

Implementing Anti-Corruption Treaties and Standards (IMPACTS)



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About the Program

While the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and a myriad of regional treaties and review bodies have set out important anti-corruption commitments for their state parties, they are not always implemented effectively in practice. With support from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INLEA), the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) and the CEELI Institute support domestic stakeholders to identify, prioritize, and execute concrete actions to advance implementation of these commitments.

Armenia: Bolstering Judicial Ethics and Independence

CSO Partner: Helsinki Citizens Assembly – Vanadzor (HCAV)

Institutional Partner: Corruption Prevention Commission (CPC)

In line with UNCAC and GRECO recommendations, Armenia's Law on the Corruption Prevention Commission (CPC) empowers the CPC to address structural corruption issues – including by publishing comprehensive anti-corruption educational programs, guides, and periodic advisory reports for public servants (including current and prospective judges). However, the CPC is not provided for in the Law on Academy of Justice – the institution responsible for professional education and skills-building skills for current and candidate judges, prosecutors, and investigators. In close consultation with the CPC, HCAV proposed draft legislation to ensure that the CPC can act on its mandate and is working with the CPC on training curricula. The legislative change will allow the CPC to contribute more actively to the better functioning of Armenia's anticorruption system.

Program Countries

Armenia, The Gambia, Malaysia,
Algeria, Morocco

Target commitments:

Judicial Ethics and Independence,
Political Finance, Public Procurement,
Abuse of State Resources, Public
Sector Ethics, Corruption
Investigations; Corruption Crimes
Sentencing and Penalties

**Number of commitments targeted in
action plans: 19**

Malaysia: Strengthening Accountability for Money in Politics

CSO Partner: Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS)

Institutional Partner: All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Political Finance

Improving the quality of political finance systems is high on the global – and Malaysian – anti-corruption agenda. However, Malaysia does not have a formal law that regulates how political parties fund their operations. IDEAS has been able to renew momentum around a Political Finance Act – considered dead in the water until recently. To ensure that discussions around



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political finance culminates in the tabling of the draft Political Finance Act in October 2022, IDEAS created an All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Political Finance. Comprising MPs, Senators, CSOs, and party leaders, the APPG aims to better capture government and public attention on political finance and public funding through advocacy and consultations.

The Gambia: Reducing the Abuse of State Resources in Elections

CSO Partner: Gambia Participates

Institutional Partner: Independent Electoral Commission (IEC)

IFES has developed an evidence-based [Abuse of State Resources Research and Assessment Framework](#) and an associated training curriculum that we provided to Gambia Participates. On the basis of this training, Gambia Participates reported that they understood the various aspects of abuse of state resources (ASR) and how oversight bodies and CSOs could monitor ASR before, during, and after elections. Gambia Participates successfully engaged government institutions, political parties, CSOs, and other stakeholders, creating more awareness around ASR in elections. This engagement laid the basis for multi-stakeholder commitment to mitigate the use of state resources in elections, including through the potential creation of a Compliance Department within the IEC to put stringent measures on the abuse of state resources and digitize election results. Gambia Participates have also secured agreement to work directly with the judiciary on a first-ever ethics curriculum.



The IMPACTS program has supported the development of OVERSIGHT: A Toolkit for Political Finance Institutions. While most discussions about how to increase control over the role of money in politics emphasize the importance of implementation, there are few resources available to support this work in practice. This toolkit has been created to assist public institutions with a mandate to enforce regulations on political party and/or campaign finance. It aims to assist oversight institutions on all continents and in all situations in implementing their mandate and will be deployed in the ECAC and IMPACTS programs to support implementation of commitments.

Preview: Morocco

To help civil society better take advantage of openings for reform, IFES partnered with the CEELI Institute to develop the [Anti-Corruption and Anti-Money Laundering Course for Civil Society in Post-Transition Environments](#). Designed to build a common understanding of tools and strategies available to combat corruption among a diverse group of civil society advocates — from youth and human rights activists to religious charities, journalists, and chambers of commerce — this course builds foundational knowledge of domestic and international accountability mechanisms and encourages participants to collaborate on advocacy strategies. This course will be held for Moroccan civil society organizations from September – October 2022.



Anti-Corruption and Anti-Money Laundering Course for Civil Society in Morocco



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