

## Workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption for 2024–2025

### Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Session</i>
<b>2024</b>	
10-14 June	Fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group Eighteenth session of the Working Group on Asset Recovery Thirteenth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the Convention
28 August - 6 September	First resumed fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group Fifteenth session of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption <sup>1</sup>
4-8 November	Second resumed fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group
<b>2025</b>	
17-21 February	Sixteenth session of the Implementation Review Group
16-20 June	First resumed sixteenth session of the Implementation Review Group Sixteenth session of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption
1-5 September	Second resumed sixteenth session of the Implementation Review Group Nineteenth session of the Working Group on Asset Recovery Fourteenth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the Convention

<sup>1</sup> The Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption is scheduled for the period 28 August-6 September 2024 in view of the high number of topics that were mandated for its consideration by the Conference at its tenth session and the time needed by the Secretariat for substantive preparations.

## Thematic distribution

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2024

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### 10-14 June

Fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group

*(Main topics: International cooperation/asset recovery)*

Eighteenth session of the Working Group on Asset Recovery

Thirteenth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the Convention

**Implementation Review Group:** procedural matters, including item 2 on the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism and its next phase, and adoption of the IRG workplan (Conference decision 10/2).

**Working Group on Asset Recovery and the expert meeting on international cooperation,** including joint consideration of thematic and technical assistance items, also of the topic “Good practices and challenges with respect to beneficial ownership information in order to detect, deter and prevent acts of corruption and to enhance the recovery and return of assets” (Conference resolution 10/6).

The topics to be discussed jointly under the item on UNGASS follow-up, in line with the workplan for 2023-2026, which was previously agreed by the extended Bureau, are as follows:

- (a) Illicit financial flows, challenges, obstacles, barriers in international cooperation;*
- (b) Effective communication and cooperation; information-sharing, interagency approaches, law enforcement cooperation, use of networks.*

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### 28 August – 6 September

First resumed fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group

*(Main topics: Prevention/Criminalization and law enforcement)*

Fifteenth session of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption

### **Implementation Review Group:**<sup>2</sup>

- Procedural matters, including item 2 on the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism, with a specific focus on its next phase. It is proposed that the duration of this session be extended in furtherance of the mandate contained in Conference decision 10/2;
- Criminalization and law enforcement.

**Working Group on Prevention,** including joint consideration of thematic and technical assistance items. Substantive topics for consideration during the joint meetings are as follows:

- (a) Participation of society in preventing and fighting corruption (Conference resolution 10/1)

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<sup>2</sup> Briefing for non-governmental organizations, to be held in the margins of the first resumed fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group, in accordance with Conference resolution 4/6.

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## 2024

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(b) Negative effects of corruption on women and youth and the role played by women and youth in preventing and combating corruption (Conference resolution 10/3)

(c) Measurement of corruption (Conference resolution 10/4)

(d) Prevention of corruption in procurement at various government levels and the effective use of ICT to prevent, detect, deter and counter corruption in procurement (Conference resolution 10/9)

(e) Strengthening international cooperation in the prevention of and the fight against corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery (Conference resolution 10/11)

The topic “*Corruption measurement*”, which is included in the UNGASS workplan for this session, will be discussed together with the above-mentioned topic (c) on the measurement of corruption, under the item on UNGASS follow-up.

The topic “*Public participation, inclusive decision-making processes, role of non-governmental stakeholders, journalists, media*”, which is included in the agreed UNGASS follow-up workplan for 2026, will instead be discussed at this session in 2024 to be discussed jointly with topic (a) above. The topic “*Corruption and sports*” previously included for this session in the UNGASS follow-up workplan would then be discussed in 2026.

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### 4-8 November

Second resumed fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group

Item 2 on the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism, with a specific focus on its next phase.

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**17-21 February**

Sixteenth session of the Implementation Review Group

Item 2 on the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism, with a specific focus on its next phase.

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**16-20 June**

First resumed sixteenth session of the Implementation Review Group

*(Main topics: Prevention/Criminalization and law enforcement)*

Sixteenth session of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption

***Implementation Review Group:***<sup>3</sup>

- Procedural matters, including item 2 on the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism and its next phase;
- Criminalization and law enforcement.

***Working Group on Prevention,*** including joint consideration of thematic and technical assistance items.

Substantive topics to be discussed during the joint meetings are as follows:

- (a) Corruption involving organized criminal groups (Conference resolution 10/5)
- (b) Good practices and challenges with respect to beneficial ownership information in order to detect, deter and prevent acts of corruption and to enhance the recovery and return of assets (Conference resolution 10/6)
- (c) Challenges and good practices in the protection of reporting persons (Conference resolution 10/8)
- (d) Prevention of corruption in procurement at various government levels and the effective use of ICT to prevent, detect, deter and counter corruption in procurement (Conference resolution 10/9)
- (e) Incentives for the private sector to adopt integrity measures to prevent and combat corruption (Conference resolution 10/12)

The topics to be discussed jointly under the item on UNGASS follow-up are as follows:

- (a) Links with other crime, economic crime, organized crime;*
- (b) Judicial integrity and ethics, integrity of the criminal justice system.*

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<sup>3</sup> Briefing for non-governmental organizations, to be held in the margins of the first resumed sixteenth session of the Implementation Review Group, in accordance with Conference resolution 4/6.

**1-5 September**

Second resumed sixteenth session of the Implementation Review Group

*(Main topics: International cooperation/asset recovery)*

Nineteenth session of the Working Group on Asset Recovery

Fourteenth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the Convention

**Implementation Review Group:** procedural matters, including item 2 on the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism and its next phase.

**Working Group on Asset Recovery and expert meeting on international cooperation,** including joint consideration of thematic and technical assistance items by the subsidiary bodies.

Substantive topics to be discussed during the joint meetings are as follows:

- (a) Addressing corruption involving organized criminal groups (Conference resolution 10/5)
- (b) Good practices and challenges with respect to beneficial ownership information in order to detect, deter and prevent acts of corruption and to enhance the recovery and return of assets (Conference resolution 10/6)

The topics to be discussed jointly under the item on UNGASS follow-up are as follows:

- (a) Alternatives to traditional enforcement and international cooperation; innovative modalities, such as illicit enrichment, non-criminal judicial assistance, civil litigation;*
  - (b) Denial of safe haven; corruption prevention in immigration/business/ investment policies and refugee protection programmes.*
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