

UNCAC Coalition

Coalition Coordination Committee (CCC) Online Meeting Summary

Thursday, 17 December 2024

15:00 - 16:30 (CET)

Chaired by Gillian Dell (Co-Chair)

CCC Members present

Gillian Dell (Co-Chair), David Ugolor (Co-Chair), Naomi Roht-Arriaza (Vice-Chair), Wajdi Balloumi (Vice-Chair), Mukhtar Ahmad Ali (Secretary), Clara Inés Lucarella, Sandro Kevkhishvili, Andrii Borovyk, Marlon Agaba, Natalia Carfi, Kristen Robinson

Hub Team present

Mathias Huter, Managing Director (MD)

Team members: Betina Pasteknik, Corinna Gilfillan, Danella Newman, Isabella Moggs, Miguel Feres Rodrigues Filho, Yonatan Yakir

1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the previous CCC call (21 November 2024) were approved by the CCC.

2. Follow-Up on Previous Action Points:

The MD shared about outreach to law firms for a pro bono review of governance documents and Co-Chair Gillian Dell noted that the board was planning to hold a first meeting of the CCC Subcommittee on Civic Space and Tech in January.

3. Brief Updates:

The MD shared written updates on key activities by the Vienna Hub and relevant recent developments with the CCC members and updated the board on fundraising efforts. He mentioned possible work related to the Council of Europe GRECO.

The CCC had a short discussion about a gender and corruption event announced to take place in Qatar ahead of the CoSP.

David Ugolor updated the CCC on the Coalition's engagement in the Financing for Development (FfD) process, noting the next prep com meeting in February. He also spoke about an expert meeting on asset recovery in Nairobi, which he and the UNCAC Coalition regional coordinator for Sub-Saharan Africa had attended. It covered issues including asset restitution and a suggested a mediation mechanism, as well as the GFAR Principles, issues of conditionality, and the need to use returned assets for sustainable development.

The CCC discussed priorities for the FfD4 process and praised the outstanding work of the Hub staff supporting the FfD4 collaboration among anti-corruption CSOs.

Mention was made that asset recovery would likely be back on the agenda of the next CoSP and there was some discussion about the UN special session on asset recovery foreseen by the UNGASS against Corruption's Political Declaration.

Nati mentioned that the World Bank is launching a new civic programme to enhance the work of CSOs and Kristen made several observations relating to the ongoing discussion about IFFs and corruption..

4. Draft Donations Policy:

Following a presentation by the MD, and taking into account written comments provided by several CCC members, the CCC approved a donations policy with the addition of language requiring the Hub to carry out due diligence and to request assurances of conflict of interest checks from service providers. The CCC also requested the Hub to prepare in the coming months guidelines for resource mobilization and on declarations of conflicts of interest in case of pro bono work.

5. Work Plan for 2025:

The CCC took note of the draft Work Plan for 2025, developed by the MD and the Vienna Hub team. The MD mentioned helpful comments already received from CCC members to the draft circulated. Members were encouraged to provide additional input before the next meeting. The CCC discussed some of the evolving global context affecting the work plan.

6. General Assembly Date (2025):

The CCC discussed options for the date for the General Assembly 2025, requesting the MD to identify an option that would not conflict with an important event that some of the CCC members were due to participate in.

7. Budget 2025:

The CCC took note of the draft organizational budget for 2025 prepared by the MD and the Vienna Hub team, which will be presented at the General Assembly for final approval. The CCC agreed that this budget could serve as a basis for operations and to expand expenses and staff if additional funding is raised.

8. Membership:

- The CCC discussed and approved membership applications from six organizations (Integrity Watch Afghanistan, ANTICOR, Rasheed for Integrity and Transparency, K-Monitor, Alliance for Accountability Advocates Zambia (AAAZ), and LIBERA.).
- The CCC decided to terminate the membership of five organizations that have long been non-responsive to outreach efforts from the Hub team.

9. Staff Well-Being Survey and MD Evaluation:

- The CCC agreed on the timeline for the Hub staff well-being questionnaire and for the steps in the MD evaluation process in 2025.