

## Annex – Questionnaire

Measure taken to implement the Convention and the commitments contained in the UNGASS political declaration, as well as good practices and progress made in the use of international cooperation mechanism under the Convention

<b>Country</b>	Myanmar
<b>Implementing authority/ authorities</b>	Anti-Corruption Commission
<b>Corresponding paragraph(s) of the UNGASS political declaration and/or article(s) of the Convention</b>	Preventive measure Criminalization and Law Enforcement International Cooperation
<b>Title of initiative</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Corruption Prevention Unit (CPU)</li> <li>➤ Business Ethics and Internal control measures on private entities</li> <li>➤ Awareness Program</li> <li>➤ Law Enforcement</li> <li>➤ International Cooperation</li> </ul>
<b>Keywords of initiative</b>	CPU, Awareness raising, collaboration, amending law, anti- corruption
<b>Short summary of initiative (please indicate the start date/ duration if relevant)</b>	In order to fulfil the UNGASS political declaration, Corruption Prevention Units (CPU) was formed by ACC and governmental institutions to reduce corruption in 2019. Many integrity promoting activities have been held between 2018 and 2022. The fourth amendment of anti- corruption law has been accomplished in 2018. With the purposes of

	<p>international cooperation, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with many countries have been signed since 2015. Business Ethics and Integrity-promoting activities have been made between 2018 to 2022.</p>
<p><b>Detailed description of initiative</b></p>	<p><b>Corruption Prevention Unit</b></p> <p>Myanmar (ACCM) has established Corruption Prevention Units (CPUs) among the Union Ministries / Institutions to effectively implement the prevention corruption activities since 2019. At present, there are (38) CPU in ministries and governmental organizations. The followings are (3) actions of CPU:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) To disclose the corrupt problems;</li> <li>(b) To solve the problems lawfully;</li> <li>(c) To perform Corruption Risk Assessment (CRA) and mitigate risks.</li> </ul> <p>Led by the Commission, with the technical assistance of the World Bank, the ICT-based Proactive Beneficiary / Citizen Engagement (PBE Mechanism) has been piloted as a CPU Toolkit in Corruption Prevention Units in 10 Union Ministries / Organizations. The CPU Toolkit process was renamed the Public Feedback Program (PFP) as it was a form of public feedback on the service of</p>

government departments / organizations. The Anti-Corruption Commission has been using the Public Feedback Programme (PFP) by sending SMS with the Short Code “1111” to the citizen’s telephone who have received services at public offices / departments under the supervision of the relevant Union Ministries / Institutions. The PFP system is now used in 13 ministries / organizations, including the Commission.

**Business Ethics and Internal control measures in Private Entities**

The Notification No. (14/2018) was released by the Anti-Corruption Commission on 19 October 2018, for designating the basic principles to develop and practice principally sound business ethics and appropriate internal control measure in private entities for prevention of corruption. As such, the Commission is collaborating with relevant departments/ agencies for their observance of the Notification.

**Awareness Program**

As an awareness program for enhancing of integrity, ACC has developed teacher’s guide books for primary, secondary Integrity Modules for High School level books handed over to Ministry of Education, and Anti-Corruption and Integrity

Module for University level books have been published and handed over to the Ministries and State/Regional Government Organizations. In 2022, the (4000) books on integrity and ethic modules(2) and anti- corruption module(3) for University level are handed over Ministry of Education. The Youth Integrity Camps (two time totally) were launched with the aim of recognizing the role of the participation of youth in combating corruption, considering for their participation and developing proper morals for youth in carrying out integrity-enhancement activities.

With the purposes of raising anti- corruption knowledges, the three ranges of books on Anti-Corruption were designed for each rank in ACC (Director and Deputy Director level Officers, Assistant Director and Staff Officer level, and Investigators and Support Staffs).

Except from the confidential information, the Anti-Corruption Commission released timely information relating to the Commission's work programs, procedures and activities via Commission Website [www.accm.gov.mm](http://www.accm.gov.mm), Facebook Page and State-owned Newspapers in order to promote public awareness on corruption prevention.

As integrity-promoting activities, one song performance, five Short Video clips in 2019 and

four short movie series from Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption were broadcast on State-owned Myanmar Radio and Television and uploaded on ACC Myanmar Facebook Page.

As an awareness purposes of prevention on corruption risks, we have been publishing the anti-corruption articles under “ACC Against COVID-19” session of the official ACC Facebook in which many professionals from other sectors are invited to write articles during pandemic.

