion</p>
15:30-15:40	Break
15:40-17:30	<p>UNCAC Coalition Session: Coordinating civil society advocacy and messaging (continued)</p> <p>Break-out sessions to discuss the above priority topics Reporting back to the plenary Wrap-up and planning of activities throughout the week</p>

Agenda:

<https://uncaccoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/CoS>

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Civil Society Coordination

- Daily update meetings for civil society
- CoSP newsletter
- A CoSP 9 mailing list for civil society participants to share updates during the conference
- Optional messaging application for in-person participants to be able to coordinate on the spot (Signal)
 - Google form to be added to the list : [UNCAC Coalition 9th UNCAC CoSP Mailing List and Optional Messenger Group Registration](#)

Summary: Opportunities to be heard

- Written submissions
- Oral statements in plenary (in case you represent your own CSO)
- Side event debates
- Informally meeting with country delegations

Resources and guidance

- COSP9 page on UNODC website:

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/COSP/session9.html>

- UNODC Information Note for Participants:

[https://www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNCAC/COSP/session9/COSP9 Information for Participants unedited version.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNCAC/COSP/session9/COSP9%20Information%20for%20Participants%20unedited%20version.pdf)

- CoSP website by host country (forthcoming)

- UNCAC Coalition CoSP9 page:

<https://uncaccoalition.org/uncac-bodies/conference-of-states-parties/cosp9/>

- UNCAC Coalition newsletter: <https://uncaccoalition.org/newsletter/>

- UNODC [Guidance note for NGOs \(2019\)](#)

Resources and guidance

- UNODC CoSP8 page (2019):

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/COSP/session8.html>

- UNCAC Coalition CoSP8 page (2019):

<https://uncaccoalition.org/uncac-bodies/conference-of-states-parties/cosp8/>

- Contacts at UNODC:

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Questions?

Thank you very much for your attention!

In case you have questions or require further information,
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See you in Sharm, Sunday 12 December!