



**Anti-Corruption in the context of the 2030 Agenda,  
March-April 2020**

This online course promotes awareness about the key role anti-corruption plays in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It offers practical examples and key tools to enhance integration of anti-corruption in the measurement and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The programme also introduces participants to the importance of aligning national sustainable development and anti-corruption strategies.

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## Introduction

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has been a major breakthrough for the anti-corruption movement, as it emphasizes the importance of promoting transparency, accountability and anti-corruption, and makes an explicit link between corruption, peace and just and inclusive societies.

UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner said, “the 2030 Agenda has established anti-corruption as a global imperative on which hinges the achievement of all sustainable development goals. Goal 16 is rooted in human rights and highlights the importance of strengthening institutions and governance in our pledge to leave no one behind.

We also have the opportunity to advance the anti-corruption agenda through the implementation of the UN Convention Against Corruption, which has now reached near-universal ratification, providing a comprehensive global framework to fight corruption in line with the 2030 Agenda.

Corruption is a complex phenomenon that continues to persist in many countries across the world. It has a direct impact on the three dimensions of sustainable development – social, economic and environmental – and affects each of the five pillars of the 2030 agenda: people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnerships.”

Despite progress, corruption is still a pressing challenge. Resources lost to corruption exceed the estimated \$10 trillion required to eradicate poverty by 2030. Money lost to corruption is development denied to those most at risk of being left behind.

This course has been developed by UNSSC and the UN Development Programme (UNDP). The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) provided significant input into the course content. U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), and the International Anti-corruption Academy (IACA) also contributed to the course content. The free-of-charge delivery of this course in 2020 is financially supported by UNDP and UNODC.



**Where** ONLINE



**When** 30 Mar - 01 May 2020



**Fee** 0 USD



**Duration** 5 weeks



**Enrollment deadline** 11 Mar 2020



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**Language** English

## Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will:

- Demonstrate a sound understanding of the 2030 Agenda and articulate the key role that anti-corruption plays in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of dual role anti-corruption plays in the 2030 Agenda, both as a focus area in itself under SDG 16 and as a prerequisite to achieving all other SDGs.
- Identify different methods, tools and best practices to mainstream anti-corruption initiatives in sustainable development plans and programmes.
- Identify practical tools and best practices to harmonise the monitoring of sustainable development and anti-corruption initiatives.
- Be able to articulate the need to align sustainable development and anti-corruption efforts.

## Course Contents

**Week 1:** Sustainable development and anti-corruption. Concepts of corruption and sustainable development. Anti-corruption initiatives advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**Week 2:** The role of anti-corruption as part of SDG 16 and as a prerequisite to achieve all other SDGs.

**Week 3:** Fighting corruption across sectors

**Week 4:** Integrating anti-corruption in sustainable development plans and programmes – coordination and implementation. Different approaches to align anti-corruption initiatives to sustainable development plans and programmes.

**Week 5:** Integrating anti-corruption in sustainable development plans and programmes – monitoring. Tools and best practices to monitor anti-corruption efforts within the context of sustainable development.

## Course Methodology

UNSSC online courses are designed to deliver maximum learning outcomes through carefully chosen high-quality learning materials. Our highly facilitated online courses combine self-paced study modules with applied learning components, such as case studies, interactive exercises, and collaborative group work, specially tailored to the needs of the professional interested in deepening their knowledge on a particular subject matter.

Participants will also benefit from live moderated webinars which feature valuable inputs from renowned subject matter experts and allow real-time dialogue with high-level speakers. Webinar recordings are also made available to ensure that participants have a flexible and seamless learning experience.

A facilitator guides and assists the participants all along the course, and provides real-time feedback on activities and exercises. Our user-friendly online social learning platform provides participants with the opportunity to connect with peers from diverse organizational backgrounds, fostering peer-to-peer learning.

UNSSC online courses give learners the opportunity to complete activities when it best fits their schedule. Participants are largely free to determine their own weekly study plan. Lasting five weeks and demanding six hours of study per week, UNSSC online courses incorporate the same high academic rigour as any UNSSC face-to-face programme.

## Target Audience

UN staff from headquarters, UN country teams or regional offices, government representatives, development practitioners as well as members of civil society, academia and foundations.

## Cost of participation

Participants are at the centre of the learning offerings at UNSSC. UNSSC adopts a concrete methodology in its selection process that considers the scope, objectives, and expected outcomes of the course as well as specific selection criteria for its course participants to increase course impact. The criteria include quality of motivation, professional experience and knowledge, organizational commitment, diversity, the potential for future work, and willingness to contribute to the course.

Interested individuals are encouraged to sign up for the course and provide a clear and well-crafted motivation statement in the online application form, with a short explanation of the benefit they can derive from the course as well as their possible contribution to enriching the course.

This online course is offered **free-of-charge**.

Participants will enjoy the following benefits from the free online course:

- Unlimited access to course materials (incl. exclusive video material and key readings), recording of webinars and speakers' presentations.
- Participation in live webinars with renowned subject matter experts.
- Exclusive access to UNSSC online social learning environment with training and supporting background materials, and the opportunity to stay connected with colleagues.

Certificates will be awarded to participants upon completion of the course.