

# UNGASS: Opportunities and Challenges

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# Resolution 73/191. Special session of the General Assembly against corruption

- recognizing the need to continue to promote its ratification or accession thereto and its effective implementation, and acknowledging all relevant regional political declarations of Member States against corruption,
- *Stressing* that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development<sup>5</sup> addresses the need to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all level
- ..shall adopt a concise and action-oriented political declaration, agreed upon in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations under the auspices of the Conference of the States Parties

# Issues with UNCAC

- Poor review mechanism
- Optional sections
- Slow progress by COSPs
- Limited stakeholder engagement

# COVID-19

**“This is a time when, more than ever, governments need to be open and transparent, responsive and accountable to the people they are seeking to protect.”**

**- UNSG, *COVID-19 and Human Rights: We are all in this together*, April 2020**

- Issues emerged from Crisis
  - Less controlled procurement
  - Weakened oversight
  - Public disclosure limited

# Big Ideas



- Fighting Grand Corruption/Vast Quantities
- International Criminal Court

# Action Ideas

- Beneficial Ownership
- Asset Recovery and Returns
- Improve Review Mechanism
- Transparent e-Procurement
- Improve international cooperation

# Learning from other Instruments

- SDG 16.4 (assets) 16.5 (bribery and corruption), 16.6 (transparent institutions), 16.10 (access to info), 16a (strengthen institutions)
- OECD, FATF, G-20/G-7
- Regional: African Union, Inter-American, COE, Arab, SADC, OECD-ADB
- Trade agreements
- OGP, EITI, CoST, MeTA
- FACTI Panel

# Steps Forward

- How to incorporate best from UN system and regional experiences
- Improving stakeholder engagement
- Role of NYC delegations