

Improving the Human Rights dimension of the fight against corruption  
International Conference  
Geneva, CICG, 19-20 February 2018

## Monday 19 February

### Morning

09:00	<b>Opening remarks</b>	<b>OSF CCPR-Centre</b>
09:15	Opening session I: The human rights dimension of the fight against corruption: the necessity of a comprehensive approach including UN Human Rights Mechanisms and UN Anti-corruption Mechanisms	José Ugaz (Lawyer, Professor of Criminal Law / Peru)
09:45	Opening session II: The fight against corruption in Tunisia and the role the Instance “Truth and Dignity” (Instance vérité et dignité)	Sihem Bensedrine, (Chair of the “Instance Vérité & Dignité” / Tunisia)
<b>Session I: Mapping corruption issues addressed by the UN Human Rights Mechanisms</b>		
10:15	Panel I: Overview of UN Treaty Bodies findings on corruption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HR Committee and ICCPR</li> <li>• ESCR Committee and ICESCR</li> <li>• CEDAW</li> </ul>	Marcia Kran (HR Committee Member) Zdzislaw Kedzia (ESCR Committee Member) Hilary Gbedemah (CEDAW Member) <i>TBC</i>
11:00	Break	
11:20	Panel II: Overview of the findings on corruption in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)	Hans Fridlund UPR-Info (Geneva)  Anar Mammadli (Chairperson, Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Center / Azerbaijan)
11:50	Panel III: Common challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying gaps and corruption issues not addressed in UN Human Rights Mechanisms</li> <li>• Thematic approach: Petty corruption vs Grand corruption: a different approach for UN HR Mechanisms</li> </ul>	Ilze Brands Kehris (Member of the HR Committee)  David Ugolor (Director Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice – ANEEJ / Nigeria)
12:30	Lunch	

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<b>Session II: The concept of victims of corruption and possibility of litigating corruption issues before the UN Treaty Bodies</b>		
14:00	Panel I: The concept of victims in the OP-ICCPR & OP-ICESCR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HR Committee and ICCPR</li> <li>• ESCR Committee and ICESCR</li> <li>• Bottom-up and participatory anti-corruption practice: A victims of corruption approach</li> </ul>	Carmen Rueda (former OHCHR – Petition team)  Kristian Lasslett (Prof. and Head of the School of Applied Social and Policy Studies – Ulster University)
14:50	Break	
15:10	Panel II: The victim of grand and petty corruption: Experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical cases of Bota Foundation in assisting victims in Kazakhstan</li> <li>• The case of Gulnara Karimova and the identification of the victims</li> <li>• Victims of corruption in the cotton in Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Fighting corruption in Azerbaijan": without genuine CSOs, free media and independent court system</li> </ul>	Aaron Bornstein (Former Executive Director of BOTA Foundation / USA) and Yevgeniy Zhovtis (Director of the International Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law / Kazakhstan)  Brian Campbell (Lawyer / USA)  Umida Niyazova (Director, Uzbek-German Forum for Human Rights)  Gubad Ibadoghlu (Senior analyst for social and economic studies at Azerbaijan's Economic Research Center)
16:45	End of the first day	

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## Tuesday 20 February

### Morning

<b>Session III: Strategic engagement with UN Human Rights Mechanisms and criminal justice on corruption issues</b>	
09:00	<p>Workshop I: Stolen assets &amp; Grand corruption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic advocacy and specific role for the UN Treaty Bodies</li> <li>• Engagement within the framework of and complementarity with international laws on human rights and criminal justice</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Richard Messick (Former Senior Public Sector Specialist in the Public Sector and Governance Group – World Bank / USA)</p>
10:30	Break
10:50	Workshop I: (cont'd)
11:40	Report in plenary and discussion
12:30	Lunch

<b>Workshop II: Petty corruption:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic advocacy and issues to be addressed in the Concluding Observations</li> <li>• Strategic litigation before UNTB and cases studies</li> </ul>	<p>Bamariam Koita (HR Committee Member)</p> <p>Elisa Isaac (OSISA / Angola)</p> <p>Wendy Abbey (Human Rights Advocacy Centre / Ghana)</p>

### Afternoon

<b>Session IV: Looking ahead</b>	
14:00	<p>Panel I: Identifying new strategies and concepts to address the issue of corruption in the work of the UN Treaty Bodies (in particular HR Committee and ESCR Committee)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Olivier de Schutter (ESCR Committee Member)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Susan Hawley (Policy Director – Corruption Watch / UK)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Anne Scheltema Beduin (Transparency International Netherlands)</p>
14:50	Break

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15:10	<p>Panel II: A comprehensive approach to the fight against corruption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How human rights law can contribute to approaches for responsible repatriation of stolen assets.</li> <li>• How the issue of the petty corruption can be better addressed in the HR Committee and ESCR Committee (State reporting procedure and under the complaints mechanisms)</li> <li>• The challenge of litigating cases of corruption – A call for an Anti-Corruption Court</li> <li>• Addressing the gender perspective in the fight against corruption</li> </ul>	<p>Julio Arbizu (Lawyer, Professor, and Former Anticorruption Attorney of the Republic of Peru)</p> <p>Maggie Murphy (Senior Global Advocacy Manager at Transparency International / UK)</p> <p>Mark Wolf, Judge, (Chair, Integrity Initiatives International / USA) by video link (TBC)</p> <p>Marcia Kran (HR Committee Member)</p>
16:15	Conclusion and Final words	
16:30	End of the second day	