

# Corruption and Human Rights

## Bringing Civil Society Actors Together

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# Background

“Where there is corruption, there are always human rights violations”, R.F. President Dmitri Medvedev, 20.05.2009.

- 2008-2009 – Anti-corruption legislation;
- Anti-corruption treaties;
- Anti-corruption measures.

# Problem

- 2008-2010 increased corruption
- Education, healthcare, police, army
- State & business: mutual capture
- Unaccountability
- Hampered access
- Corruption => human rights

# Specific problems

## Lacks:

Independent public discussions

Independent information

Independent expertise

# Goals:

- Bringing different civil society actors together
- Improving of public participation
- Involving independent civic expertise
- Strengthening civil society

# Activities:

## 1. Coalition of national and international NGOs and expert centers

- Human rights organizations
- Think tanks
- Independent experts

## 2. Public Discussions

- Series of meetings

## 3. Independent information

- Unified alternative reports
- Unified recommendations

# Results:

- Expertise of civil society institutions
- Cooperation with state bodies  
(recommendations, public oversight)
- Public access improved
- Key players brought together
- **Human rights situation improved**
- **Corruption reduced**