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CONCEPT NOTE WORKING GROUP 1

Corruption and human rights: How can regional and global human rights mechanisms be engaged in the fight against corruption?

**Online event (Zoom), Thursday 15 October 2020,
14:00 – 15:30**

It is widely recognized by experts and practitioners alike that corruption hinders the enjoyment of civil, cultural, economic, political, and social rights. Corruption continues to undermine justice and accountability reforms and remains both a driver of human rights abuses and a barrier to States' implementation of treaty-based human rights obligations. Almost all Member States of the United Nations agreed to criminalize acts of corruption (stated particularly as bribery, embezzlement, misappropriation or other diversion of property, trading in influence, abuse of functions and illicit enrichment) when they ratified the United Nations Convention against Corruption, but monitoring and enforcement mechanisms remain weak. Yet the numerous international and regional human rights monitoring mechanisms are progressively filling that gap, focusing on the aggravating factor of corruption in human rights violations, or even on the understanding of corruption as a violation per se. This panel will explore the jurisprudence developed by international and regional human rights bodies around the topic of corruption and seek convergences and opportunities for further collaboration.

PANELISTS

- **Paul Hoffman**, Advocate, Senior Counsel, South Africa
- **Mathias Huter**, Managing Director, UNCAC Coalition
- **Mary Jane Ncube**, Independent Consultant and former Executive Director, Transparency International Zimbabwe
- **Rodrigo Uprimny Yepes**, Director of the Drug Policy Area, Dejusticia, Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Member of the GHRP Advisory Board

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- **Patrick Mutzenberg**, Director, CCPR Centre

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