

# The Ten Principles of Fighting Corruption: ©

*Institutionalizing Integrity, Transparency, and Accountability*

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# Introduction

- 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



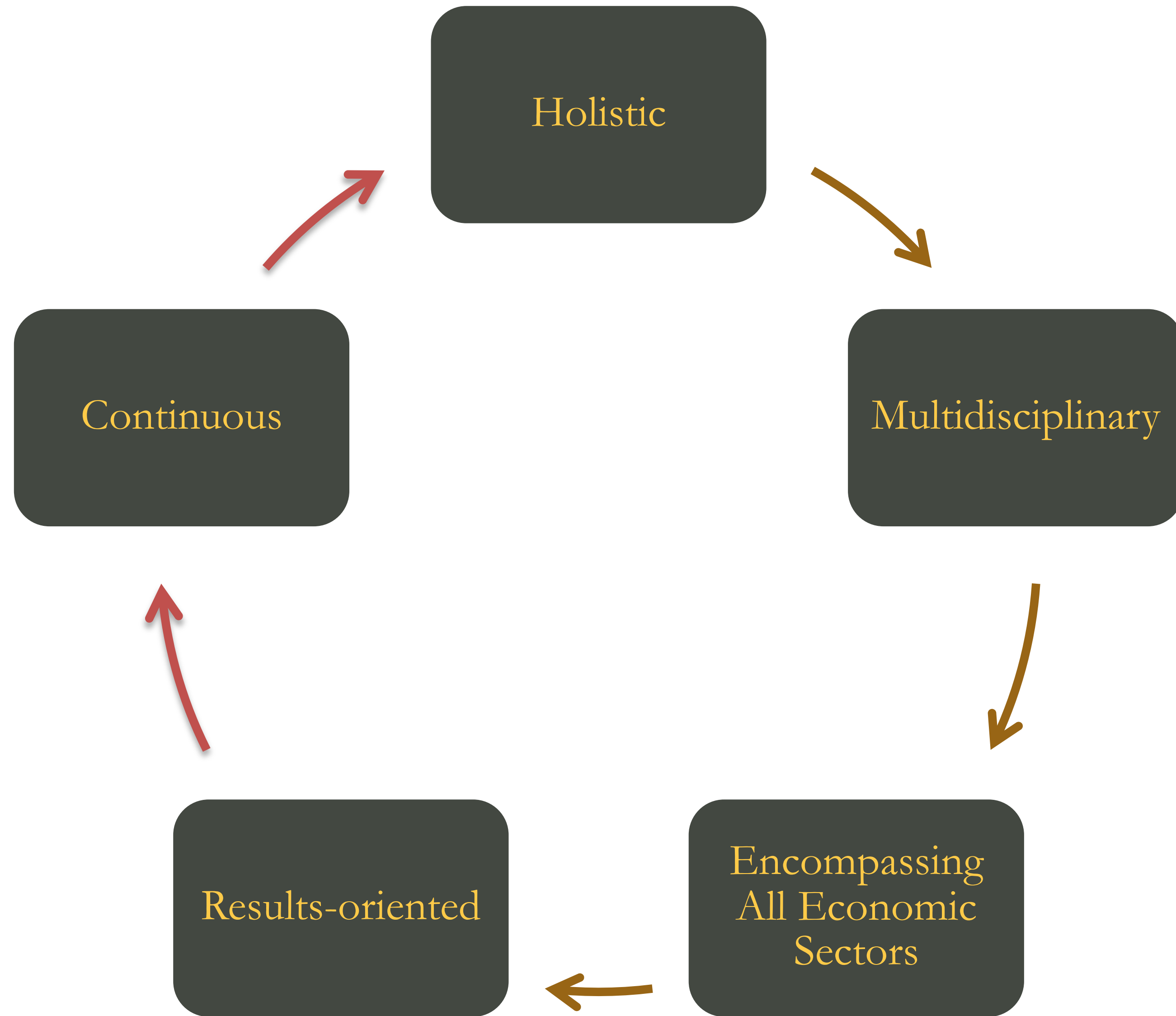
# Corruption: The Cancer of Nations

- 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)



# The Ten Principles of Fighting Corruption

- 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



# The Ten Principles of Fighting Corruption

## 1. The pervasiveness of the rule of law

- Government and citizens are bound by and abide by the law
  1. Applied equally to every one 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:
  1. The protection of human rights,
  2. The courts to uphold the constitution and the rule of law, and
  3. 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



Fight Corruption Intelligently

The AACI's Ten  
Principles of Fighting  
Corrupting



# Institutionalization of Fighting Corruption

## THE 10 PRINCIPLES OF FIGHTING CORRUPTION



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# Institutionalizing Integrity, Transparency, and Accountability

## Integrity, Transparency, and Accountability

- Embedded in the Ten Principles
- Integrity : Individual integrity Vs. Institutional integrity
- Transparency Vs Secrecy: Under criminal investigation or forensic audit, secrecy of whatsoever is not valid
- Accountability: Matching Principles



# The Ten Principles of Fighting Corruption and UNCAC

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

\*A long statute of limitations period

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## UNCAC Article 5 Clause 1

Each State Party shall, in accordance with the fundamental principles of its legal system, develop and implement or maintain effective, coordinated **anti-corruption policies** that 1- promote the participation of society, and 2- reflect the principles of the rule of law, proper management of public affairs and public property, integrity, transparency and accountability



## UNCAC Article 9 Clause 2

Each State Party shall, in accordance with the fundamental principles of its legal system, take appropriate measures to promote transparency and accountability in the management of public finances. Such measures shall encompass, *inter alia*: (a) Procedures for the adoption of the national budget; (b) Timely reporting on revenue and expenditure; (c) A system of accounting and auditing standards and related oversight; (d) Effective and efficient systems of risk management and internal control; and (e) Where appropriate, corrective action in the case of failure to comply with the requirements established in this paragraph



## UNCAC 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

- 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)



# Q and A

Thank You



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