



UNODC Anti-Corruption Academic Expert Workshop

Enhancing the capacity of academia to deliver high-quality anti-corruption education

United Nations Office in Vienna, Austria

11 – 13 August 2014

Aims and Objectives

With the increasing recognition of corruption as a major impediment to global development, interest in addressing corruption as a subject of academic research and teaching has grown rapidly amongst the academic community in recent years. The new and innovative nature of this field of study, however, has led to recognition from many that while the interest and will to deliver courses is strong, actual experience of teaching core anti-corruption topics is more limited.

At the most recent meeting of the Anti-Corruption Academic Initiative¹ in Panama City on 28 November 2013, representatives of 51 universities from around the world called for greater capacity-building support, training and technical assistance to be provided to professors who wish to introduce anti-corruption courses in their institutions. A need for increased support in this regard was noted as being particularly significant by academics working in Africa, South-East Asia and Latin America.

This three-day workshop, hosted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, will enhance the capacity of participating professors and academics to deliver high-quality anti-corruption education in their respective institutions.

With the aim of supporting the development of stronger teaching capacity in the field of anti-corruption studies, the workshop will facilitate the exchange of academic expertise between professors with experience in the delivery of anti-corruption education and those who are interested in beginning to deliver courses in this field. This knowledge exchange will be structured around six core substantive sessions, with each session delivered by leading international experts. Specialized support will also be provided to those interested in using the United Nations Convention against Corruption Academic Course, as developed by UNODC, as a framework for their teaching in this field.

The core thematic areas addressed as part of the workshop will include:

- Defining and Measuring Corruption
- The Criminalization of Corruption
- Combatting Corruption in the Private Sector
- Corruption in the Criminal Justice System
- Transparency in Public Administration as an Anti-Corruption Tool
- The Anti-Corruption International Legal Framework

In addition to providing a detailed analysis of the substantive issues involved in relation to each thematic area, session leaders will share their thoughts and experience with regard to how best such topics can be taught to students with limited prior knowledge.

¹ The ACAD Initiative is a collaborative project aimed at promoting the delivery of anti-corruption courses and modules at higher education institutions worldwide. To date, over 80 academic institutions have participated. For further information please visit: <http://www.track.unodc.org/Academia/Pages/Home.aspx>

Participants

UNODC will act as host and facilitator for the workshop, with small teams of international experts leading individual sessions. Session-leaders will primarily be drawn from academia but will also include senior officials from Transparency International, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the World Bank, and UNODC.

Participants will be drawn from academic institutions who have expressed a strong interest in delivering anti-corruption education in the near future, including those who wish to deliver the UNCAC Academic Course. More specifically, individual participating professors should have experience in research and teaching in the fields of law, governance, political science or business studies. Efforts will be made to ensure geographic diversity among participating institutions.

Methodology

The workshop is designed to deliver its objectives in an interactive manner over three days. It will generally be held in plenary sessions, enabling session-leaders to deliver classes and encourage discussions amongst participants with a view to exchanging information and clarifying key concepts. Sessions may also involve smaller group exercises allowing for more detailed discussion and presentation back to the larger group.

Prior to the workshop, session-leaders will submit a set of reading requirements which participants will be expected to have completed in advance of the meeting.

The workshop will be conducted in English.

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09:00 – 09.30 **Registration**

09.30 – 09.45 **Opening of the Workshop**

Session Objective: *Official opening of the workshop and an introduction to its objectives.*

Speakers: *Dimitri Vlassis, Chief, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC*

- **Official Opening of the Workshop**
- **Tour de table to introduce participants**

09.45 – 11.00 **Lecture: Defining and Measuring Corruption**

Session Objective: *To outline and discuss key approaches to the*

measurement of corruption both in terms of its prevalence and with regard to its impact and cost.

Speakers:

Adam Graycar, Professor, Australian National University

Santhosh Srinivasan, Research Coordinator, Transparency International

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- **Keynote lecture delivered by session-leaders**
- **Question and Answer in Plenary**

11.00 – 11.30 **Break**

11.30 – 12.45 **Lecture: The Criminalization of Corruption**

Session Objective: *To discuss the criminalization of key corruption offences as defined under the United Nations Convention against Corruption and consider key pieces of domestic legislation with significant jurisdictional reach including the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the UK Bribery Act.*

Speakers:

Matthew Stephenson, Professor of Law, Harvard University

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09.30 – 10.45 **Lecture: Combatting Corruption in the Private Sector**

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Speakers: Katherine Hall, Associate Professor, Australia National University, College of Law

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Keith Henderson, Adjunct Professor, American University, Washington School of Law

Candice Welsch, Chief, Implementation Support Section, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC

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Speakers: Max Kaiser Aranda, Director, EGAP Gobierno y Política Pública, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico

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17.00 – 17.30 Conclusion and Future Cooperation

Session Objective: *To summarize the work conducted over the last three days and to outline the ways in which support can be provided to participants in the development and delivery of anti-corruption courses going forward.*

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- **Summary of the workshop**
- **Presentation on the ways that participants can receive support from UNODC and fellow academics in the delivery of anti-corruption education**