

Final preparations for UNCAC CoSP 10

4th Briefing for Civil Society – 29 November 2023

About the UNCAC Coalition

- Global civil society network of more than 350 CSOs working to advance the monitoring and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)

Goals:

- Facilitate wide civil society participation in CoSP10
- Help ensure that the voice of civil society is heard in UNCAC fora
- Coordinate joint advocacy for policy priorities and civic space
- Facilitate networking, collaboration and coordination among CSOs

CoSP10 is a key advocacy opportunity to advance global anti-corruption standards and practices

UNCAC Conference of the States Parties (CoSP)

COSP10: Atlanta, United States – 11-15 December 2023

- The largest global anti-corruption event

Main policy-making body of the UNCAC

- Policy guidance to UNODC to develop and implement anti-corruption activities
- **Main outcome: adoption of resolutions and decisions**
- **Side events (“special events”)**
- Civil society observers allowed at the CoSP
- [CoSP 10 website](#) (agenda, general info, reports, side events)

Status of Civil society participation

- So far: 300+ CSOs & 900+ individuals registered (880 in person)
- ECOSOC-CSOs can still express interest in CoSP participation by sending an email to the UNCAC Secretariat: uncac@un.org. (until 1 December)
- At least 9 CSO representatives in country delegations
- Registration for the civil society forum closed at 800. Online registration still possible

Objections to CSOs participation

- One objection removed. Six remaining CSOs objected
- Objections are politically motivated and seem unjustified
- Pressure on the objecting countries to withdraw objections
- CoSP is preparing for a voting scenario if objections remain
- Objected CSOs are part of the UNCAC Coalition delegation

What can we do?

- **urge your government to take action!**
- If objections remain:
 - Press release, social media
 - Deliver a plenary statement on behalf of CoSP 10 civil society

CSO Participation: logistics

- UNODC Information for participants [published](#)
(travel, visa, hotels, costs, registration, submitting documents, plenary statements, ,interpretation, catering, etc)
- [Indico registration](#) closes **on 1 December**
- Problems with system may occur: do not wait until last moment!
- UNCAC Coalition [guidance](#) on Indico registration
- In case of a registration problem, reach out to: Civil Society Unit:
unodc-ngounit@un.org & UNCAC Secretariat: uncac@un.org

CSO Participation: Logistics

Collection of badges:

- 8 to 10 December: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- 11 to 13 December: 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- 14 and 15 December: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- We are working on early collection of badges on Saturday & Sunday (starting 8am-TBC)

CoSP 10: U.S. entry visa application

- NGO participants should apply for a B1/B2 (combined) visa for the USA
 - Unless they enjoy visa-free travel to the United States, [eligible through ESTA](#)
- Visa application fee is \$160 worldwide
- **Apply!** – Even if no visa appointments are available for your country until after CoSp10:
 - apply to participate in CoSP10 and apply for visa as soon as possible!
 - If needed, contact the consulate to request an expedited visa process (there should be a dedicated email address or online form for each consulate for this purpose)
 - Each consulate can prioritize visa processes
 - Supporting documents for visa application: official invitation, NGO delegation list, Indico registration confirmation.

CoSP 10 - CSO facilities

- NGO lounge (meeting and work space for civil society attendees)
- CSO meeting room (also will be used for side events)
- Registered CSOs can display materials (reports, documents)
- Materials must have been cleared by UNODC by **27 November**
- Bring printouts from home as it may be difficult to print on site

Pre-CoSP Civil Society Forum: 10 December

- UNCAC Coalition, US, UNODC will hold a day of briefings and preparatory session
- 08:30-09:00: Coffee & light breakfast
- 09:00-11:30: Closed session for civil society only
- 11:30-17:00: Civil Society forum (including States parties)
- 17:00-19:00: Reception

Pre-CoSP Civil Society Forum: Participation

- [Open](#) to all stakeholders, not only CoSP attendees.
- Registration for in-person attendance closed at 800
- [Online participation](#) still possible
- [Seperate registration](#) for online attendance of the closed morning session for CSOs
- CoSP 10 accredited participants can enter with CoSP 10 badge
- Collection of badges for the CSF: from 8am on Saturday and Sunday
- We will share list of participants among registrants

Pre-CoSP Civil Society Forum: Agenda

Closed morning session for civil society (New York Room)

