

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

High Level Statement Mali

Madam Chair, thank you for giving me the floor. Corruption has become a major scourge that has ravaged all countries of the world without exception. Corruption is a major obstacle to peace, to security, and to development. And also to the socioeconomic development of countries. The main topic of this global conference is harnessing data to improve corruption measurement and this is extremely important for Mali. Mali has undertaken significant measures and mobilized forces against corruption through structural and comprehensive reform that is starting to yield some very encouraging results. Our country is party to the UNCAC which seeks to measure the impact of anticorruption actions through direct and indirect measurement and through international cooperation. And there is a strong political determination, political will, to combat corruption, decline of impunity and recovery of assets and building structures specifically devoted to combating corruption are all signs and evidence of our intentions. The national economic and financial center is dedicated to this. The office of new procedural rules, such as continual, ongoing prosecutions of corruption activities, and also broadening its competencies to include money laundering, bribery, and undue gifts and so on are also examples of this. The implementation of a software program to manage legal and judicial proceedings to also tackle corruption statistics is another example and this allows us to have access to all of these tools that assist us with decision making as we say measuring is central to improve methods for combating corruption. What we can measure, we can improve, after all.

The statistics have shown from the cases brought before the courts from our financial and economic center, which is an ad-hoc judicial structure. As leaves us to say the following: Mali has undertaken major changes in combating corruption and economic and financial crimes more broadly. And this has given us an insight into the tangible reality of what our country has achieved over recent years and this conference for us represents an opportunity to exchange ideas, to share experiences with other countries on good practices, and solutions of corruption with UNCAC being our collective perimeter. My country stands ready to share the experience that we have, such as the national cybercrime center, a first in eastern Africa, and cybercrime as you would know, there is a strong link between cybercrime and corruption. We've also adopted and gradually implemented a land-use center, as property can also be used as sort of corruption. So, we thank you for this opportunity to participate in this conference which is a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas and to leverage the collective expertise in the room. I thank you.