

UNCAC Coalition

Donations Policy and Guidelines

1. Introduction

The UNCAC Coalition is dedicated to advancing transparency, accountability, and the fight against corruption. To support our work, we welcome donations from individuals, organizations, and institutions that share the commitment to our core values, including respect for and active promotion of human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy, the rule of law, human dignity, equity, gender equality and non-discrimination.¹

This policy outlines the types of contributions we accept, our donor engagement principles, and how we maintain independence and integrity in our work.

The UNCAC Coalition's work is made possible by hundreds of individuals and organizations from the Coalition's wider community – members (including those serving on the board), affiliated organizations and members of the Coalition's Working Groups – who contribute their time and expertise to support the Coalition's operations, research, advocacy, events and other activities and outputs. Such in-kind contributions from our wider community are not considered donations under this policy.

2. Types of Donations Accepted

The UNCAC Coalition accepts:

- **Monetary Donations:** Donations, grants, or other financial support.
- **In-kind Donations:** Goods or services from entities and individuals outside the Coalition's community that directly support our operations or projects (e.g., professional services, equipment, software licenses, travel costs, etc.).

3. Donation Sources and Ethical Considerations

The UNCAC Coalition accepts funding from any donor, whether monetary or in kind, provided that the acceptance does not:

- Impair the Coalition's independence to pursue its mission.
- Endanger the Coalition's credibility, integrity and/or reputation.

In particular, the Coalition will not accept contributions from donors that have been linked to corruption, money laundering, organized crime, terrorism, human rights abuses, violations of humanitarian laws, irresponsible corporate conduct (e.g., violations of labor laws or causing

¹ The UNCAC Coalition Strategy 2023-2026 describes the Coalition's values:
<https://uncaccoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/UNCAC-Coalition-Strategy-2023-26.pdf>

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harm to the environment) or other activities contrary to our mission and values. Furthermore, the Coalition will not accept contributions from countries where no independent civil society organizations are able to work on issues linked to the UNCAC Coalition's mission.

When reviewing donors, the Coalition will also be guided by our organizational values, as outlined in our strategy, and by the risk indicators we apply to reviewing our membership.

When engaging with new donors, the Managing Director shall carry out adequate due diligence and conduct a donor risk assessment.

When engaging with service providers such as law firms providing pro bono services, the Managing Director shall ensure that the provider provides testimony about any conflicts of interest.

If doubts about a (potential) donor remain, the case shall be discussed with and decided by the CCC.

If there is a significant risk that funding or in-kind support from a particular source would impair the Coalition's perceived independence, or if there is a significant risk from public association with a donor, then funding from that source must not be accepted by the Coalition.

4. Transparency and Independence

While we value and appreciate donations, the Coalition will:

- Disclose all received monetary contributions above 500€ in its annual financial report and on its website.
- Describe in-kind contributions received from entities and individuals outside its community on its website, whereby the identity of contributors (e.g. external individuals or organizations contributing research) may be withheld if naming them could put them at risk.
- Ensure that donations do not influence or restrict our organizational mission, priorities, or activities.
- Maintain full control over all projects, activities, and content, free from donor influence.

5. Implementation

The Managing Director is responsible for implementing this policy, with the CCC providing oversight.