

What is the UNCAC?

- The United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) is the **only binding global anti-corruption mechanism**. The Convention was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2003. With 186 countries bound by it so far, UNCAC is unique not only in its worldwide coverage but also in the extensiveness and detail of its provisions.
- The UNCAC embodies a **comprehensive approach to corruption in the public and private sector**, recognising the importance of both preventive and punitive measures. It also addresses the cross-border nature of corruption with provisions on international cooperation and on the return of the proceeds of corruption.
- **Article 13 of the Convention emphasizes the crucial role of civil society**, calls for the participation of citizens in accountability processes and underlines the importance of citizens' access to information.
- The UNCAC is also **widely regarded as a key tool for the realisation of human rights** and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Working Together

- **For country delegates and international institutions:** We are always keen to explore mutual views on strengthening the UNCAC and finding means of collaboration.
- If you are civil society, please consider becoming a member of the Coalition, joining our regional anti-corruption platforms and participating in our work. **Coordinated global action by a wide range of civil society groups can help ensure that local voices are heard**, that governments live up to their commitments, and that the UNCAC achieves its promise.

Become a member

The UNCAC Coalition is open to all civil society organisations and engaged individuals with an interest in seeing the promises of the UN Convention against Corruption become reality.

Organisations can join the Coalition online at www.uncaccoalition.org. There you can find the "Join the Coalition" button on the front page. If you are an individual and would like to join the Coalition, you need to be introduced by a current Coalition member via a letter of reference sent to info@uncaccoalition.org.

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The UNCAC Coalition

A global civil society network
for the implementation and monitoring of the
UN Convention against Corruption



Corruption: a global problem that requires global civil society action

Who we are

■ The UNCAC Coalition is a **global network of more than 350 civil society organisations (CSOs)** in over 100 countries, committed to promoting the implementation and monitoring of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). Established in 2006, it mobilises civil society action for UNCAC at international, regional and national levels.

■ Given the **UNCAC's relevance for a wide range of CSOs**, the Coalition convenes groups working in the areas of human rights, access to information, freedom of speech, government transparency, democratic governance, economic and social development, environment and private sector accountability.

■ Since 2019, the **UNCAC Coalition has a permanent presence in Vienna, Austria**. The team of the Coalition's Vienna Hub office engages UN and government stakeholders as well as civil society partners and provides technical and advocacy support to CSOs around the world that use the UNCAC to advance their mission.

■ The Coalition's work is overseen and guided by its board, the Coalition Coordination Committee (CCC), comprised of representatives of member organisations and representing different regions and membership groups.

Our focus

To help realise the UNCAC's potential, the Coalition is presently focused on:

- Strengthening the UNCAC Review Mechanism with greater transparency, inclusivity and follow-up on recommendations
- Increasing asset recovery and accountability in the return of assets
- Promoting the right to access information about anti-corruption efforts and promoting transparency in areas crucial to preventing corruption, such as public procurement, company registries and asset declarations of public officials
- Advancing beneficial ownership transparency and countering money laundering to stem illicit financial flows
- Improving policies and mechanisms to protect those who uncover and report on corruption, including activists and reporters, and to encourage whistleblowers
- Advancing recognition of victim's rights and compensation for the harm caused by corruption
- Gaining recognition of grand corruption as an international crime and of the need for special measures to address it
- Securing civil society participation in UNCAC fora, particularly in UNCAC country reviews, and observer status for CSOs in UNCAC Conference of States Parties (CoSP) subsidiary bodies

How we do it

Advocacy – the Coalition jointly campaigns around common positions, through direct engagement with governments, written submissions and oral statements at and around UNCAC meetings.

Monitoring – the Coalition supports CSOs to engage in and contribute to the UNCAC review process, including through technical and financial support.

Solutions – the Coalition researches on cutting edge UNCAC issues, develops policy proposals, shares best practice approaches and experiences at UNCAC CoSP and IRG side events, and convenes key players from government and civil society to refine and adopt actions.

Capacity – the Coalition provides guidance and training to both governments and civil society, facilitates networks and joint civil society action.

Sign our **Transparency Pledge** and lead by example! The Pledge covers six principles ensuring transparency and civil society participation in the UNCAC implementation review process. Around 20 governments have already signed the Pledge. The Coalition has also developed a Guide with best practices to ensure an inclusive review process: <https://uncaccoalition.org/uncac-review/transparency-pledge>