

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

High Level Statement Dominican Republic

Thank you very much. Thank you to those organizing this, to all of you, and to the friends from all of the different nations of the world that have come to this event. The Dominican Republic is cognizant that this is an extremely important meeting for countries all over the world, moreover the country and continent it may be.

For four years there has been a lot of planning ahead of this event, and many countries have come together, more than 200 consultants from all over the world have contributed to bringing together the agenda today. And there is a clear consensus amongst us here about the design and forecast and methodology that has been presented, and that we are going to elaborate together. I do nevertheless think that this is a very well-condensed drop of rain on a very arid ground because this has been a really arduous task. We need to be careful about the methodology, and it's very important that we contrast experiences based on reality so we can combat corruption together. This is a scourge that seeks to hide and often tends to do so. So all I want to say is that the Dominican Republic is ready and is already working on being a part of this process. We have a state-level commitment to action and to work together with the world to see how we can tackle this so that we can go through the proper analysis in order to find solutions for corruption.

There are two ways of looking at this data. But we must begin with data, of course. The future depends on what we are able to do here and coordinate together. This project represents an added value and is a multiplier force for everything we can achieve together. The Dominican Republic is very grateful to have been chosen with Colombia and Kenya to be a part of the pilot project, and we are ready to share with you step by step to achieve a just vision of what we want to undertake following on from this meeting.

Nevertheless, there are two aspects I want you to draw your attention to. The future is always provisional, but there are two things we must never forget. Firstly, how important training is, despite all this progress that has been made. Information for the citizens is extremely important for transparency. This brings us closer to the concept of governance. The government, as they do in my country, has an obligation to inform its citizens, and this information has a major role in combating corruption. Global action that is coordinated here at the United Nations. And the next issue is financing. Very often we speak of this money that isn't going to be used or isn't needed, but I want to remind you all that we are talking of data. We should encourage the G20 and G10 to use this data to give it back to individuals cause its their data. Thank you.