1. Background

In commemorating International Anti-Corruption Day in 2020, the Secretary-General affirmed that "corruption has the potential to seriously undermine good governance around the world, and to send us even farther off-track in our work to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals".

Public procurement in Latin America represents almost 30% of total public expenditure\(^1\). Today, because of the COVID-19 crisis, we need more than ever to ensure a Fair Public Management that will allow governments to leverage fiscal resources and prioritize their demand for public goods and services.

Advancing the prevention of corruption in the current critical economic situation calls for an approach towards ensuring that all public spending maximizes sustainable value; with transparency and efficiency, social and environmental impact, and a higher quality in the provision of public services and governance.

Addressing corruption demands comprehensive and coordinated efforts at both national and regional levels. Joint initiatives between Governments, the UN and international organizations are key to effectively implement anti-corruption commitments.

By presenting concrete experiences, this side event will streamline partnerships and synergies that are being implemented in public procurement, and that have demonstrated an increase in efficiency, sustainable value and transparency.

2. Objectives

➔ Present concrete actions and experiences of joint efforts about the potential to fight corruption through efficient and transparent public procurement.

\(^1\)Study on Efficient Public Procurement, United Nations Global Task Force on Corruption, June 2020.
Support Member States, UN organizations and agencies in identifying innovative and replicative partnerships and synergies in this context.

Identify how public procurement practices based on efficiency, sustainable value and transparency can further support countries to achieve the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda.

3. Programme

Date: Thursday, June 3, 2021
Time: 8:00 - 9:00 Mexico City (CDT, UTC-5) | 10:00 - 11:00 Buenos Aires (ART, UTC-3) | 9:00 - 10:00 New York (EDT, UTC-4) | 15:00 - 16:00 Copenhagen (CEST, UTC+2)

| 9:00 AM - 9:10 AM | Welcome and General Context of the Prevention of Corruption  
Irma Eréndira Sandoval, Secretary of Public Administration of Mexico |
| 9:10 AM - 9:25 AM | Facing challenges in the fight against corruption through partnerships and synergies.  
Marcelo Ebrard Casaubón, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States |
| 9:25 AM - 9:40 AM | Maximizing efficiency and improving livelihoods through public infrastructure in Argentina.  
Gabriel Katopodis, Minister of Public Works of Argentina |
| 9:40 AM - 9:55 AM | Supporting the prevention of corruption through fair, effective, efficient and transparent public procurement.  
Grete Faremo, UNOPS Executive Director and UN Under-Secretary-General |
| 9:55 AM - 10:00 AM | Closing Remarks |