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# Enhancing the Effectiveness of UNCAC Implementation through Structured Follow-Up Mechanisms

# Overview of the UNCAC Implementation Review Mechanism (IRM)

## Introduction



### **Significance of UNCAC**

The United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) plays a pivotal role in global anti-corruption efforts.



### **Role of IRM**

The IRM evaluates member states' compliance with the UNCAC, providing recommendations for policy improvement.



### **Value of Recommendations**

Recommendations from peer reviews serve as a guide for enhancing policies, achieving standards, and adopting best practices.

# The Role of Follow-Up in Enhancing the IRM

## Importance of Follow-Up



### **Ensuring Effectiveness**

Follow-up on recommendations is essential for verifying the IRM's impact and effectiveness.



### **Addressing Challenges**

Allows countries to report progress and discuss implementation challenges, fostering transparency.



### **Enhancing Civic Participation**

Follow-up processes improve public accountability by highlighting state actions under UNCAC.

# Addressing the Challenges of Implementing a Follow-Up Process

## Challenges in Follow-Up



### **Asymmetries in Review Stages**

Countries are at different stages in the review cycles, posing a challenge for uniform follow-up.



### **Time Gaps and Relevance**

Recommendations from the first cycle may be outdated, reducing the efficacy of follow-up.



### **Need for a Flexible Approach**

A solution must account for these challenges while maintaining the integrity of the review process.

# Proposal for a Formal, Structured Follow-Up Procedure

## Proposed Solution



### **Formal Reporting Process**

Adopt a structured procedure for regular progress reporting, separate from review cycles.



### **Timing of Reports**

Countries should report progress at least 2 years after the adoption of each review report.



### **Enhancing Transparency**

This procedure promotes transparency by allowing public and peer review of the progress made.

# Reassessing and Updating Recommendations

## Reassessment of Recommendations

- **Mechanisms for Reassessment:** Develop mechanisms to reassess and update recommendations to reflect current realities.
- **Focus on Outstanding Issues:** Allows countries to address outstanding recommendations while acknowledging progress.
- **Tracking Implementation:** Provides a clear pathway for countries to demonstrate ongoing commitment and progress.

# Brazil's Monitoring Panel for Anti-Corruption Recommendations

## Case Study: Brazil



### **Creation of the Panel**

Developed by CGU to track and publicize Brazil's progress on international anti-corruption recommendations.



### **Consolidation of Data**

Recommendations from various conventions are consolidated and analyzed for transparency and coordination.



### **Public Access and Internal Coordination**

The panel supports both internal coordination and public transparency through Power BI.

# Benefits of Brazil's Approach and Considerations for Broader Adoption

## Benefits and Considerations



### **Internal Coordination**

The panel supports coordination among agencies and ensures cohesive action on anti-corruption policies.



### **Public Transparency**

By making recommendations and progress publicly accessible, the panel enhances transparency.



### **Respect for National Contexts**

Each country's unique challenges and implementation pace are respected, avoiding direct comparisons.



# Conclusion: Towards a More Effective UNCAC IRM

## Conclusion and Call to Action



### **Summary of Key Proposals**

Formal follow-up procedures, reassessment mechanisms, and the importance of transparency.



### **Encouragement for Adoption**

UNCAC members are encouraged to adopt similar tools to enhance their implementation monitoring.



### **Shared Successes and Challenges**

A call for sharing experiences, challenges, and successes to collectively strengthen the UNCAC.



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