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# Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2024

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## Context:

The **Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2024** highlights how corruption is a significant barrier to effective climate action.

## Corruption and Climate Action:

1. **Hinders Ambitious Policies:** Corruption favors the interests of narrow, powerful groups at the expense of the broader public good, making it harder to adopt effective and ambitious climate policies.
2. **Weakens Governance and Transparency:** Corruption undermines governance structures, weakens law enforcement, and reduces transparency in environmental decision-making, making it difficult to implement climate change strategies.
3. **Misuse of Climate Funds:** Countries most vulnerable to climate change often have CPI scores below 50, which correlates with the diversion and misuse of climate funds intended to combat climate impacts.
4. **Marginalizes Vulnerable Populations:** Corruption deepens the vulnerability of already marginalized populations who are disproportionately affected by climate change.
5. **Undermines Multilateralism:** Corruption increases opacity in climate conferences and allows influential fossil fuel lobbyists to distort the global climate agenda, undermining the effectiveness of international climate action.

## Other Key Highlights of the CPI Report:

- **85% of the World's Population** lives in countries with CPI scores under **50** (indicating high levels of perceived corruption).
- **India:** Scored **38 out of 100**, a drop of one point from 2023, ranking **96th**.
- **Least Corrupt Countries:** **Denmark, Finland, and Singapore.**
- **Most Corrupt Countries:** **South Sudan, Somalia, and Venezuela.**

## Recommendations:

1. **Put Integrity at the Centre of Climate Efforts:** The UN Convention Against Corruption is a key framework that can support efforts to combat corruption in climate governance.
2. **Enhance Investigations and Protections:** Strengthen anti-corruption bodies and provide greater protection for environmental defenders who often face risks for speaking out.
3. **Shield Climate Policymaking:** Create mechanisms that detect and manage conflicts of interest, ensuring that policymaking processes are not unduly influenced by corrupt practices.
4. **Strengthen Citizen Engagement:** Make climate finance and projects more transparent, ensuring that information is open, accessible, and easily understood by the public.

## Conclusion:

The CPI 2024 underscores the critical role that corruption plays in impeding climate action. By undermining governance, misusing resources, and distorting global negotiations, corruption hampers the world's collective

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ability to address the climate crisis effectively. The report calls for integrating integrity into climate efforts and enhancing transparency and accountability to improve climate governance globally.

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