

The 2nd Global Conference on Harnessing Data to Improve Anti-Corruption Measurement

High Level Statement Côte D'Ivoire

Côte D'Ivoire welcomes the opportunity to participate in this second global conference on harnessing data to improve corruption measurement. We express our deep appreciation to the IACA, to the UNDP, and to the UNODC for convening this meeting, and we express our full appreciation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as well for its invaluable support. This framework here provides us with an important opportunity to strengthen governance that is founded on comparable and reliable data. Ladies and gentlemen, the battle against corruption at Côte D'Ivoire is a national priority. It is at the highest level of governmental action, thanks to oversight, control, awareness raising activities, and through publicizing repression measures, we've made remarkable progress, which you can see in the Corruption Perception Index. We went from 27th place to 45th place, and we have the ambition to achieve a score of at least 50 out of 100 in the next five years. To consolidate these gains, Côte D'Ivoire has made major studies in institutional reforms. These include mapping actors that are at risk for corruption, and we're evaluating integrity systems. Working in several administrations, which are the administrations that are most exposed to corruption, the area of health, anti corruption, and justice center alien. We are developing a national index and sub-indices for governance in order to allow the government to have steering tools, and we're launching a national survey on corruption measures in order to promote statistical data on the genuine experiences of households and businesses in terms of corruption. In order to move beyond perception in tandem with that, structural reforms are ongoing. In particular, digitalization of public governance, the integration of the principle of anti corruption and good governance as a strategic element of our national plans. At the national level, we hail the strides made toward operationalizing the relevant principles, and we welcome the global anti corruption dashboard. This will all facilitate the effectiveness of public policy. We deeply support collective action, technical assistance, sharing of experience and expertise, the building of statistical capacity, and international partnerships that are more ambitious in order to ensure the development of our countries in countering corruption. We stand by our commitment to transparency and the integrity of the rule of law. As such, we remain a resolute actor in this international cooperation to build more just, resilient and prosperous societies based on strong data and strong governance. Thank you.