

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

High Level Statement Tajikistan

Distinguished conference participants, on behalf of the anti-corruption agency of Tajikistan, we would like to express our gratitude to UNDP and other partners. We are grateful for the convening of this meeting. Corruption remains a global problem of our age. It is a negative social phenomenon which has a corrosive impact across all areas of public life. The government of the Republic of Tajikistan places particular emphasis on countering corruption. In order to combat this phenomenon, we are undertaking legislative and practical measures. In the last few years, we have adopted three anti-corruption strategies as well as plans of action under each strategy. We have a specialised anti-corruption agency, we have updated our public procurement system and have established a national testing center for combating corruption in education, moreover, we have new legislation on combating corruption towards increasing public sector staff salaries inter alia, we are also implementing e-government and we are introducing non-cash payments for government services, we have an e-services platform and a customs system that we set up as well as a system for managing state finances.

There are many other measures also being undertaken and they are already bearing fruit. The anti-corruption agency of Tajikistan plays a key role in implementing Tajikistan's anti-corruption policies. Within our remit, we are detecting and prosecuting corruption crimes, we are controlling state finances ensuring that public funds are not misused. We frequently conduct corruption risk scans, the list goes on. Distinguished colleagues, practice shows that one of the most effective ways of reducing the level of corruption is the conduct of public polls. Against this backdrop, in 2024 my agency together with our development partners conducted a comprehensive survey, a corruption perception survey in Tajikistan. This survey helped us pinpoint the sectors which are most vulnerable to corruption. Based on this data we came up with a comprehensive set of measures so as to close any gaps and thereby to reduce corruption risks. I stand convinced that today's conference will make a significant contribution to establishing a single set of guidelines on measuring corruption risks. I thank you.