

Country: Brunei Darussalam

Topic: Corruption on the Polarization of Society: Identifying Rigged and Dysfunctional System

As Brunei Darussalam we believe that democratization of information and social political responsibility be of importance to improve global governance holds a great importance against many things in many ways as an example;

Several studies have explored how certain economic and cultural variables affect a country's corruption level. This study extends previous research by not only considering these variables, but also taking into account the impact that information and communication technology can have on corruption. The results indicate that the greater the access to information, the lower the corruption levels. Therefore bridging the digital disparity across countries can also serve to lessen national corruption levels.

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Dysfunctional System: A serious impediment to the success of any anti-corruption efforts are corrupt justice sector institutions. Ethically compromised justice sector institutions mean that the legal and institutional mechanisms designed to curb corruption, however well-targeted, efficient or honest, remain crippled.

In addition, the wider effects of corruption on the rule of law and sustainable development are not only harmful, but destructive in particular. When the justice sector, which should embody the principles of independence, impartiality, integrity and equality, is undermined. To name just a few examples:

- a corrupt act during one step of the criminal justice chain can severely harm the whole process or even nullify its essence and erode public trust in law and order;
- challenges in claiming rights and enforcing contracts in court proceedings can create an atmosphere of legal uncertainty and ultimately deter business, entrepreneurial spirit and investment;

- disrespect for the equal application of the law undermines the legitimacy of public institutions and contributes to impunity.

Since no sector is immune to corruption, it is necessary that States parties acknowledge the particular role and vulnerability of justice sector institutions in regard to corruption and engage in continuous efforts to create independent, ethical and accountable justice sector institutions. To assist States parties in confronting the problem, the UN is taking a variety of approaches. It examines corruption in the judiciary and other justice sector institutions in detail looking at the organizational level, including separation of powers, mandates and processes, and at the individual level, including professional ethics, protection from interference and training. Based on the analysis the UN seeks to identify good practices and means to address and mitigate the risk of corruption and promote integrity throughout all justice sector institutions. As Brunei Darussalam we seek only justice and we are ready to take precautions against the complication.