Short Session Report

Session Title: Migration and Corruption: Connecting the Flows of Money and Refugees
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Main issues raised in kick off remarks. What’s the focus of the session?

The session explores the nexus between corruption and migration in four nodes of the migration cycle: the decision to leave a country, the journey to a third country, access to legal status in a destination country, and return to the country of origin.
What initiatives have been showcased? Briefly describe the Game Changing strategies/ ideas (if applicable)

Research by the University of Maastricht exploring drivers of corruption through the lens of human security

Project Lokisa, a complaints mechanism developed so that asylum seekers can report bribes, run by Corruption Watch S. Africa.

Research on migrant smuggling networks and the role of corruption.

Research exploring the nuances of the corruption-migration nexus – what can corruption specialists learn from migration research?

Briefly describe the highlights including the thematically interesting questions and ideas that were generated from the discussion or from the floor, and session quotes.

The drivers of corruption research looks at the impact of corruption on various aspects of human security – food security, personal security, economic security, environmental security, health security, community security, and political security.

Concerning the S. Africa whistleblowing project, criminal sanctions have been crucial to achieve any progress – so far they have been easier to achieve than disciplinary sanctions.

The smuggling presentation highlighted the importance of political economy analyses to identify potential negative consequences of tackling corruption – could anti-corruption policies lead to greater instability in transit countries?
The corruption-migration nexus presentation discussed the potential role of diaspora and return migrants in transmitting pro-integrity ideas and attitudes in their home countries.

What are the key recommendations, follow-up Actions (200 words narrative form)

Key Insights that could be included in the IACC Declaration
Rapporteur’s name and date submitted

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