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UNCAC News

International news relating to the UNCAC

Equatorial Guinea takes France to the International Court of Justice - A unique opportunity to rule on immunity in grand corruption cases

Maud Perdriel-Vaissière, Sherpa, 27 November 2012

On 26 September 2012, Equatorial Guinean authorities announced that they had filed a case against France in the International Court of Justice (ICJ) over a French criminal investigation of corruption allegations, including money laundering, which Equatorial Guinea claims is "interfering" in their internal affairs. [Read More »](#)



Source: [Union Locale CGT](#)

Egyptian asset recovery: Nil returns to date from the UK

Tim Daniel, Partner Edwards Wildman Palmer UK LLP, 27 November 2012

The United Nations, the European Union, and the UK all issued freezing orders thirty-seven days after Mubarak was toppled. Alas, nearly two years after not a single dollar has been recovered or returned. [Read More »](#)



Tahrir square, Cairo on 25 January 2012
Credit: Gigi Ibrahim

Germany feels some pressure on UNCAC ratification

Christian Humborg, Transparency International Deutschland, 4 December 2012

Germany's snail-paced progress towards ratification of the UNCAC received a new impetus with a letter signed last August 2012 by more than 30 German CEOs. Another call for ratification has been made by civil society organisations, business associations and trade unions. [Read More »](#)

What's up in the UNCAC review process?

Gillian Dell, *Transparency International*, 13 December 2012



Source: [UNODC](#)

The UNCAC review process entered its third year in July and continues to assess national UNCAC implementation in the areas of criminal law and enforcement as well as international cooperation. The good news is that the process is progressing slowly but steadily and in some countries is prompting some reforms. [Read More »](#)

Why monitoring of the UN Convention against Corruption matters

Institute for Security Studies (ISS), 25 July 2012

The first UNCAC review cycle is currently underway and South Africa is among the group of countries currently under review. A sticking point remains the fact that, outside of government delegations, ordinary citizens do not have an opportunity to review the report. [Read More »](#)

The UNCAC Coalition in Action

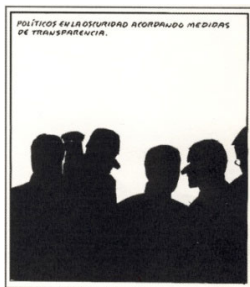
Recent news from the UNCAC Coalition and its members

Monitoring implementation of the OAS Anti-Corruption Convention – country visit to Argentina

Ezequiel Nino, ACIJ, 12 December 2012

At the end of October a delegation of experts from the Follow-up Mechanism of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption visited Argentina. [Read More »](#)

Struggling for transparency in Spain



Source: El Roto, *El País*, 18 March 2012

Lydia Medland and Victoria Anderica, Access Info Europe, 27 November 2012

Spain remains the only country in Europe with more than a million inhabitants without an access to information law. As a State Party to the UNCAC, the lack of protection for access to information means Spain is violating Article 13 of the Convention, something that should be highlighted under the next phase of the UNCAC review process. [Read More »](#)

UNCAC Coalition Updates

Short reports on UNCAC Coalition internal business

Civil society training on UNCAC monitoring

Adam Földes, Transparency International, 12 December 2012

The training for civil society organisations on the UNCAC Review Mechanism that took place in Laxenburg from 9-12 October totally fulfilled my expectations. [Read More »](#)



Coalition workshop at 15th IACC: Joining forces to make UNCAC work

Gillian Dell and Kristen Brand, Transparency International, 23 November 2012

On the final day of the 15th IACC in Brasilia (7-10 November 2012), 67 IACC participants joined 6 panellists at a Coalition workshop entitled “Joining forces for enforcement: Making UNCAC work”. [Read More »](#)

International Anti-Corruption Day

On 9 December 2012, UNCAC Coalition members around the world celebrated International Anti-Corruption Day. [Read More »](#)

In memoriam: Jeremy Pope

Karen Hussmann, Transparency International Individual Member, 12 November 2012

Sadness and pain marks this moment in which we are forced by fate to say good-bye to a beloved friend – a contagiously enthusiastic and inspiring soul of the anti-corruption movement—our dear Jeremy Pope. [Read More »](#)



Source: [ERCAS](#)

Key Dates and Announcements

Don't miss...

- **31 January - 2 February 2013, Manila (Philippines):** [5th Global Conference of Parliamentarians against Corruption](#) (GOPAC)
- **27 - 31 May 2013, Vienna:** 4th Session of the UNCAC Implementation Review Group
- **26 - 28 August 2013, Vienna:** 4th Session of the UNCAC Working Group on Prevention
- **29 - 30 August 2013, Vienna:** 7th Session of the UNCAC Working Group on Asset Recovery
- **November 2013 (to be confirmed), Panama:** 5th Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC (COSP5)

Employment opportunities

Peru: Forum Solidaridad Perú and Grupo de Trabajo Contra la Corrupción are accepting applications for volunteers and trainees for a minimum of three months to work on advocacy projects. Please get in touch with [Marco Machado Herrera](#), Project Coordinator. For more information you can also visit [Alerta Perú](#), [Corrupción en la Mira](#), and [Forum Solidaridad Perú](#).

Pakistan: Transparency International Pakistan is looking for a Strategic Planning Consultant for Strategy 2015. Check the [announcement](#) and visit the [website of TI Pakistan](#).



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