OVERVIEW

Effective anti-corruption efforts must go beyond legal and institutional approaches and seek to transform societal attitudes and practices. Education is a crucial instrument for promoting a culture of integrity and resilience to corruption. This event will discuss the role of education and research in fighting corruption, strengthening the rule of law and implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The debate at this joint side event is intended to raise awareness of the importance of anti-corruption education and training in all sectors of society for creating inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development, greater equality and equity, and fair and just societies, as well as for reducing poverty. The panellists will discuss effective approaches to deliver anti-corruption education at tertiary level and beyond, reaching out to anti-corruption and compliance professionals. They will explore and underline the need to create a global platform for anti-corruption research and repository of knowledge to study the root causes of corruption, its various forms, its adverse effects on societies, economies, international relations, and the implementation of SDGs.

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