

Stakeholder Engagement in UNTOC Review Experiences from the UNCAC

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Principles of the review process

Guiding principles of the Mechanism

- Transparent, efficient, non-intrusive, inclusive and impartial;
- Non-adversarial and non-punitive, without any form of ranking;
- Opportunities to share good practices and challenges;
- Technical, promoting constructive collaboration; and
- Complements existing international and regional review mechanisms.

Lessons learned from civil society involvement in UNCAC reviews

- **Getting all the necessary information is challenging**
 - Who is the government focal point? Contact?
 - Detailed schedule of the review?
 - Opportunities for non-governmental stakeholders to be involved?
 - Access to relevant documents (UNCAC reports may not be public)

Lessons learned from civil society involvement in UNCAC reviews

- **Start a conversation with the government early**
- Highlight that you want to contribute to the review process
- Propose ways of involvement
- Ask for a commitment to inclusion and transparency beyond the agreed procedures (Sherlock access,...)

Tools

UNCAC Review “Transparency Pledge”

- 6 Principles of Transparency and Inclusion
- 28 signatory States

<https://uncaccoalition.org/uncac-review/transparency-pledge/>

UNTOC Review Transparency Pledge

- Replicated for UNTOC by the **Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime** <https://globalinitiative.net/>
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Tools

UNCAC Coalition [Guide to Transparency and Participation in the UNCAC IRM](#)

- Best practice approaches and guidance for governments on how to ensure an open and inclusive review process

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Tools

Access to Information requests

- Use access to information to request data, statistics, documents you need for your contributions
- Consider using them to request documents of the Review process

Lessons learned from civil society involvement in UNCAC reviews

- Official review focuses primarily on legal framework and policy
- Focus your contributions on implementation in practice, enforcement, needed efforts beyond the wording of the Convention
- Collect data, illustrative case studies

Lessons learned from civil society involvement in UNCAC reviews

- Findings of the review process may not align with your conclusions or recommendations
- Develop recommendations for improvement
- Look at state-of-the-art approaches and global or regional best practices
- Look at other relevant fora / mechanisms and commitments

Lessons learned from civil society involvement in UNCAC reviews

- Using Review mechanism to build relationship with government counterparts
 - Interviews to collect information
 - Sharing a draft to receive feedback
 - Discussion of findings, recommendations
 - Discuss what the follow-up process will look like, and how you can contribute to that

Tools

- **Civil Society Parallel Reports**
 - Produce them ahead of time or in parallel
 - **All parallel reports on the UNCAC**

<https://uncaccoalition.org/uncac-review/cso-review-reports/>

Coalition support for UNCAC parallel reports:

<https://uncaccoalition.org/support-for-cso-contributions-to-the-uncac-implementation-review/>

Questions? Thoughts? Ideas?

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