



Anticorruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific

External Evaluation

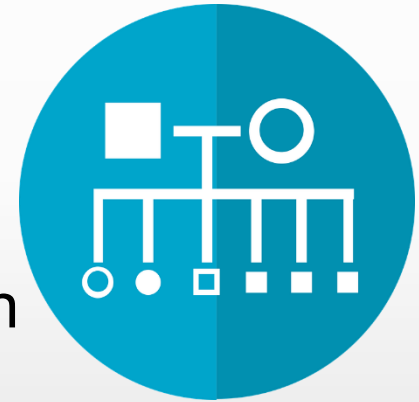
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Main Objectives and Scope

- **Relevance** of the Initiative as a regional mechanism
- **Impact and effectiveness** of the Initiative as a framework to address corruption in member countries
- **Quality of** Initiative's outputs
- **Efficiency** of the Initiative's implementation arrangements
- **Whether the Initiative is duplicating** other anticorruption programs/initiatives, and suggest options for cooperation and engagement





Evaluation Methodology

Evaluation carried out July-October 2018:

- **Desk review** of documentation related to the Initiative
- **Survey** of Steering Group and Advisory Group members
- **Interviews** of Secretariat staff and selected stakeholders





Evaluation Methodology: Desk Review

- Action Plan dated 30 November 2001
- 2009 Independent Review Report
- Strategic Principles and Operational Activities of the Initiative
- Work Program 2012-2017
- Work Program 2015-2017
- Strategy and Work Program 2015-2017: Progress Report and Planned Activities
- Discussion Paper on Initiatives Program of Work 2018-2020
- Work Program 2018-2020 (Draft)
- Regional conference and meeting materials (2011, 2014 and 2017)
- Minutes of steering group and advisory group meetings (2011-2017)
- Regional Seminars (2012-2016)
- Thematic Policy Reviews
- Newsletters

Evaluation Methodology: Survey and Interviews



- 21 out of 31 country members and 5 out of 6 adviser group members responded to the survey
- 16 interviews were conducted with member countries, advisory group members and secretariat



1. Initiative as a Regional Mechanism to Reduce Corruption

Main Findings

- Relevance is high as the activities and outputs helped member countries to implement UNCAC
- Highly valued as the Initiative is the only peer-learning network in Asia-Pacific
- Strengthened member countries anticorruption knowledge and capacity
- Some members attributed several country specific anticorruption results with the Initiative



1. Initiative as a Regional Mechanism to Reduce Corruption

Recommendations

- 1) Should continue with country members demand driven enhancement
- 2) Should reach out to other anticorruption networks to establish partnership for mutual benefits
- 3) A results framework with performance indicators should be developed to assess the effectiveness



2. Initiative's Activities and Outputs

Main Findings

- Regional Conferences were flagship activity to complement UNCAC themes
- Country self-reporting was useful
- Capacity building seminars were highly relevant
- Thematic reviews were demand driven and useful
- Communication maintained by the Secretariat was effective



2. Initiative's Activities and Outputs

Recommendations

- 4) Continue regional conferences, trainings and thematic policy reviews using a demand driven approach and interactive learning
- 5) Assess whether country self-reporting adds value
- 6) Improve communication from member countries



3. Initiative's Implementation Arrangements

Main Findings

- Implementation arrangements have been effective but should be strengthened:
 - ✓ Country focal points is a good system
 - ✓ Members need to be more active
 - ✓ Steering Group Meetings were effective
 - ✓ Advisory Group Members have potential to contribute more
 - ✓ Secretariat is effective but overstretched
 - ✓ More funding is required to meet the members demands



3. Initiative's Implementation Arrangements

Recommendations

- 7) A customized outreach is required to improve members engagement and ownership:
 - Regular information sharing
 - More time to share countries experience at the events
 - Demand driven capacity development
- 8) Full time secretariat with adequate staffing
- 9) Serve as a clearing house for members requests for capacity development activities



CONCLUSION

- The Initiative is **relevant** to the anticorruption priorities of the member countries as well as regional and global anticorruption efforts
- The Initiative **complements** rather than duplicates other anticorruption initiatives and networks
- The Initiative was **effective** in meeting member countries' expectations

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