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Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

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CONCEPT NOTE



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



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Background

Sustainable Development Goal 16 calls for the development of effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels, but also calls for urges to substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms. Several tools have been developed to support member states in assessing their performance on these two targets and design appropriate policies to mitigate the risk, among them the corruption risk management process that allows for institutions to develop and implement attainable corruption risks mitigation strategies while increasing their efficiency and fostering a behavioral change in which talking about corruption risks is not anymore a taboo but rather an institutionalized practice.

Since 2015, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has been supporting institutions strengthening their operational frameworks against corruption by implementing corruption risk management processes. The corruption risk management processes facilitated by UNODC have initiated and accelerated the use of crucial anti-corruption tools within these institutions, including complaint intake and corruption reporting systems, codes of conduct and operating procedures for issuing licenses and permits. For example, the Kenya Wildlife Service has put in place a Corruption Prevention Policy and codes of ethics and has reported that these efforts contributed to the fact that zero rhinos were poached in 2020. UNODC in partnership with UNDP and OCHR, have also invested in the strengthening of national statistical systems, including by developing standards to measure most of the survey-based indicators under SDG 16. The tool is well tested tool that countries can use to measure progress on many of the survey-based indicators under SDG16. It can support data production to unveil some of the hidden truths of how violence, discrimination, inequality, and injustice manifest itself in the community and identify entry points to begin to address some of these persistent challenges.

This workshop will guide participants through these tools and several other initiatives aimed at strengthening evidence as well as inform decision making.

Challenge and objective

Notwithstanding the fact that the vast majority of public servants perform their duties honestly, all organizations and government institutions face the risk of corruption. The challenge most organizations face is identifying the points in their operations where corruption is most likely to occur, developing and implementing strategies to prevent this corruption from occurring in the future, and ensuring that all members of the organization work with integrity to achieve the organization's mandate. In this framework is that the corruption risk management processes can contribute to enhance the delivery and efficiency of services to citizens by preventing corruption from occurring. These tools further contribute to eliminating corruption, in line with SDG target 16.5, and developing effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels, as foreseen in target 16.6, targets that are vital for the achievement of every SDG.

The objective of this interactive session is to familiarize attendees with the corruption risk management process and other complementary processes. Participants will learn the fundamentals of the process while discovering the advantages implementing such a process in every institution can bring to the fight against corruption.

Solutions

This session will focus on the use of corruption risk management processes and other complementary processes as tools to strengthen public institutions.

The corruption risk management process is a systematic tool that can be used by public organizations to identify corruption vulnerabilities within their operations and devise efficient, cost-effective strategies to mitigate those vulnerabilities or risks. The goal of any process is to identify a realistic set of potential areas or scenarios that may be vulnerable to corruption, determine which should be prioritized, and develop and implement mitigation measures.

Format and audience

This online workshop is open to public officials seeking to get an overview of how a corruption risk management processes can contribute to making their institutions more resilient to the threats of corruption. The 60-minute session will use [Mentimeter](#) as the primary training tool. Participants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with Mentimeter prior to the workshop.

Resources

- [State of Integrity: A guide on conducting corruption risk assessments in public organizations, UNODC, 2020](#)

Programme

Time	Item
08:00 - 08:10	Opening: Introduction and outline of the Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jennifer Sarvary Bradford, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC
08:10 - 08:20	From Risk to Resilience: Implementing Corruption Risk Management Processes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daniela Sota Valdivia, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC
08:20 - 08:30	Implementing Corruption Risk Management: The case of the Kenya Wildlife Service

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Mugendi, Kenya Wildlife Service
08:30 – 09:00	Applying Theory to Practice: Hands-On Experience in Corruption Risk Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tool: Mentimeter
09:00 – 09:20	SDG 16 in action: Programme for Legal Empowerment and Aid Delivery in Kenya, Phase II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charity Kagwi, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC Regional Office for Eastern Africa
09:20 – 09:40	Tracking SDG16 implementation: Building Robust National Statistical Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariana Neves, Governance Statistics Specialist, UNDP Global Policy Centre for Governance
09:40 – 10:00	Q & A session

More and registration

For more information and to sign up to attend, please visit:
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