



# The Ten Principles of Fighting Corruption ©

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# Introduction

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- What is corruption?

The AACI defines corruption as “Abuse of power or perceived power or entrusted authority for direct or indirect private monetary or non-monetary gain.”

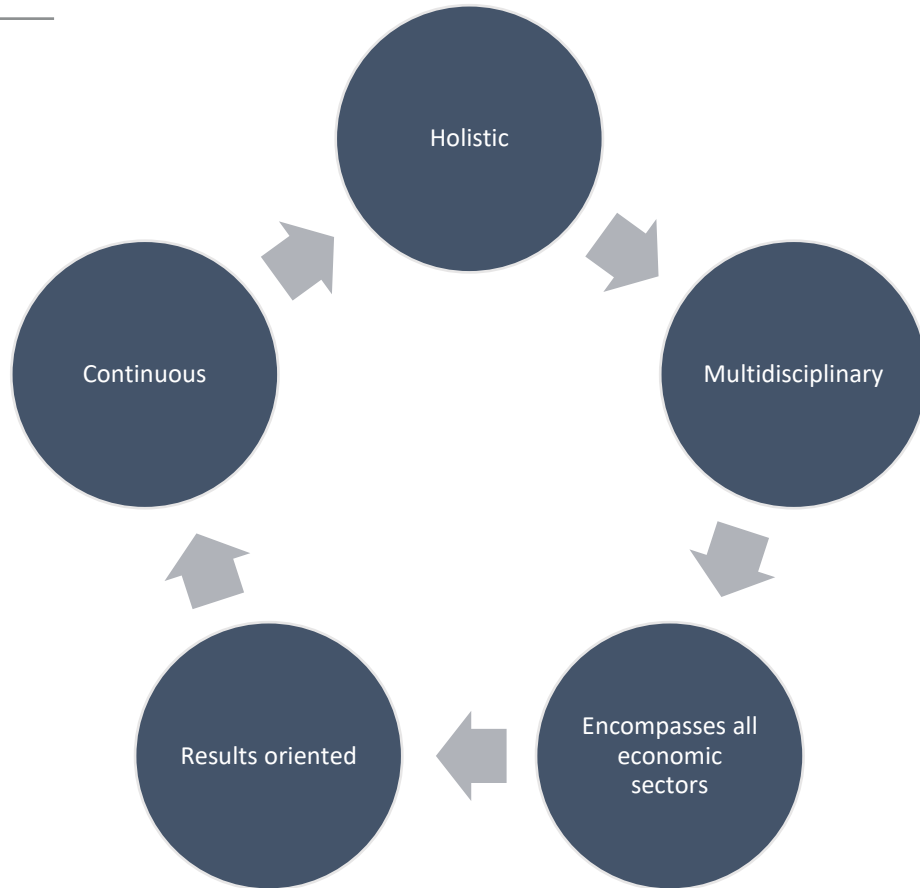
- We do not classify it. Corruption is corruption
- ALL types of POWER

# Corruption: The Cancer of Nations

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- It is (in most cases) the #1 enemy of each nation.
- Know your enemy
- Fight intelligently

# Fighting Corruption



Is a **process** effected by those charged with governance (employees, citizens, and other stakeholders) to provide a **reasonable assurance** that those entrusted with power did not abuse it for a private gain(s)

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- The Frame of Reference
- **Foundation to institutionalize fighting corruption, money laundering, and financing terrorism.**
- Principle-Based; NOT Rule-Based
- The United Nations Convention against Corruption UNCAC

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## 1. The pervasiveness of the rule of law

- Government and citizens are bound by and abide by the law
  1. Applied equally to everyone according to their terms.
  2. Culture and value systems



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## 2. Effective internal control

- Internal Control (IC) is a process, effected by an entity's board of directors, management, and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives relating to operations, reporting, and compliance.

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## 3. Effective and good governance

- The system by which companies are directed and controlled.
- Governance mechanisms

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## 4. Independent and effective judiciary

- Three branches of government: legislature, executive, and the judiciary.
  - A **competent, independent**, and **impartial** judiciary is essential to each one of the following:
    - The protection of human rights,
    - The courts to uphold the constitution and the rule of law, and
    - Public confidence in the judicial system and the moral authority and integrity of the judiciary.
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## 5. Power and accountability

- Principal-agent relationship theory
- Authority

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## 6. Investment in corruption prevention

- Strategy of corruption prevention policy
- Training of public and private sector
- Civil Society
- Academic Institutions

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## 7. Quantification of corruption exposure

- Measurement
- Management

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## 8. Certainty of punishment

- Otherwise.....

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## 9. No statute of limitations

- For prevention, deterrence



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## 10. Rewarding corruption fighters

- Recognition and in public
- Monetary and non-monetary
- Whistleblowing

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Principle	UNCAC (Examples)
The pervasiveness of the rule of law	Preamble, Article 5(1)
Effective internal control	Article 9, Article 12
Effective and good governance	Article 7(4), Article 8(5), Article 12(e)
Independent and effective judiciary	Article 11
Power and accountability	Article 5(1), Article 6
Investment in corruption prevention	Article 5(1), Article 5(2), Article 6, Article 7(d), Article 10(c), Article 60
Quantification of corruption exposure	Article 5(3), Article 10 (c)
Certainty of punishment	Preamble, Article 5(1)
No statute of limitations	Article 29*
Rewarding corruption fighters	

\*A long statute of limitations period

# UNCAC

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## Article 60 Clause 1 (a, b)

Each State Party shall, to the extent necessary, initiate, develop or improve specific training programmes for its personnel responsible for preventing and combating corruption. Such training programmes could deal, inter alia, with the following areas:

(a) Effective measures to **prevent, detect, investigate, punish and control corruption, including the use of evidence-gathering and investigative methods;**

(b) Building capacity in the **development and planning of strategic anticorruption policy;**

# Do Not Give Up

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- Corruption is exposed everyday at high-levels
  - Wirecard AG
  - FinCEN Files
- U.S. and EU Sanctions
- Corruption became an international threat !!!
- Social media and technology( i.e. Blockchain)

# AACI Worldwide Presence

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Dubai

Saudi Arabia

State of Qatar

Lebanon

Jordan

Iraq

Palestine

Nigeria

Kenya

South Africa

## European Union

United Kingdom

Ireland

Netherlands

Belgium

Malta

Strasbourg

# Thank You

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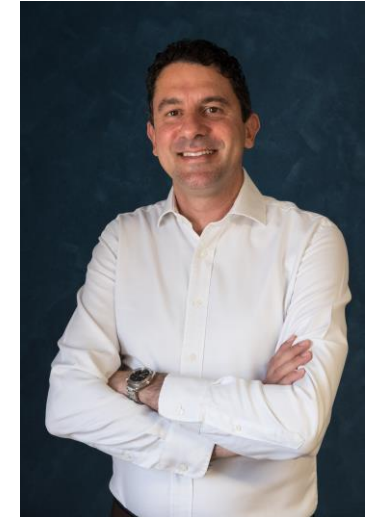
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