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## **UNCAC Coalition Coordination Committee Elections**

### **Candidate Nomination and Self-Nomination Form 2024**

\*\* Nominations must be received by Wednesday, 22 May 2024, end of the day \*\*

Please send applications and any questions regarding the elections or the role and responsibilities of CCC members to the Coalition's Vienna Hub: info@uncaccoalition.org

The list of members is available at <u>https://uncaccoalition.org/about-us/members-list/</u>. The current list of CCC members is available at: <u>https://uncaccoalition.org/about-us/coordination-committee/</u>

# Part I: To be completed by those self-nominating and those nominating another member

Nominated organization's name<sup>1</sup>: Transparency International Deutschland e.V. Name of nominated organization's representative: Angela Reitmaier Nominated organization's e-mail: office@transparency.de Nominated organization's website: www.transparency.de Nominated organization's country: Germany Name and organization of individual nominating (if this is not a self-nomination): Which seat are you nominating for?

Europe Regional Seat 1

The seats up for election are: (a) Americas Regional Seat; (b) Europe Regional Seat 1; (c) South Asia Regional Seat; (d) Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Seat 1; (e) International Member Organization Seat 1; (f) Individual member Seat

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In case of a nomination for individual member seat: name of the person and his/her email, as well as a website, if available.

# Part II: To be completed by those self-nominating; if this is not a self-nomination, the UNCAC Coalition will follow up with the nominee to obtain the below information

Organization profile (200 words – leave empty for individual member seat)

Please provide a 200-word profile of the nominated organization, including link to its website, for circulation to Ordinary Members:

Transparency International Deutschland e.V. (Transparency Germany) is the national chapter of Transparency International. Transparency International is a global network leading the fight against corruption including more than 100 established national chapters.

The chapters fight corruption on the national level in a number of ways: They bring together relevant players from government, civil society, business and the media to promote transparency in elections, in public administration, in procurement and in business. Transparency's global chapter network also uses advocacy campaigns to lobby governments in order for them to implement anti-corruption reforms.

Transparency Germany is recognized as a non-profit organization and works independently. Basic principles are integrity, accountability, transparency and participation of civil society. The aim is to raise public awareness about the harmful consequences of corruption and to strengthen integrity systems.

As in all other countries, problems range from the public to the private sphere, from the environmental crime to strategic corruption. Transparency Germany was founded in 1993 and currently has more than 1300 members. A key element of Transparency Germany's work is the work with and by volunteers. Thematically and regionally organized groups serve as forums for the exchange of information and the development of new positions and demands.

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**Organization experience (200 words** – leave empty for individual member seat)

Please provide an overview of the nominated organization's experience in the UNCAC Coalition and its UNCAC-related activities, for circulation to Ordinary Members:

Germany ratified the UN Convention against Corruption only in 2014 and underwent the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reviews in 2016 and 2018. Transparency Germany has supported UNCACrelated activities primarily through its Working Group on International Agreements. Two of its members met the review teams, providing oral and written comments. They have been following up on the implementation of the Transparency Pledge made by Germany in 2015 and are now urgently awaiting the Government briefing of civil society on the recommendations of the two reviews; the Government also promised to include an update on the Implementation Review Mechanism. The Working Group's focus on international agreements adds a wider perspective to its support of the work of the UNCAC Coalition, Following a suggestion of the UNCAC Coalition, the Working Group got one of its members invited to join the German government delegation to the CoSP in Atlanta. As part of a program organized by Transparency International in 2023, Transparency Germany has been promoting climate governance integrity, including by fighting environmental crimes. One of its staff recently joined the UNCAC Coalition's Working Group on Environmental Crime and Corruption, opening up avenues for cooperation with the Coalition beyond the Working Group on International Agreements.

Please list your **top 3 priorities** for the Coalition what you would like to achieve as a CCC Member:

- (1) Compensation for victims of corruption: working towards challenging the legal theory that bribery of public officials is a victimless crime, in particular as far as victims of Grand Corruption are involved, and using for advocacy the push of the European Parliament for victims' compensation in the context of the planned EU Anticorruption Directive, which is based on UNCAC.
- (2) Climate governance and environmental crimes, and
- (3) **Political finance**: using the lessons learnt in trying to get a resolution passed at the CoSP in Atlanta for a resolution at the CoSP in Qatar in 2025.

