

“ The diversity of activities to prevent and combat corruption that harms the environment is laudable. But it is far from the scale needed to tackle today’s corruption and environmental challenges.”

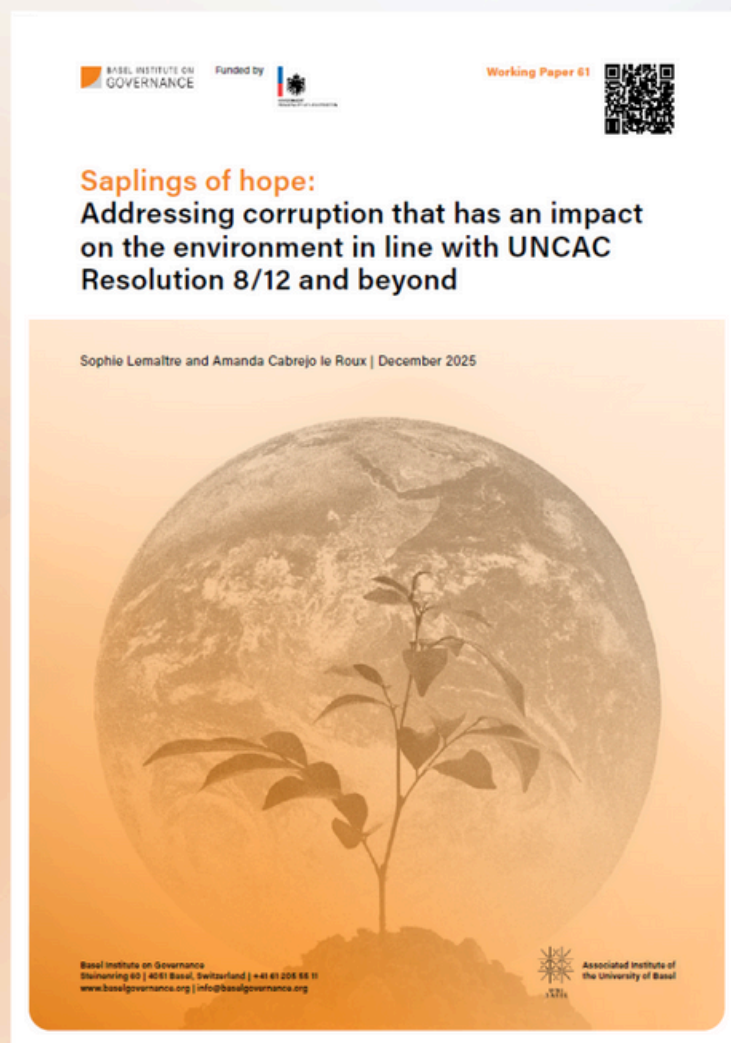


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Our new Working Paper takes stock of progress by states to prevent and combat corruption that has an impact on the environment in 2024 and 2025.



Saplings of hope

Addressing corruption that has an impact on the environment in line with UNCAC Resolution 8/12 and beyond

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Corruption and the environmental crisis

It's not just about corruption linked to **crimes** that have an impact on the environment.

- **Corruption can harm the environment directly**, without being linked to another crime.
- We need to address **all forms of corruption** that affect the environment.

...including corruption related to:



climate finance and
renewable energy



the exploitation of
critical minerals

Why “Saplings of hope”?

Because it updates our 2023 paper “Seedlings of hope” – and we see encouraging progress and examples from around the world.

2023



Seedlings

2025



Saplings

2027



Trees?

Highlights – corruption prevention



- Internal controls



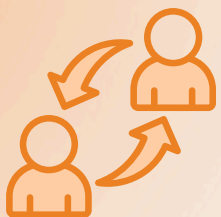
- Sectoral risk assessments and risk management



- Awareness campaigns and capacity building



- Whistleblowing



- Peer learning

Examples from Kenya, Malawi, Bolivia, Ukraine and other countries

Highlights – enforcement



- Financial investigations and money laundering laws



- Multi-agency and interdisciplinary task forces



- Asset recovery



- Assessing economic, social and environmental losses to calculate penalties

Examples from Namibia, Indonesia, Madagascar, Canada and other countries

Essential role of civil society and media

- investigative journalism
- research and learning
- building bridges
- initiating litigation

They are under attack and work in increasingly repressive environments.

We need to protect their freedoms.

Read the paper:

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See discussions on Environment Day at the 11th Conference of the States Parties to the UN Convention Against Corruption

