

Corruption undermines democratic institutions, slows economic development and contributes to governmental instability. Civil society organizations not only act as watchdogs for governments but also support government efforts to provide services to all citizens in a transparent and democratic manner.

The United Nations Convention against Corruption is the first legally binding international instrument to acknowledge the contribution that civil society can make to combating corruption. In order to equip civil society organizations to contribute meaningfully to the implementation of the Convention, UNODC and the UNCAC Coalition recently organized a training event - the first of its kind - for some 35 civil-society participants from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. The event was held at the newly inaugurated International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) in Laxenburg, Austria. (...)

The article:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/frontpage/2011/February/ngos-have-vital-role-to-play-in-implementation-of-un-convention-against-corruption.html>

United Nations Convention against Corruption:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/index.html?ref=menuside>

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