



Guidelines on the organization of side events during the special session of the General Assembly against corruption (UNGASS 2021)

**Application period:
1 – 30 April 2021**

Introduction

The present guidelines relate to the organization of side events during the special session of the General Assembly against corruption, which will take place from 2 to 4 June 2021 at the United Nations Headquarters, in New York.

Side events will take place between 9.00 and 10.00, between 13.00 and 14.00, between 14.00 and 15.00 and between 18.00 and 19.00 New York time on 2, 3 and 4 June 2021.¹

Only events registered through the application process outlined below will be reflected in the official calendar of side events, organized in the margins of the special session.

I. Eligibility

- a) Events may be organized by Member States, UN entities, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC.
- b) Only one event per main organizer will be accepted.
- c) The time allocated for each side event is 50 minutes.
- d) Topics of the side events should be thematically relevant to the UNGASS.
- e) Only applications received within the application period will be considered.

¹ No side events will be held concurrently with the high-level supporting event, to be convened by the President of the General Assembly in line with General Assembly resolution 74/276 on the margins of the special session on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation. The date and time of this event will be communicated in due course.

II. Application process

- a) ***Application:*** A form for requesting a side event is available from <https://ungass2021.unodc.org/ungass2021/index.html>
- i. The form must be completed for a request to be considered.
 - ii. All communication will be directed to the designated focal points.
 - iii. Only confirmed co-organizers identified in and copied to the application will be recognized.
 - iv. Once the form is submitted, it cannot be amended.
- b) ***Deadline for application:*** Applications may be submitted between 1 and 30 April 2021
- c) ***Selection of side events:*** Efforts will be made to accommodate as many requests that meet the eligibility criteria as possible. If the number of requests exceeds the number of available time slots, requests by Member States will be given a priority. Organizers, wishing to hold an event on a similar topic may be encouraged to merge their events.
- d) ***Confirmation of side events:*** Confirmation of the programme of side events will take place three weeks prior to the session. The final programme of side events is subject to the approval of the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

III. Logistical information

a) Interpretation

Organizers should plan to hold their event in one of the official languages of the United Nations. No UN interpretation services will be available for side events.

b) Technical requirements

- Side events will be organized in an online format. For the organization of the event, the organizers may use a platform of their choice.
- Each side event will be assigned a UNODC officer who will act a primary point of contact for the organizers of the event.
- Organizers are kindly requested to adhere to the time allocated for their event.

c) *Access*

All the organizers of, as well as panellists and participants in the side events must be accredited to the special session.

Detailed information on the organizational arrangements for the special session of the General Assembly against corruption, is being posted, as it becomes available on the website of the [President of the General Assembly](#) and website maintained by the [UN Office on Drugs and Crime](#).

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