



Becoming a member

What is the UK Anti-Corruption Forum?

We are an alliance of UK business associations, professional institutions, civil society organisations and companies with interests in the domestic and international infrastructure, construction and engineering sectors. The Forum's objective is to help create a business environment that is free from corruption.

Who are the members?

Our [members](#) include various prestigious associations, institutions and other organisations, together representing over 1,000 UK companies and 350,000 professionals. We also count many large consultancies and contractors among our membership, as well as medium and small enterprises.

Why become a member?

- You will join an alliance of organisations and companies which is fast developing a high-profile reputation for playing a leading and practical role in the fight against corruption around the world.
- You will have an opportunity to participate in the Forum's internal meetings and working groups, and in meetings with government and other relevant organisations.
- You will be able to discuss corruption issues and possible solutions with other experienced Forum members.
- You will be able to work with other industry participants to try to shape the international anti-corruption agenda in a manner that takes account of your organisation's concerns.
- You will have access to the leading thinking in anti-corruption best practice.
- You will receive corruption news updates in the Forum's Weekly News Digest and quarterly Newsletter.
- You will enhance your own reputation as an ethical business.

What key issues is the Forum addressing?

- Raising with government the current anti-corruption legal and regulatory environment, the proposed changes to it, and its implications for the infrastructure, construction and engineering sectors.
- How to improve anti-corruption training, both at professional and corporate level.
- How to improve corporate and professional codes of conduct from an anti-corruption perspective.
- How to help companies and the professions adopt anti-corruption measures.
- What due diligence should be undertaken on countries, clients, business partners and the supply chain.
- How UK government can support companies and individuals trading overseas when faced with corruption issues.
- What advice to give to companies and individuals when they are faced with corruption issues.
- How to deal with facilitation payments.
- How to help professional institutions in developing countries promote the anti-corruption agenda.
- How to ensure that the debarment systems adopted by the UK Government, World Bank, EU Commission and other governments and donors are fair, proportionate and reasonable.
- How donors can improve their anti-corruption practices.
- How greater transparency in the industry can help reduce corruption.
- How the use of independent monitoring on construction projects can help reduce corruption.

What does the Forum do to help achieve its objectives?

- We hold quarterly member meetings, inviting external speakers who address topics of interest. We discuss key anti-corruption concerns, share ideas on anti-corruption best practice, and take forward a rolling series of actions.
- We hold meetings with government departments to discuss anti-corruption actions, legislation and policy.
- We use working groups to develop and promote specific anti-corruption actions.
 - The Business Practices Working Group searches for and develops best practice anti-corruption guidelines and tools for business.
 - The Professional Standards Working Group searches for and develops best practice anti-corruption guidelines and tools for professional institutions.
 - The Law and Enforcement Working Group examines UK and international anti-corruption laws, enforcement and penalties, and recommends ways in which they can be improved so as to be reasonable, workable and effective, and co-operates with relevant agencies so to as promote these improvements.
 - The External Liaison Working Group liaises with the UK Government and international and national organisations to promote the interests and ideas of the Forum.
- We issue a quarterly [Newsletter](#) which summarises key domestic and international anti-corruption issues and actions. The Newsletter is also circulated to organisations in over 50 countries.
- We circulate (to members only) a Weekly News Digest which is a compilation of relevant articles on corruption from the international press, which keeps members up to date with developments, and assists in due diligence.
- We publish and promote [papers](#) on critical issues such as anti-corruption actions, transparency, debarment, professional standards, whistle-blowing, and the proposed new UK anti-bribery legislation.
- We hold [anti-corruption conferences](#).

What are the membership fees?

For the year commencing 1st October 2009:

- Business association/Professional institution: £950
- NGO: £700
- Business with 500 or more employees: £950
- Business with 100 to 499 employees: £650
- Business with 10 to 99 employees: £250
- Business with fewer than 10 employees: £50

What are the membership responsibilities and obligations?

The time spent on the Forum depends entirely on individual members. Some members actively participate in many of the meetings and working groups. Others just benefit from the Forum's exchange of information and best practice.

There are no legal obligations. Members are not required to sign any public anti-corruption commitment. However, an organisation should only join if it agrees with the objective of the Forum outlined in the first paragraph above.

How do I join the Forum?

You should send an e-mail to the Forum Co-ordinator, neill.stansbury@giaccentre.org providing a half page summary of your business. The Co-ordinator will circulate this information to all other Forum members, giving them two weeks to comment on the application. Objection is only permitted if the interests of the organisation are believed to be contrary to the aims of the Forum. Assuming no objection is made, applicants will be admitted to membership. The current policy of the Forum is that names of corporate members are not published. This reflects the fact that some companies are keen to work on the anti-corruption agenda, but do not wish this to be actively publicised. However, the Forum does provide the names of corporate members to potential members as they may wish to know which companies they will be co-operating with. A member is permitted to publicise the fact that it is a member. Members are not permitted to market their organisation in any way at Forum meetings.

How do I get further information?

If you would like to learn more about us and what we do, you can visit the Forum web-site: www.anticorruptionforum.org.uk or you can contact the Forum co-ordinator neill.stansbury@giaccentre.org.