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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 <https://uncaccoalition.org/about-us/members-list/>.

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

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

Nominated organization’s name: Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI)
Name of nominated organization’s representative: Mukhtar Ahmad Ali
Nominated organization’s e-mail: info@cpdi-pakistan.org ; mukhtar@cpdi-pakistan.org
Nominated organization’s website: www.cpdi-pakistan.org
Nominated organization’s country: Pakistan
Name and organization of individual nominating (if this is not a self-nomination): n/a
Which seat are you nominating for? South Asia Regional Seat
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.

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)

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

Established in 2008, CPDI is a CSO with focus on, among others, right to information (RTI), political finance reforms, transparency in governance, inclusive and participatory budgeting, civic engagement, and public accountability. CPDI has extensive experience of policy research, advocacy, capacity building, community mobilization and engagement with political parties, legislatures, Federal/ provincial and local governments, and various accountability forums like Ombudspersons, information commissions and anti-corruption bodies. Its work on RTI has been quite impactful, as it has led to (a) enactment of RTI laws at the Federal level and in all the four provinces; (b) enhanced capacity of journalists and community leaders in using RTI laws; and (c) important decisions/ judgments by information commissions and courts regarding disclosure of information. CPDI's budget work emphasises participatory budgeting, as well as maximum proactive disclosure of budget information, especially regarding allocations, releases, expenditures, and audits. It has also been demanding political finance reforms to ensure that political parties have incentives to raise finances in a legitimate and transparent manner; and are held accountable for lack of transparency or using dubious methods to raise political finance. Its recent/ current donors/ partners include the USAID, EU, NED, GIZ, DRL, Global Affairs Canada and FCDO. Website: www.cpdipakistan.org

Organization experience (200 words)

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

Since joining UNCAC in May 2021, CPDI employees have attended numerous online/ in-person UNCAC activities and contributed to relevant documents including the draft policy paper containing advocacy asks for the 10th CoSPs. Its Executive Director attended the (a) "CoSP to the UN Convention against Corruption on the Achievements of the Political Declaration adopted by the Special Session of the General Assembly against Corruption" in Vienna in September 2022; (b) Regional Dialogue for Civil Society, Youth and

Academia of Europe and Asia on 17-18 October 2023 in Vienna; and (c) CoSP of the UN Convention against Corruption in Atlanta on 11-15 December 2023. CPDI has extensive experience of working on RTI, political finance reforms, budget transparency and transparent governance. Its employees have served on official committees that drafted RTI and whistle-blower protection bills, and as members of information commissions. In 2017, CPDI facilitated the establishment of the Forum of Information Commissioners and has facilitated its meetings to (a) discuss civil society feedback, and (b) have regular exchange of experiences, challenges, and best practices. It facilitates journalists and activists in filing information requests and, if needed, complaints to information commissions – some of which have exposed inefficiencies/ corrupt practices leading to significant reforms.

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

- Greater technical assistance to national partners in country-specific research and policy engagement.
- Facilitation of enhanced cooperation among CSOs in regions.
- More robust advocacy for transnational cooperation to combat corruption.

Profile of candidate (200 words)

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

The Executive Director of CPDI, Mukhtar Ahmad Ali, has around 25 years of experience in the public/ development sectors with focus on RTI, budget transparency, political finance reforms, democratic development, local governments, and electoral reforms. He is a prominent RTI activist, who has led or extensively contributed to numerous capacity building, policy advocacy, and public awareness programs. He has served as Information Commissioner in the Punjab Government, and as Chief of Party and Team Leader of large governance focused USAID/ UKAID funded projects. He has successfully pursued hundreds of RTI related cases in information commissions and courts. He has served on the boards of prominent CSOs like the Trust for Democratic Education Accountability (TDEA), Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN) and Institute of Rural Management (IRM). He has been on the Advisory Committee of the Federal Tax Ombudsman; and has contributed to drafting of official bills on the RTI and whistle-blowers' protection. He is a visiting faculty of the National Institute of Management; National Management College; Balochistan Civil Service Academy; Local Government Academy; and the Federal

Election Academy. He has an M. Phil degree in Development Studies (with distinction) from the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, UK.

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.

By using my experience of working on large projects, I would contribute to the UNCAC efforts towards funds mobilization for greater outreach and well-coordinated efforts to prevent and address the problem of corruption. I would like to particularly help in promoting (a) greater technical assistance to national partners in country-specific research and policy engagement; (b) facilitation of enhanced cooperation among CSOs across countries in various regions; and (c) more robust advocacy with governments and multilateral forums for effective transnational cooperation to combat corruption.

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	Mukhtar Ahmad Ali
Date of election/ of appointment	June 5 - 12, 2024
Submitted/ last updated	April 13, 2024

Name of your primary employer¹	Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI)
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¹ 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.

Name of any other employers or major clients² over the past two years	None
Name of organisations on which Board or Board committees you currently serve	Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI)
Name of any business(es), organization(s) or entities in which you have a significant financial investment or other vested financial interest³	Green Zameen Consultants Private Limited MATES Consultants Private Limited
Any interests of close relatives⁴ that may be relevant to the Coalition's work	None
Any other interest you believe necessary to declare: relevant (non-) remunerated roles and positions, memberships, etc.	None

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.

Islamabad, 13 April 2024
Place, date



Signature

² Major clients are individuals or organisations that provided for 10% or more of the declaring individual's income over the past two years.

³ More than 10% ownership or controlling position, or investment of more than 5% of his/her total assets.

⁴ *Close relatives* includes mother, father, siblings, children, spouse, first degree cousins.