UNCAC Coalition

Coalition Coordination Committee (CCC) Online Meeting Summary

Wednesday, 1 March 2023 | 16:00 - 17:45 (Vienna)

chaired by Gillian Dell (Co-Chair)

CCC Members:

Attendees

Andrii Borovyk - Transparency International Ukraine (Treasure)

Aya Riahi - I Watch Organisation (Secretary)

Gillian Dell - Transparency International (Co-Chair)

Naomi Roht-Arriaza - Individual Member Seat

Pisey Pech - Transparency International Cambodia

Rachel Hanna - Access Info Europe (alternate for Helen Darbishire)

Samantha Feinstein - Government Accountability Project (Vice-Chair)

Umar Yakubu - Center for Fiscal Transparency and Integrity Watch (CeFTIW)

Absentees

Chanez Mensous - Sherpa

David Ugolor - Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice (Vice-Chair)

Helen Darbishire - Access Info Europe (Co-Chair)

Sankhitha Gunaratne - Transparency International Sri Lanka

Vienna Hub Team

Attendees

Mathias Huter, Managing Director (MD)

Team members: Alexis Chalon, Denyse Degiorgio, Danella Newman, Betina Pasteknik, Anna Reißig, Niamh Webster, Yonatan Yakir.

Brief summary of updates, decisions, and next steps

1. Updates from the regions

CCC members shared and discussed recent developments, including indications of reduced vote buying in Nigeria; threats and attacks against activists and NGOs in the Coalition network in several countries; and updates on anti-corruption efforts in Ukraine; among others.

2. Future Coalition engagement with the Uzbekistan Vision 2030 Fund

The Uzbekistan Vision 2023 Fund is a UN Multi-partner Trust Fund (UNMPTS) through which Switzerland will be returning 131 million USD to Uzbekistan. The UNMPTS may become an important model for future returns in challenging settings. The UNCAC Coalition has been invited to become part of the fund's Civil Society Advisory Council (CSAC). The MD updated the CCC on the agreed TOR for civil society involvement and discussed risks and opportunities related to the involvement of the UNCAC Coalition. A decision on the Coalition's participation in the Fund was postponed to allow for further consultations.

3. Cohort on anti-corruption for the Summit for Democracy

Update by Gillian Dell on the work of the anti-corruption Cohort of the Summit for Democracy and recommendations produced by it.

4. CoSP10 preparations

Update from the Hub Team on preparations for the 10th UNCAC CoSP, including a first logistics briefing for its network with about 80 participants. The Coalition is also following developments related to the exclusion of NGOs from CoSP9. The Hub Team is drafting general asks ahead of the CoSP, which will soon be circulated with the network for input and comments. The Coalition will be organizing a conference in June to showcase the expertise of its membership on priority issues as well as discuss and coordinate advocacy around CoSP10.

5. Publication of parallel reports and follow-up advocacy by supported CSOs

In the last months, the Coalition published three parallel reports on Kyrgyzstan, Chile, and El Salvador and released three impact stories. Last year, the UNCAC Coalition supported CSOs in Togo, Liberia, and Madagascar in conducting follow-up advocacy. All three organizations successfully promoted anti-corruption reform actions they had identified in their parallel reports on national UNCAC implementation.

6. Submissions and contributions by the UNCAC Coalition

Update by the MD that the UNCAC Coalition had made a contribution to UNODC on a draft methodology for states to measure corruption; several members also made separate contributions, after the Coalition shared the consultation with them. The Coalition also contributed to consultations of the EU Commission on anti-corruption policies focusing on criminalization and to the Open Government Partnership on its new Strategy.

7. Internal procedures

- The CCC will be following up on the staff well-being survey;
- The CCC will initiate the annual Managing Director evaluation process;
- The CCC approved the proposal of three individuals for appointment as honorary board members by the upcoming General Assembly for their extraordinary

- achievements supporting the association and its goals with the caveat of determining the terms of the appointment to the board seat in more detail.
- The Vienna hub is currently in the process of hiring a new regional coordinator for Sub-Saharan Africa.
- The Hub will soon publish the new UNCAC Coalition Strategy, adopted at the previous CCC call, after finalizing the layout.