- 09:00-09:30: CoSP procedures briefing by UNODC
- 09:30-10:00: Plan of the CSF & CoSP practical guidance for CSOs
- 10:00-10:45: Advocacy coordination (resolutions, objections to CSOs)
- 10:45-11:15: Communications & other initiatives
- 11:15-11:30: remaining questions
- **11:45-17:00 CSF (followed by a reception)**
- **Print the plan as it appears on the calendar**

CoSP 10: draft resolutions

- Beneficial Ownership Transparency (Nigeria & Pakistan)
- Public Procurement (France)
- Corruption & organized crimes (Italy & Mexico)
- Follow-up to the Marrakesh declaration (Morocco)
- Follow-up to Abu-Dhabi declaration (UAE)
- Measurement of corruption (Saudi Arabia)
- Private sector incentives (Brazil)
- Small Islands (Kiribati)

CoSP 10: draft resolutions

- Civil & administrative procedures (Ecuador)
- Whistleblower protection I (Serbia)
- Whistleblower protection II (State of Palestine)
- Follow-up to Sharm-el-Sheikh declaration (Egypt)
- Gender & Corruption (Ghana)
- Atlanta declaration on accountability (USA)

Draft decisions:

- Extension of UNCAC IRM
- Host of UNCAC CoSP 11

CoSP 10: advocacy (resolutions & beyond)

- Negotiations are advancing in Vienna and continue in ATL
- Civil society is not part of negotiations
- Civil society advocacy from the sidelines is a major effort
- Thematic communities working on [issues of priority](#)
- Civic space & role of civil society in resolutions
- Daily “wrap-up” meetings
- Coordination on the ground

Examples: Transparency International (TIS), Open Contracting Partnership (OCP)

CoSP 10: Communications

Already available! [Shared drive](#) with resources for civil society:

- Social media toolkit
- Briefing notes
- Communications and advocacy toolkits - working groups
- Open letters
- Guide for governments at the CoSP - how to support civil society
- Civil society toolkit for the CoSP - how to maximize our impact at the CoSP

At the CoSP, look out for:

- Atlanta civil society declaration
- The CoSP Observer newsletter

CoSP 10: Communications

What can you do at the CoSP?

1. Prepare and make a plenary statement
2. Meet your delegation
3. Contribute to the civil society declaration
4. Share our messages on social media channels

CoSP 10: Side Events

- Side event schedule [published](#)
- Some events will be open to the public online
- Please share info on approved side events you are involved in
- **Share info on other events you are organizing!**

COSP 10: Plenary Statements

- Under each [agenda](#) item, after the States parties (register on-site)
- In-person; limited online possibilities for statements
- **The (high-level) General discussion:**
 - Requires registration: opened 13 November (Limited space for CSO statements)
 - Pre-recorded statement should be sent by **4 December** (follow exact instructions [here](#))
 - No online statements during general discussion (other agenda items probably possible)

If you are part of the UNCAC Coalition delegation you cannot deliver statements on behalf of your own CSO

What to do at this point?

- Take care of US visa ASAP
- Register under a CoSP delegation & Indico
- **Engage with your Government**
 - Ideas in [CSO Toolkit](#)
 - Ask about the country priorities
 - Express interest to be part of the national delegation
 - Raise awareness to priority issues and key asks from resolutions
 - Urge to actively defend CoSP civic space
 - [Guide for Governments](#)

What to do at this point?

- Join the CoSP thematic communities of interest
- Join advocacy efforts around draft resolutions and
- Join awareness raising campaigns and other strategic comms. action
- Share about meaningful actions, planned side events, other actions
- Prepare engagement & meetings on the spot
- Other ideas?

Slides and recording will be uploaded to our [CoSP 10 webpage](#)

Resources and guidance

- UNODC [COSP 10 website](#)
- CoSP [website by host country](#)
- [UNCAC Coalition CoSP 10 webpage](#)
- UNCAC Coalition CoSP [toolkit for CSOs](#)
- UNCAC Coalition [Guide for Governments](#)
- UNODC [Guidance note for NGOs \(2019\)](#)

Resources and guidance

- CoSP10 resources for civil society [shared google drive](#)
- UNCAC [Coalition newsletter](#)
- Sign-up form to UNCAC Coalition [Thematic CoSP10 Mailing Lists](#)
- Registration link for CoSP10 on indico: deadline to apply is 1 December:
<https://indico.un.org/event/1006889/>
- UNODC [Guidelines for Side events](#)

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