The Commission’s Code of Conduct was issued in 2018 with aim of enforcing the civil service code of conduct of its staffs, in order to fulfill their duties and responsibilities and to increase public confidence.

Anti-Corruption activities such as workshops, seminars are held in order to create a corruption-free society in our country. Seminars on “Responsible Business” and “Vulnerability to Corruption Assessment” are held in many Regions and States. To build the trust between government and public, UN 75 initiative symposium was hold in 2020, participating many professionals from various fields.

### **Law Enforcement**

Anti-Corruption Law was amended and enacted on 21<sup>st</sup>, June of 2018 for combating corruption effectively. The 26 substitutions and 9 amendments

were included in the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment of Anti-Corruption Law. In the fourth amendment, the definition of corruption, supplementing action to be taken for the loss and damage of state-owned properties, issuing order for the private entities to establish and practice code of conduct, supplementing action for the credible information have been modified.

According to the Anti-Corruption Strategic Plan, Whistle Blower Protection Law is being drafted and Anti-Corruption Rule is being drafted.

The Commission is implementing an Online E-complaint System to make it easier for the public to report corruption.

#### **International Cooperation**

The Commission has expanded its role in international cooperation. Myanmar ACC became the State Party of ASEAN-PAC on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013. Myanmar ACC had signed the MoU with several countries with the purposes of enhancing cooperation in Anti-Corruption area, ACC signed bilateral Memorandum of Understanding with Government Inspectorate of Vietnam in 2015, with National Anti-Corruption Commission of Thailand in 2017, with Lao People's Democratic Republic in 2018, with Republic of Korea in 2018. We are planning to sign on MoU with Cambodia.

The Anti-Corruption Commission Office and Denmark Embassy signed the Letter of intent (LOI) for technical cooperation in anti-corruption survey, monitoring and other capacity development programs in 2019 and ACC Office signed bilateral Memorandum of Understanding with Anti-Corruption Academy (ACA) in 2020.

As IACA is an organization that provides modern anti-corruption technical assistance training, Myanmar ACC ratified IACA as a State Party on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

ACC is committed to implement the corruption-free business sector and conducted the corruption survey in the business sector with the support of Denmark Embassy, the technical assistance of UNODC and the collaboration of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) in 2020.

The Anti-Corruption Strategy Plan was formulated and the implementation period was specified for 4 years from 2022-2025. Moreover, ACCM has been formulated the Action Plan year by year and implemented the activities including the nationwide prevention of corruption and enhancement of integrity and corruption awareness in prevention, education and combatting.

<p><b>Lessons learned in implementing the initiative</b></p>	<p>The three lessons we have learnt from implementing the convention and the commitments contained in the UNGASS political declaration. These lessons learned are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The fourth law amendment can enhance the investigation and prosecution process. So, many corrupt persons including high rank officials can be filed.</li> <li>2. Throughout the raising awareness programs among the public, we realize how important the knowledge on anti- corruption and corruption within the general public. Without the public participation, the anti-corruption agenda can not be achieved.</li> <li>3. International cooperation is the central of combatting corruption. Through collaboration with other countries, we can learn the strategies and good practices that they are accessing. We realized that we need more international cooperation for lesson learnt from the other countries.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Challenges encountered in implementing the initiative</b></p>	<p>As mention above, Anti-Corruption Commission had developed the teacher guide's books for primary, secondary school and Integrity Module for high school (Totally -110000) books were handed to Ministry of Education. The (90000) books for University Module were developed and delivered to</p>

	<p>many States and Regional Governments. Nevertheless, the books on integrity education are not fully taught in school and universities because at time limitation and lack of teaching training for teachers especially in primary and secondary schools. So, teacher training for integrity education is needed and the books on integrity education should be updated periodically. Teaching integrity education was not prescribed in National Education Strategic Plan. So, awareness on the importance at integrity education should be integrated in Ministry of Education with the purpose of raising integrity for school children and youth.</p>
<p><b>Link to more information</b></p>	<p>ACC website and ACC official facebook are on air. Moreover, the information relating to public administration, decision making, enacted and issued laws, rules and regulations, Government budgets for each fiscal year, sources of information of each and every government ministries and departments, recruitment of government organizations, public procurements, procedure and requirement that has to follow when applying various license, Health, Education, Business, Security, Rule of law, Judiciary, Transportation, Energy, Telecommunications sectors' activities and Passport and visa application procedures are being</p>

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