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The Sum of its Parts: Coordinating Brazil's Fight Against Corruption

Brazil's 2003 election created an opening for reform-minded public servants who wanted to combat pervasive corruption in government. The justice minister teamed up with people from other parts of the anti-corruption ecosystem to initiate an informal, cross-institutional network to challenge money laundering and financial crime. They drafted enabling legislation, strengthened monitoring, improved information sharing, and built capacity and specialization. By 2016, authorities had disrupted an entrenched political culture and prosecuted scores of high-level cases.

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Tackling Corruption from the Bottom Up: Decentralized Graft Prevention in Mauritius

In 2009, with surveys and citizen complaints pointing to widespread corruption and petty bribery in government agencies, Anil Kumar Ujoodha, the head of Mauritius' Independent Commission Against Corruption, developed a bottom-up strategy to reduce bribe-taking, nepotism, and conflicts of interest in the public service. Ujoodha's plan gave government agencies and their employees more responsibility for tackling their own corruption problems. His staff guided each agency through the process of setting up an anti-corruption committee, assessing risks, developing solutions, and monitoring implementation. By 2016, 73 of the island's more than 200 agencies had agreed to implement more than 380 different anti-corruption measures.

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ISS Featured Interview

In a 2013 interview with ISS, **Dev Bikoo** discusses his experience as the head of Mauritius's Financial Intelligence Unit and his role in the development of national financial regulation as the country grew into a hub for offshore banking. Bikoo notes the growing incidence of cross-border financial crimes and emphasizes the importance of international coordination to investigate and prosecute cases. He also describes his efforts to encourage other African countries to set up financial intelligence units on a par with that of Mauritius.

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