

Risk and Resilience: Addressing the potential impact of corruption on financing for development and climate action

Room CR6

21 September 2024, 14:30-15:45

I. BACKGROUND

As countries aim to accelerate the realization of climate targets for a sustainable future, risks of corruption threaten to undermine those results. Corruption has the potential to deviate funding allocated for this purpose and to deter climate offset and development programmes, depriving all, but particularly persons in vulnerable situations of a better life. Thus, developing robust oversight and anti-corruption frameworks are essential to safeguard the future of the next generations and to ensure that climate and development finance achieve desired outcomes for those most in need.

This session will build on the momentum achieved over the last year to catalyze a global conversation between climate, international development, and anti-corruption stakeholders to work collaboratively to prevent corruption from undermining climate and development outcomes and fueling environmental crimes. By doing so, the event seeks to address the potential impact of corruption risks on financing for development and climate action. In this way, it is expected to strengthen the role played by the fight against corruption in the full and complete implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

II. OBJECTIVES

- Provide insights into potential risk trends
- Provide insights into how emerging anti-corruption tools can safeguard climate action and sustainable development finance outcomes while ensuring human rights are upheld.
- Bring together government representatives, international development organizations, civil society and other stakeholders to discuss anti-corruption efforts that are being taken to advance climate action and need to be scaled up to help set into practice the Pact for the Future.
- Understand the impacts that corruption entails to financing for developing countries.
- Highlight findings from a joint paper on climate action and corruption risks prepared by UNODC and the World Bank.

III. AUDIENCE

This high-level session is aimed at a global audience.

IV. AGENDA

Saturday, 21 September 2024	
14.30 – 14.35	Introduction to the topic and panel participants <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Moderator: Ms. Francine Pickup, Deputy Director, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP
14.35 – 14.40	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Ghada Waly, Executive Director, UNODC
14.40 – 15.10	Panel 1: How does corruption impact financing for development and climate change? <ul style="list-style-type: none">- H.E. Mr. Pavel Isa, Minister of Economy, Planning and Development, Dominican Republic- H.E. Mr. Badr Abdelatty, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates, Egypt- H.E. Salem Saeed Ghafan Al Jabri, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Security and Military Affairs, UAE- Ms. Tine Mørch Smith, Director General, Department for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway- Ms. Corinna Gilfillan, Senior Analyst, UNCAC Coalition’s Environmental Crime and Corruption Working Group
15.10 – 15.30	Panel 2: Examples of anti-corruption tools that are serving to counter corruption linked to financing for development and climate change <ul style="list-style-type: none">- H.E. Mr. Vinícius Marques de Carvalho, Minister of State, Office of the Comptroller General (CGU), Brazil- Mr. Arturo Herrera, Global Director, Governance, The World Bank- Dr. Ketakandriana Rafitoson, Vice-Chair, Transparency International
15.30 – 15.40	Q&A
15.40 – 15.45	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Moderator