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Good values and morals against corruption and the abuse of power

For some time now, it seems that we have become immune to certain events. We are insensitive to certain news with which we have breakfast and go to bed on a daily basis.

Our surprise potential has bottomed out. Corruption and the uses and abuses of power proliferate in practically every sector of society and in every corner of the globe.

Too many authorities tainted, many heroes turned into villains, too many dashed hopes. The rule that “anything goes” has become so widespread that the institutions in which we should place our trust and safety give rise to suspicion, to say the least.

We are faced with a disturbing crisis of values that is hard to take.

We need to be aware that the only way to promote peaceful and inclusive societies, as well as to create efficient and accountable institutions, includes an education in values: values such as honesty, humility, generosity, respect, friendship, responsibility, tolerance, appreciation, solidarity and dignity.

Children and young people today are the future of tomorrow. We have the moral

obligation to foster such values in them. They must have the opportunity to choose, to be able to choose to live in accordance with them. This is a personal decision, not a mandatory action, but if we do not show these values to them and foster them, they will hardly be able to become global citizens who are fair and active, with critical views and a transformational nature. People, at the end of the day.

Auren is strongly committed in this sense and regards it as being of fundamental importance, prioritising professional ethics as an essential code of conduct in each action. This context guides our auditing, consultancy, advisory and corporate services each day.





We list below some of the targets to which the United Nations have committed for meeting this goal and to which we can contribute more, both from the position of citizens and entrepreneurs, either directly or through the exercise of our voting right:

1. Reduce all forms of violence, especially in inner circles.
2. Significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime.
3. Significantly reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms.
4. Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.
5. Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements.
6. Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development.





Among the institutions most affected by corruption are the judiciary and the police.

Corruption, bribery, theft and tax evasion cost some US \$1.26 billion for developing countries per year. This amount of money could be used to help those who are living on less than \$1.25 a day.

Approximately 28.5 million primary-school-aged children who do not attend school live in areas affected by conflicts.

The proportion of non-convicted prisoners has remained almost constant over the last decade, at 31% of all prisoners.

The number of people who flee war, persecution and conflicts exceeded 70 million in 2018. This is the highest level seen by the UNHCR, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in the last 70 years.

In 2019, the UN recorded 357 murders and 30 enforced disappearances of human rights defenders, journalists and trade unionists in 47 countries





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Global peace and justice start with the individual attitude of everyone in the first place: only by being at peace with ourselves and with our environment we can work so that peace and justice spread everywhere. We have listed below some proposals that will certainly help us to create a better world. Start with those that seem easiest to you and, without forgetting them, you can add new ones from time to time. Good luck and, as from now, MANY THANKS!!!

- Look for your personal inner peace.
- Carry out efficient communication and active listening in our personal and professional relationships.
- Reconcile family and work responsibilities.
- Respect Human Rights.
- Contribute to denouncing job precariousness and offer decent jobs to citizens.
- Contribute to the promotion of ethical finance.
- Increase the hiring of services and supplies with social and solidarity-based economies.
- Promote and collaborate in interreligious dialogue that shares the path towards coexistence and peace in society.
- Collaborate in volunteering groups for social reintegration.
- Transform relationships of power that generate inequality all over the world, through the redistribution of assets and education for global citizenship, among others.





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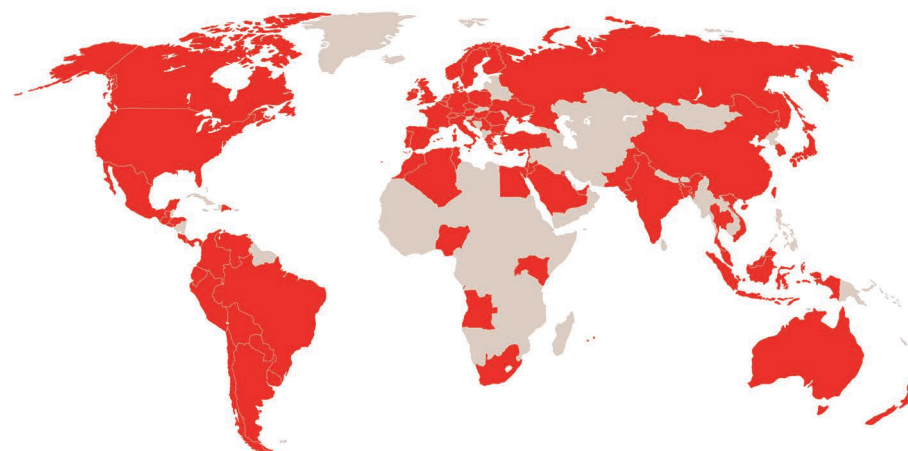
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