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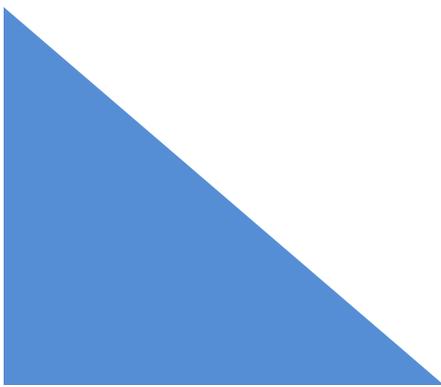


# Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Launch of a Global Judicial Integrity Network

Swakopmund, Namibia

16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## Programme



## Introduction

Article 11 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) emphasizes the crucial role of the judiciary in combating corruption and recognizes that in order to play this role effectively, the judiciary itself must be free of corruption and its members must act with integrity. Accordingly, it requires each State Party to (a) take measures to strengthen integrity among members of the judiciary, and (b) take measures to prevent opportunities for corruption among members of the judiciary.

The term “integrity” in article 11, in its application to members of the judiciary, may be defined as a holistic concept that refers to the ability of the judicial system or an individual member of the judiciary to resist corruption, while fully respecting the core values of independence, impartiality, personal integrity, propriety, equality, competence and diligence. These values are identified in the *Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct*, and elaborated comprehensively in the *Commentary on the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct*.

In 2016, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) launched a global project to provide sustained support and delivery of technical assistance to Member States in specific areas covered by the Doha Declaration, adopted at the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 2015, including strengthening judicial integrity and the prevention of corruption in the justice system. In particular, the Doha Declaration reaffirmed the commitment of States to “make every effort to prevent and counter corruption, and to implement measures aimed at enhancing transparency in public administration and promoting the integrity and accountability of our criminal justice systems, in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption.”

The implementation of the Doha Declaration will be an important enabler for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030, particularly for Goal 16 to “promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.” Relevant targets under Goal 16 include 16.3 (Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all), 16.5 (Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms) and 16.6 (Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels).

UNODC, as guardian of the Convention, serves as Secretariat to the Conference of the States Parties to UNCAC. In this role, UNODC services the Implementation Review Mechanism for the Convention. The Second Cycle of the Review Mechanism, launched in 2016, addresses the implementation of Chapter II of the Convention, which includes article 11. The Global Judicial Integrity Network,

described further below, will provide a platform for accessing relevant resources, good practices and other materials that will assist in the successful participation in, and follow-up to, the review process.

## **The Global Judicial Integrity Network**

To support States and their judiciaries to fully implement article 11 of UNCAC, in line with the *Bangalore Principles*, the judicial integrity project aims to establish a Global Judicial Integrity Network of members of judiciaries throughout the world, harnessing the expertise and experience of judges, national and regional associations of judges, judicial administration officials and other stakeholders. The Global Judicial Integrity Network will become a platform to support Judiciaries in the following areas:

- Exchange of best practices and lessons learned on priority challenges and emerging issues in judicial integrity and the prevention of corruption through regular in-person and virtual meetings of the Global Network;
- Creation of a database of relevant resources;
- Development of tools, practical guidance manuals and training programmes, that can be tailored to the relevant legal system, professional cultures and national challenges;
- Provision of peer-to-peer advisory services, training and other capacity-building support in the area of judicial integrity and professionalism;
- Assessments of integrity risks in the criminal justice chain and in the development of effective responses to the risks identified; and
- Development and implementation of codes of conduct and the establishment of effective oversight and accountability mechanisms for Judiciaries and judicial support staff. Advising in legislative drafting, the preparation and implementation of codes of conduct, the development of training programmes and the establishment of effective accountability and oversight mechanisms.

