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Launch of the Global Judicial Integrity Network

*“Joining Forces to Strengthen Judicial Integrity and Prevent
Corruption in the Justice System”*

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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

The Global Judicial Integrity Network is a platform to provide assistance to judiciaries in strengthening judicial integrity and preventing corruption in the justice system. The Network will promote peer learning and support activities among judges; facilitate access to relevant tools and resources on various issues relating to judicial integrity; and support the further development and effective implementation of principles of judicial conduct and the prevention of corruption within the justice system. Through the Network, global guidance and technical materials on judicial integrity and anti-corruption will be developed and strengthened, and technical assistance will be provided to support judiciaries in the development and implementation of strategies, measures and systems to strengthen integrity and accountability in the justice system. The core objectives of the Network will be:

- (i) to promote networking opportunities for judges and other justice sector stakeholders, with a view to advance the exchange of knowledge and mutual support in strengthening judicial integrity and preventing corruption in the justice system;
- (ii) to facilitate the access of judges and other justice sector stakeholders to existing guidance materials, tools and similar resources on judicial integrity, including through the establishment of a database of relevant resources;
- (iii) to assist in the identification of gaps in international standards and technical resources on judicial integrity and to support the development of new tools and technical resources to address such gaps;
- (iv) to facilitate the identification of technical assistance needs and the provision of required technical assistance, including through facilitating peer-to-peer support and learning opportunities.

In preparation for the Launch of the Global Judicial Integrity Network, UNODC consulted with close to 4000 judges from across the globe, including through:

- Seven regional preparatory meetings held between 2016 and 2017 in Jordan, Tunisia, Thailand, Panama, Vienna, Burkina Faso and Namibia;
- The attendance of the meetings of, inter alia, the International Association of Judges and its regional groupings, the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association, the Latin American Federation of Judges, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the CEELI Institute Central and Eastern European Judicial Exchange Network, the Judicial Integrity Group, the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers, the Pacific Chief Justices' Forum, LAWASIA, the International Organisation for Judicial Training, the European Network of Councils of the Judiciary, and the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute;

- The dissemination of an online survey in Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish to more than 1000 judges and justice sector stakeholders.

These consultations helped UNODC to learn more about the efforts made by judiciaries to strengthen judicial integrity in line with article 11 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, and to identify good practices as well as any remaining challenges. As such, they provided the basis for conceptualizing the Global Judicial Integrity Network with a view to meeting the needs and expectations of judges worldwide.

Agenda

Day One – 09 April 2018				
08.00 – 09.30	Registration			
09.30 – 10.30	<p>Opening Session – Welcome remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNODC • Chief Justices from select jurisdictions 			
10.30 – 11.00	<p>Coffee Break</p> <p>Press Conference (tbc)</p>			
11.00 – 12.30	<p>High-level Plenary Session – Challenges and Good Practices in Promoting Judicial Integrity and Preventing Corruption in the Justice System – The Role of the Global Judicial Integrity Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: UNODC • UNODC – The Global Judicial Integrity Network – What to Expect, Objectives, Tools and Services • Member of Judicial Integrity Group – The Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct • UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers – Corruption as a Threat to Judicial Independence and the Delivery of Justice • Open discussion 			
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch			
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Thematic Breakout Sessions I</p> <p><i>Thematic breakout sessions will be organized by UNODC and other stakeholders to address priority issues identified in the outreach to establish the Network. The sessions will provide an opportunity for participants to present the experiences of their jurisdictions and institutions in three thematic work streams. At the end of each sessions, organizers will collect the recommendations emerging from discussions as inputs for the future work of the Global Judicial Integrity Network.</i></p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Thematic Work Stream I: Strengthening Judicial Integrity & Accountability - covering topics such as codes of conduct; disciplinary and criminal proceeding; judicial ethics</td> <td>Thematic Work Stream II: Preventing Corruption in the Justice System – covering topics such as income and asset disclosure systems; conflicts of interest;</td> <td>Thematic Work Stream III: Assessing and Monitoring Integrity – covering topics such as judicial performance evaluations; court inspections, justice sector integrity and corruption risk</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Thematic Work Stream I: Strengthening Judicial Integrity & Accountability - covering topics such as codes of conduct; disciplinary and criminal proceeding; judicial ethics	Thematic Work Stream II: Preventing Corruption in the Justice System – covering topics such as income and asset disclosure systems; conflicts of interest;	Thematic Work Stream III: Assessing and Monitoring Integrity – covering topics such as judicial performance evaluations; court inspections, justice sector integrity and corruption risk
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	training; and the use of social media by judges.	selection, vetting and appointments; whistleblower protection; and transparency of court proceedings.	assessments; and using data for evidence based reforms.
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break		
16.00 – 17.30	Thematic Breakout Sessions II		
	Thematic Work Stream I (cont.)	Thematic Work Stream II (cont.)	Thematic Work Stream III (cont.)
19.00 – 21.00	Social Event <i>Reception hosted by the Supreme Court of Austria – at the Vienna Palace of Justice:</i> http://www.ogh.gv.at/en/the-palace-of-justice		

Day Two – 10 April 2018			
09.30 – 11.00	Thematic Breakout Sessions III		
	Thematic Work Stream I (cont.)	Thematic Work Stream II (cont.)	Thematic Work Stream III (cont.)
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break		
11.30 – 13.00	Thematic Breakout Sessions IV		
	Thematic Work Stream I (cont.)	Thematic Work Stream II (cont.)	Thematic Work Stream III (cont.)
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch		
14.30 – 16.00	Plenary Session – Working Together for Judicial Integrity <i>This session will explore some of the recommendations from the thematic breakout sessions and how judges, judiciaries, judicial associations and other actors can work together to promote and strengthen judicial integrity through the Global Judicial Integrity Network.</i>		

16.00 – 16.15	Coffee Break
16.15 – 17.00	<p>The Global Judicial Integrity Network – Structure and Future Priorities</p> <p><i>The session will seek the endorsement of the terms of reference for the structure of the Global Judicial Integrity Network and a decision on future steps, including the potential next global gathering of the Network. The session should conclude with the adoption of a Declaration on Judicial Integrity.</i></p>
17.00 – 17.30	Closing Ceremony