



It's high time for the WFEO-CAC and its partners to enhance collaboration by engaging with other national stakeholders globally in dissemination of available materials by educating the society through Universities and practitioners in the infrastructure sector about corruption detection, prevention, assessment of damages and risks in order to materially eradicate it.

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The theme for the International Anti-Corruption Day 2022 focused on the *United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC)* at 20 and was "Uniting the World Against Corruption". The Engineering Community in WFEO under CAC marked this Day with "Anti-Corruption Awareness campaigns, Education and training of Stakeholders".

2023 started with increased momentum through CAC under the theme *Anti-Corruption Publications (webinars, newsletters, magazines)* and culminating with the *International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) 2023*.

Today, it is globally perceived as an impediment to resilient infrastructure development whereby without appropriate and proper measures it will never be eradicated or even be reduced. It's reliably known as the abuse of entrusted power for personal gains. Infrastructure on the other hand is the integrated set of social, physical, and ecological components that provide services to meet human needs.

The infrastructure lifecycle is the series of stages within infrastructure-related projects, from conception, planning to design, execution, maintenance, and replacement or decommissioning. This includes the management of performance, risks, and costs throughout the process.

Globally the nature, size, and complexity of infrastructure projects determine the extent of monopoly and discretion resulting from different interests and capacities of players in terms of finance, knowledge, skills, and experiences. This by default results in monopoly and discretion and when combined together become fertile grounds for nourishing corruption, particularly in the absence of a proper and efficient accountability systems in the society.

Corruption occurs in any phase of the infrastructure projects ranging from conception, planning to design, procurement, execution, operation, and maintenance plus disposal. It is also seen and impacted through infrastructures developed without meeting among others value-for-money criteria, proper quality and fit-for-purpose that are usually benchmarked on different national priorities, and outside the set project duration.

Its liabilities are severely felt in several failing structures in Africa and Asia Pacific, where defective infrastructures were built at overpriced costs hence slowing public investments, poor services delivery, and undermining the proper functioning of the society among others.



CAC believes that diligently educating the society through professional practitioners and students on corruption, its liabilities, with how to detect and prevent it will materially reduce its curse.

Under WFEO-GIACC (*Global Infrastructure Anti-Corruption Centre Alliance*), 15 *Projects Anti-Corruption System (PACS) Standards* were published in November 2021 while a *University Anti-Corruption Course* was also published in April 2023 as measures to continue detecting and preventing corruption in Infrastructure Projects globally.

Key achievements

Since 2019, when I became the Chair of the WFEO Anti-Corruption Committee, we have consistently been able to carry out advocacy programs and activities aimed at raising awareness of anti-corruption measures within the engineering fraternity and the community at large through webinars and conferences.

We also issued statements on every 9th December that are aligned to the International Anti-Corruption themes endorsed by the United Nations.



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