In order to establish the Global Judicial Integrity Network, as a foundational pillar of the judicial integrity project, UNODC proposes to hold a series of regional expert-level meetings of senior members of the judiciary and judicial administration to identify global priorities in judicial integrity and the prevention of corruption, with a view to:

- Raise awareness among members of the judiciary regarding the proposal for the creation of a Global Judicial Integrity Network;
- Collect the ongoing efforts, good practices and priorities of judiciaries across regions in terms of strengthening judicial integrity;
- Assess the needs and expectations of judiciaries in terms of capacity-building support, advisory services, tools, networking opportunities and other resources which could be provided through a Global Judicial Integrity Network and related platform of resources and

services, and to identify members of the judiciary and judicial administration who would be interested to join the Network once launched; and

- Identify members of the judiciary and judicial administration who would be interested in joining the network.

UNODC plans to support the Global Judicial Integrity Network through effective secretariat support services, including the development of a website, resource database, outreach and administration, culminating in a High-Level Launch of the Global Judicial Integrity Network with an inaugural conference in 2018.

## Agenda

<b>Day 1, Sunday: 15 October 2017</b>	
<b>WELCOMING COCKTAIL SWAKOPMUND HOTEL AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE 18:30</b>	
<b>Day 2, Monday: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>	
<b>SWAKOPMUND HOTEL AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE</b>	
<b>08.00 – 09.00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>Opening Session</b>	
<b>DIRECTOR OF PROCEEDINGS: HON. P.T. DAMASEB, DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE, NAMIBIA</b>	
<b>09.00 – 09.45</b>	<p><b>Namibian and AU Anthems</b> <i>Hosiana Choir</i></p> <p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b> <i>Honourable Cleophas Mutjavikua, Governor of the Erongo Region</i></p> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Honourable Peter S. Shivute, Chief Justice of the Republic of Namibia and Chairperson of SACJF</i></p> <p><b>Remarks</b> <i>Ms. Zhuldyz Akisheva, Representative UNODC Regional Office for Southern Africa</i></p> <p><b>Keynote Address</b> <i>Honourable Ruben Rimigio, President of the Peoples' Supreme Court of Cuba</i></p> <p><b>Cultural Interlude</b> <i>Hosiana Choir</i></p> <p><b>Official Photograph</b> <i>(Venue to be announced)</i></p>
<b>Session I: The Global Judicial Integrity Network – Introduction and Overview</b>	
<b>Moderator: Mr. Lorenzo Wakefield, National Programme Officer, UNODC</b>	
<b>09.45 – 10.30</b>	<p><b>Introduction on the Global Judicial Integrity Network</b> <i>Dr. Oliver Stolpe, Senior Programme Officer, UNODC</i></p>

	<p><i>(Participants will be provided with an introduction to the UNODC judicial integrity initiative and overview of the proposed objectives and structure of the planned Global Judicial Integrity Network)</i></p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>10.30 – 10.45</b>	<b>Coffee Break (Foyer)</b>
<b>10.45 – 13.30</b>	<p><b>Session II: Presentation of Regional Developments in Judicial Integrity</b>  <b>Moderator: Ms. Zhuldyz Akisheva, Regional Representative, UNODC</b></p> <p><i>Each country delegation will have the opportunity to address the plenary to highlight important steps being taken to enhance judicial integrity or existing challenges as well expectations from the event</i></p> <p><i>Country representatives will be invited to provide a short (maximum 10 minutes) presentation:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Angola</li> <li>2. Botswana</li> <li>3. Ghana</li> <li>4. Kenya</li> <li>5. Lesotho</li> <li>6. Malawi</li> <li>7. Mozambique</li> <li>8. Namibia</li> <li>9. Nigeria</li> <li>10. Seychelles</li> <li>11. South Africa</li> <li>12. Swaziland</li> <li>13. Tanzania</li> <li>14. Uganda</li> <li>15. Zambia</li> <li>16. Zimbabwe</li> </ol> <p><b>Open Discussion</b></p>
<b>13.30 – 14.30</b>	<b>Lunch (Venue to be Announced)</b>
<b>14.30 – 16.00</b>	<p><b>Session III: Strengthening Integrity and Preventing Corruption in the Judiciary</b>  <b>Moderator: Honourable Justice Kashim Zannah, Chief Judge of Borno State, Nigeria, and Member of the Anti-Corruption Committee of the National Judicial Council</b></p> <p><b>Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Regional Developments in Judicial Integrity in Africa</b> <i>Honourable Justice Charles Mkandawire, Malawi</i></li> <li>○ <b>Judicial Training in South Africa</b> <i>Honourable Judge Cagney Musi, South Africa</i></li> <li>○ <b>The Judicial Corruption Scandal of 2015, then and now.</b> <i>Honourable Justice Sophia Adinyira, Ghana</i></li> </ul>

