The World We Face

Holding Power to Account
A Global Strategy Against Corruption 2021-2030

WHAT IS CORRUPTION AND WHY IT MATTERS?
Corruption is the abuse of entrusted power for private gain. It underpins the world's greatest injustices:
- deprivation of citizens of the rights & opportunities they need and deserve
- weaknesses in government
- hampers economic sustainability
- exacerbates social inequality & poverty
- fuels division, conflict and crises

WHAT CAN I DO
The World We Need

Power is Held to Account for the Common Good

Our Vision
Government, politics, business, civil society and the daily lives of people are free of corruption

Our Aim for 2030

2030

What We Will Do to Get There

Our Goals
- Advance institutional checks and balances
- Accelerate the enforcement of anti-corruption standards
- Activate social oversight to protect the common good

Our Objectives
1. Protect the Public's Resources
- Maximum openness, transparency and responsiveness in public contracting
- More effective prevention and exposure of public sector bribery, theft and abuse of power

2. Stop Flows of Dirty Money
- Disabled systems for secret payments and concealment of assets
- Increased accountability for corruption-enabling networks and gatekeepers

What We Face

Challenges
- Socioeconomic inequalities
- State fragility
- COVID-19 recession
- Weakened rule of law
- Climate crisis
- Low trust
- Technological disruption
- Populism
- Shrinking civil space
- Deteriorating multilateralism
- Growth in anti-corruption laws & reforms
- Increased public participation
- Technological advances
- Greater awareness of corruption & its impacts
- Greater demand for social justice

Opportunities

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3. Secure Integrity in Politics
- Removal of undue influence from elections and political appointments
- Greater transparency, accountability and equity in influence over public decision-making

4. Drive Integrity in Business
- A critical mass of business leadership fulfilling strong integrity commitments
- More effective exposure and punishment of corrupt business

5. Pursue Enforcement and Justice
- Strengthened independence, capacity and will to act for integrity institutions
- Greater equity, consistency and removal of bias in corruption prosecutions and judicial outcomes
- An effective international anti-corruption enforcement framework

6. Expand Civic Space for Accountability
- Enhanced freedom and security for activists, whistleblowers and journalists to challenge abuse of power
- Increased channels for people to demand results for the common good

7. Build Community Leadership Against Corruption
- Strengthened public discourse based on deeper understanding and acceptance of accountability values
- A next generation of civic, public and business leaders better equipped to fight corruption

Global Call for Action

Governments
- Respect checks and balances to prevent concentrations of power
- Create tools & systems for equitable, inclusive community participation
- Collaborate across borders to advance the common good

Businesses
- Seek to understand how corruption affects you
- Use the available tools to have a say in decisions & policies made on your behalf
- Speak up & organise to hold power to account for the common good

People
- Commit to responsible & accountable conduct
- Correct behaviours that undermine social justice
- Support regulatory efforts for businesses to serve the common good

Promote the common good as the purpose & condition of power

Get Involved
Contact your local chapter to see how you can help

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Read the full report on transparency.org/strategy

Spread the Word
Speak out on social media

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The world we face: a new generation of corruption fighters is emerging. They are at home, on the streets, at work, at school. They know that corruption affects us all - and that our voices can change the world.

The fight against corruption is the fight for good. To be effective, we must build a broad-based movement for good government where every voice matters. This global strategy shows how to build the movement and win the fight. It is for those who want to make the world they live in better - and for the common good.