

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

High Level Statement Namibia

Thank you for the opportunity, madam chair, it is an honor to join you at the second global conference on harnessing data to improve corruption measurement. Namibia appreciates the United Nations Development Programme, the International Anticorruption Agency, the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime, and the World Bank, as well as OECD, for creating this critical platform to strengthen global integrity systems. In Namibia we recognize that corruption is not static, its illusory and dynamic nature means it constantly adapts to reforms, technologies and oversight mechanisms. This demands that we apply diverse tools and methodologies and harness data from different angles to understand, detect and prevent corruption entirely.

Data collection is essential for designing targeted, measurable, and impactful interventions. At the regional level, the SADC secretariat is currently conducting an assessment of member states readiness to enhance corruption prevention and enforcement under the SADC protocol against corruption. Namibia fully supports these important initiative which helps evaluate institutional capacities, identify data gaps, and strengthen our ability to measure corruption in a harmonized and comparable manner across the region. This shared commitment shall inspire confidence in regional collaboration. Through our National Anti-corruption Strategy and action plan 2021-2025 which is currently under evaluation, Namibia continues to prioritize data driven approaches in corruption risk assessment, procurement, oversight and citizen reporting. This effort underscores our dedication to building resilient data ecosystem that supports early detection, improve service delivery, and fosters accountability, reinforcing our resolve to combat corruption effectively.

Our forecast on data should reassure partners of Namibia's commitment, we acknowledge however that challenges remain particularly relating to fragmented data systems, resource limitations and capacity constraints. This is why a platform such as the 2nd global conference on harnessing data to improve corruption measurement is invaluable for fostering international collaboration, sharing innovative approaches, and building networks that advance global anticorruption efforts. Our collective effort is very vital for the progress. Finally, madam Chair, Namibia remains committed to working with international, regional partners strengthening datadriven prevention mechanisms and ensuring that our institutions uphold public trust, very very important. As we engage over the few days as we started yesterday, we look forward to exchanging insights that will help us respond to corruption in all its evolving reforms. Thank you very much.