



International Anti-corruption Day

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A contribution from local governments

- * Corruption represents a serious obstacle for equality, effective governance, economic growth and sustainable development. It undermines government legitimacy and the rule of law.
- * Corruption at local level can have a more immediate and harsh impact on public trust and it is a barrier for the effective management of our cities.
- * Local and regional governments are taking advantage of our proximity to the citizens to develop and foster concrete actions to prevent and fight corruption by engaging in active policies of openness, transparency, accountability and citizen participation.
- * We are aware that it is essential to govern with the citizens and in that way, we should increase their engagement in the decision-making process and the monitoring of local spending and municipal performance.
- * Preventing and fighting corruption must be a priority to create the foundations for democracy, development, justice and effective governance. Therefore, we urge on the need to develop and promote effective anti-corruption policies and legislation at the local, national and international levels.
- * We all need to promote a new multi-level governance approach where local and national governments complement their action and where constructive dialogue between the public, private sector and civil society is constant.
- * We call on national governments and multilateral organizations to continue supporting national, regional and international networks of local governments to strengthen their capacities to build more open and accountable local governments.
- * We reaffirm our commitment to achieve the 2030 Global development agenda in our cities and territories so nobody is left behind.

- * We commit ourselves to achieve SDG 16 and to contribute to effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.
- * On this International Anti-corruption Day, let us reaffirm our commitment to end corrupt practices and to put transparency, accountability and participation at the center of our local and global agendas.
- * ¡Let's all commit to transparency!