	<p><i>Panellists will focus in their presentations on specific measures adopted in their jurisdictions with regard to issues such as Strengthening and enforcing Codes of Conduct; Establishing complaints mechanisms and protecting reporting persons; and Integrating professional ethics, integrity and the prevention of corruption into judicial education.</i></p> <p><b>Open Discussion</b></p>
<b>16.00 – 16.15</b>	<b>Coffee Break (Foyer)</b>
<p><b>Session IV: Strengthening Integrity and Preventing Corruption in the Judiciary</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Dr Oliver Stolpe, Senior Programme Officer, UNODC</b></p>	
<b>16.15 –17.45</b>	<p><b>Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Judicial Appointments in South Africa</b> <i>Mr Chris Oxtoby</i></li> <li>• <b>Judicial Appointments in Zimbabwe: A case study of the townhall approach</b> <i>Honourable Chief Justice Luke Malaba, Zimbabwe</i></li> <li>• <b>Vetting Process for the Appointment of Judges in Kenya</b> <i>Honourable Justice Patrick O. Kiage, Kenya</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Panellists will focus in their presentations on specific measures adopted in their jurisdictions with regard to issues such as using assessment tools, risk mapping, qualitative assessments, surveys, courts inspections as well as performance evaluations as tools to monitor and identify integrity challenges; Integrating integrity related aspects into vetting and appointments procedures; Using public outreach and court transparency measures to strengthen external monitoring of integrity by the public and to instill public confidence in the judiciary.</i></p> <p><b>Open Discussion</b></p>

<p><b>Day Three: Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b></p> <p><b>Session V: The Global Judicial Integrity Network; Presentation and Group Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Lorenzo Wakefield, National Programme Officer, UNODC</b></p>	
<b>9.00 – 11.15</b>	<p><b>Small Groups Discussions on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>i) priority challenges and emerging issues;</b></li> <li>• <b>ii) development of technical tools and training materials; and</b></li> <li>• <b>iii) opportunities for exchanging experiences and structure of the Network.</b></li> </ul> <p><i>The session will divide participants into small groups who will be tasked to discuss how to make the Global Judicial Integrity Network a reality, including what should constitute its priorities, core activities and functions in support of judiciaries at global, regional and country specific levels. UNODC will facilitate the session and each group will choose a moderator and a rapporteur.</i></p>

11.15 – 11.45	<b>Coffee Break (Foyer)</b>
<b>Session VI: The Global Judicial Integrity Network – Expectations and Needs</b> <b>Moderator: Mr. Jeff Apperson, Vice President, National Center of State Courts</b>	
11.45 – 13.00	<b>Panel</b> <i>Rapporteurs of the smaller groups</i>  <i>The rapporteurs of the small groups present in a moderated panel the ideas formulated during the previous session, the plenary debates these conclusions in order to produce recommendations for the development of the Network.</i>  <b>Open discussion regarding the Network, its modalities, services, functions and resources</b>
13.00 – 14.15	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Session VII: The Way Ahead</b> <b>Session Chair: Dr Oliver Stolpe, Senior Programme Officer, UNODC</b>	
14.15 – 15.15	<b>Summary of the next steps and General Discussion</b>
15.15 – 15.30	<b>Closing Session:</b> <b>Vote of Thanks</b> <b>AU and National Anthems</b>
<b>Day Three: Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b> <b>FAREWELL RECEPTION – VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED</b> <b>18:30</b>	