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Main issues raised in kick off remarks. What's the focus of the session?

**The UNCAC Coalition will turn 10 years in 2013 –coinciding with a
Conference of States Parties. Yet, gaps remain regarding its full
implementation –and civil society is looking for yet more ways to
conduct successful effective international campaigning.**

**How to make it work, by improving its implementation and by ensuring
civil society has access and can play a role in it?**

**Brainstorming for a campaign ahead of the 2013 Conference of States
Parties in Panama.**

What initiatives have been showcased? Briefly describe the Game Changing Strategies

- 1. International Campaign for the International Criminal Court**
- 2. Promoting UNCAC with the small and medium enterprises in the private Sector –using both formal and informal means, reflecting the reality of this particular strata of the sector**
- 3. Civil Society becomes a party in legal cases challenging corrupt governments (i.e. SHERPA + TI France and Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo)**
- 4. Using technology to convey messages about corruption to the public.**
- 5. A proposal was made to create an internal complaint mechanism within UNCAC to handle cases where implementation is not fulfilled.**

Highlights: What are the main outcomes of this session? What's next?

Need identified to work in international diplomatic levels (as in ICC) mapping allies, entry points and opportunities for discussions –while ever increasing the basis for allies.

Civil society working on UNCAC needs to continue its efforts to extend its outreach to ther areas and organisations –to ensure that UNCAC is used and known by others in their advocacy.

What are the recommendations, follow-up Actions (200 words narrative form)

- Organise ahead of the 2103 CoSP and 10th anniversarz of UNCAC;**
- Recommendations for international campaigning**

- **start early campaigning, talk to different levels of governments ahead of the CoSP**
- **Define a strategy and identify valid interlocutors at government level**
- **Campaign to get like minded countries to be active and vocal in supporting issues raised by civil society**
- **From ICC experience> involve also other institutions outside of UNCAC alone**

What should be done to create opportunities for scaling up the proven solutions discussed in the session? What and by whom?

The 350 strong UNCAC Coalition is at the forefront of promoting the implementation of the UN Convention within civil society.

More members of organisations need to increase their knowledge and capacity to monitor the convention and to work nationally with their governments to ensure the obligations are kept.

Key Insights Recommended to be included in the IACC Declaration

The UNCAC is the only global legal agreement to fight corruption: its implementation by all 164 countries is key to stop the devastating effects of corruption.

Civil society has a role in tackling and preventing corruption –but faces challenges of capacity, expertise and of lack of enabling spaces in some countries.

2013 will be the 10th anniversary of UNCAC> the world is expecting to see the first positive results of its implementation.

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