

TRAINING TO STRENGTHEN CIVIL SOCIETY CAPACITY ON THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND ITS REVIEW MECHANISM

Laxenburg, Austria, 2-4 February 2011

OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of this training is to develop the participants' capacity to contribute to the UNCAC Review Mechanism. More specifically, the training seeks to:

- Equip participants with the requisite substantive expertise in UNCAC provisions.
- Inform the participants about the methodology for country reviews and the role of the comprehensive self-assessment checklist.
- Build capacity of participants to reproduce the training at the national/regional level.

METHODOLOGY AND DOCUMENTATION

The training is designed to deliver particular learning objectives in an interactive manner over a period of three days. It will include plenary presentations which will enable experts and stakeholders to provide presentations and engage in discussions with a view to exchanging information and clarifying key concepts. It will also include interactive exercises and practical applications based on mock scenarios to provide concrete learning opportunities for participants. The working language is English with interpretation in French and Spanish.

The following material will be made available for participants during the training:

- The UN Convention against Corruption.
- The Legislative Guide of the UN Convention against Corruption.
- "Travaux Préparatoires"
- The UNCAC Self Assessment Checklist.
- Resolution 3/1 on the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the UNCAC.
- Training material (datasets for practical applications).
- Other related material submitted by the participants.

DRAFT AGENDA
(as of 12 January 2011)

Wednesday, 2 February 2011

09.15 – 11.30 **Opening and First Session** chaired by Dimitri Vlassis, Chief of Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

***Session Objective:** Inform participants about the background, rationale and objectives of the training and enable them to share information about UNCAC implementation developments in their respective countries.*

- Welcoming remarks and initial overview of UNCAC, the Conference of the States Parties and the review mechanism by D. Vlassis
- Introduction to the workshop (Gillian Dell, Transparency International and Mirella Dummar Frahi, UNODC)
- Tour de table to introduce participants and share their expectations from the workshop.

11.30 – 11.45 **Break**

11.45 – 13.00 **Second Session**
The UNCAC Review Mechanism: An Overview (Elsa Gopala and Dorothee Gottwald, UNODC)

***Session Objective:** To familiarize participants with review methodology, including guiding principles, characteristics, and the relationship with the Conference of the States Parties; and present the checklist.*

- Explaining the UNCAC review methodology.
- Presenting the UNCAC Self Assessment Checklist.
- Presenting the Legislative Guide on UNCAC, Technical Guide and UNODC website.
- Practical information. Who to contact. How to find out if the self-assessment has been published and if so, where.

- Q&As.

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.45 Third Session

The UNCAC Review Mechanism: Revisiting the Substantive Provisions under Review.

***Session Objective:** to enable the in-depth exploration of the substantive requirements for implementing chapter III of the UNCAC (Criminalization and law enforcement) with reference to selected articles on chapter II of the UNCAC (preventive measures).*

- Overview on “criminalization and law enforcement” provisions under the UNCAC with reference to selected articles on chapter II of the UNCAC (preventive measures).
- Checklist application on one article.

15.45 – 16.00 Break

16.00 – 17.30 Fourth Session

The UNCAC Review Mechanism: Revisiting the Substantive Provisions under Review (continued).

***Session Objective:** to enable the in-depth exploration of the substantive requirements for implementing chapter III of the UNCAC (Criminalization and law enforcement).*

- Interactive exercise: examining and explaining selected articles.
- Checklist application on one article.

Thursday, 3 February 2011

09.00 – 10.00

Fifth Session

The UNCAC Review Mechanism: Revisiting the Substantive Provisions under Review (continued).

***Session Objective:** to enable the in-depth exploration of the substantive requirements for implementing chapter IV of the UNCAC (International cooperation).*

- **Overview on the “international cooperation” provisions under the UNCAC.**
- **Interactive exercise: examining and explaining selected articles.**

10.00 – 10.15

Break

10.15 – 13.00

Sixth Session

Practical Applications: the Self Assessment Stage.

***Session Objective:** to develop the capacity of participants in undertaking the self assessment exercise.*

- **Introduction and general remarks.**
- **Small-group exercises.**
- **Summary of process to be followed.**

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.45

Seventh Session

Practical Applications: the Peer Review Stage.

***Session Objective:** to develop the capacity of participants to continue to dialogue in reviewing self assessment reports that are submitted by the*

countries under review.

- Small-group exercises
- Conduct of review process: dialogue

15.45 – 16.00 **Break**

16.00 – 17.30 **Eighth Session**

Practical Applications: the Reporting Stage.

***Session Objective:** to develop the capacity of participants to contribute to the drafting of a country report.*

- Introduction and general remarks.
- Small-group exercises.

Friday, 4 February 2011

09.00 – 10.30 **Ninth Session TI organized session**

Transparency and civil society participation

***Session Objective:** To increase participants' understanding of how to effectively participate in the UNCAC review process and how the transparency of the process could be improved.*

- Entry points for civil society involvement
- Transparency measures at each stage
- TI tool for recording government performance
- Advocacy Strategies regarding CSO involvement and transparency
- Small group discussions of entry points (four groups of about 8 around the room)

10.30-11.00 **Break**

11. 00– 12.30

Tenth Session

Access to information

Session Objective: *To build participants' capacity to access government information for a constructive dialogue, parallel reviews and for the transparency of the Review process*

- **Access to Info Pilot Initiative and lessons learned (Helen Darbshire, AIE)**
- **Small group discussions of strategies**

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch

13.30 – 15.30

Eleventh Session

Preparing a parallel report

Session Objective: *to develop the capacity of participants in drafting parallel country reports with reference to the blueprint.*

- **TI tools to assist CSO participation: questionnaire; report format; guidance note; video (NOTE THESE SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPANTS IN ADVANCE SO THEY CAN COMMENT)**
- **TI recommendations regarding parallel report**
- **Preparing parallel reports : challenges and good practice. (Including Ximena, Luis, Londa)**
- **Small group discussions of TI tools and challenges in preparing reports**
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15.30 – 16.30

Advocacy and publicity of parallel reports

16.30 – 18.00

Next steps

- **Holding training sessions at home**