### Profile of candidate (200 words)

Please provide a **200-word profile of the person who will represent the nominated organization** <u>and a photograph (submitted attached)</u> for circulation to Ordinary Members. In addition, you may also include a link to a video profiling the candidate and organization:

Angela Reitmaier is a lawyer with a PhD in European Communities Law from the Free University of Berlin and a Master of Comparative Law from The George Washington University. She has worked for different organizations and in different places: for the German Ministry of Economics when still in Bonn; for a US law firm and as a consultant for German companies in Washington, D.C.; for UNDP and the Kenyan office of the New Partnership for Africa's Development in Nairobi; and as consultant for Transparency International's Conventions Team in Berlin. Since 2013 she has been a volunteer for Transparency Germany, as chair of the Working Group on International Agreements (2014–2019), as member of the Board (2019-2022), and currently as expert for international anti-corruption conventions. She serves on the Board of Trustees of the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation and the Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law. Her contribution on Civil Society's Fight against Transnational Corruption to a Handbook on Anti-Corruption Research is expected to be published in the fall. She wrote blogs on Mandatory Due Diligence in Supply Chains for Human Rights, Environment and Corruption Prevention and Publishing Court Decisions in Germanv.



#### Contributions you will make to the work of the Coalition (max 100 words)

Please provide a brief description of how you are planning to contribute to the work of the UNCAC Coalition, e.g. detailing specific issue expertise, experiences and perspectives you would like to bring to contribute, and how the work at your organization links to a role on the board of the Coalition.

I have been Transparency Germany's representative for the UNCAC Coalition since 2022, a responsibility which would link well with serving on the CCC. I had supported the work of the Coalition also while chairing the Working Group on International Agreements during 2014-2019. I moderated workshops on grand corruption at the CoSPs in St. Petersburg and Vienna and joined the German Government delegation to the CoSP in Atlanta. Recently, I proposed a presentation by Prof. Olaf Meyer on civil law principles of compensation in corruption cases, which will be held at the next meeting of the Victims of Corruption Working Group.

## Part III: Declaration of Interests

Each candidate to the CCC shall fill out and submit this Declaration of Interest form no later than one week prior to the CCC election and submit it jointly with their candidacy. Once elected, CCC members commit to keep such declarations updated. To that effect, they will be required to explicitly confirm that their respective register is still current or to update it ahead of every in-person CCC meeting and any CCC meeting with agenda items where a conflict of interest may arise (i.e. decisions on contracts, consultancies, etc.).

The completed declarations will be published on the UNCAC Coalition website following explicit consent from the respective individual, in conformity with applicable GDPR provisions.

Name	Angela Reitmaier
Date of election/ of appointment	
Submitted/ last updated	

Name of your primary employer <sup>2</sup>	Volunteering for Transparency International Germany
Name of any other employers or	n/a
major clients <sup>3</sup> over the past two	
years	
Name of organisations on which	German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation
Board or Board committees you	in Bonn;
currently serve	Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Crime, Security
	and Law in Freiburg
Name of any business(es),	n/a
organization(s) or entities in	
which you have a significant	
financial investment or other	
vested financial interest <sup>4</sup>	
Any interests of close relatives <sup>5</sup>	n/a
that may be relevant to the	
Coalition's work	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Wherever appropriate, please provide an adequate level of detail (such as the jurisdiction companies or organisations are registered in, possibly also the employer's website) so that the information provided here is sufficient to help document relevant interests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Major clients are individuals or organisations that provided for 10% or more of the declaring individual's income over the past two years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> More than 10% ownership or controlling position, or investment of more than 5% of his/her total assets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Close relatives includes mother, father, siblings, children, spouse, first degree cousins.

Any other interest you believe	n/a
necessary to declare: relevant	
(non-) remunerated roles and	
positions, memberships, etc.	

Please note: if in a discussion of the Coalition Coordination Committee (whether in person, teleconference, or otherwise), an unanticipated and undeclared interest arises, you must notify the Chair and comply with CCC's decision concerning your (non-)participation in the relevant CCC agenda item.

By submitting this form, you confirm that, to the best of your knowledge, the information in the form is current, complete and accurate. By submitting the form, you also acknowledge and pledge to comply with the Coalition's Ethical Guidelines and Policy on Conflicts of Interests, Gifts and Anti-Corruption and also consent to the publication of this document on the UNCAC Coalition website.

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Berlin, 22.05.24

Place, date

Signature