

Anti-Corruption Network for
Eastern Europe and Central Asia

BOOSTING IMPACT OF ANTI-CORRUPTION REFORMS

High-Level Meeting

AGENDA

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9:30 *Welcome coffee and networking*

10:00 **OPENING**

Mr. Rintaro Tamaki, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD

H.E. Daniel Yohannes, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the OECD, USA

10:30 **SESSION 1: FROM POLICY TO ACTION: THE IMPACT OF ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICY IMPLEMENTATION**

This session will take stock of the achievements and challenges in anti-corruption policy implementation focusing on the results and impact of fighting corruption in the region. High level representatives from ACN and OECD countries will share experience in implementing evidence-based anti-corruption policies and measuring success of anti-corruption reforms. High level officials from international and non-governmental organisations will be invited to offer solutions based on international standards and good practice to further guide the ACN region towards effective and efficient evidence-based anti-corruption policies.

Co-Chairs: **Mr. Patrick Moulette**, Head, Anti-Corruption Division, OECD

Mr. Drago Kos, Chair, OECD Working Group on Bribery

Mr. Bledar Çuçi, Minister of State for Local Government, Albania

Mr. Adrian Baboi-Stroe, Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice, Romania

Mr. Mārtiņš Krieviņš, Director of State Chancellery, Latvia

Ms. Anitta Hipper, DG Migration and Home, EU Commission

Ms. Elena A. Panfilova, Vice-Chair, Transparency International

Mr. Vitaliy Shabunin, Board Director, Anti-Corruption Action Centre, Ukraine

Discussion

11:30 *Networking break*

12:00 **SESSION 2: APPLYING EXISTING TOOLS FOR PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION: WHAT WORKS IN PRACTICE**

This session will discuss new and emerging international standards, as well as various practical solutions for preventing corruption and building integrity in the public administration, including in specific sectors with high corruption risks. It will focus on what works in practice for ensuring integrity of civil servants, judiciary, as well as targeted measures to counter corruption risks in sectors that are vulnerable for corruption.

Co-Chairs: **Mr. Oliver Stolpe**, Chief of Conference Support Section, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, Division of Treaty Affairs, UNODC
Mr. Suren Krmoyan, Deputy Minister of Justice, Armenia

Mr. Aleksandre Baramidze, First Deputy Minister of Justice, Georgia

Mr. Ruslan Ryaboshapka, Commissioner, National Agency for Corruption Prevention, Ukraine

Ms. Aigul Shaimova, Vice-Minister of Civil Service Affairs, Republic of Kazakhstan

Ms. Ermelinda Meksi, Head, Economic Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator, Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE

Ms. Hanna Suchocka, First Vice-President, Venice Commission

Mr. Jonas Moberg, Head of Secretariat, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

Ms. Shelley Inglis, Team Leader, Governance and Peacebuilding, Istanbul Regional Hub, UNDP

Ms. Janar Jandosova, President, Sange Research Center, Kazakhstan

Discussion

13:00 *Family picture and lunch*

15:00 **SESSION 3: ENHANCING BUSINESS INTEGRITY AND IMPROVING INVESTMENT CLIMATE**

High level officials will discuss measures to promote business integrity. Representatives of international organisations will reflect on new and emerging international standards in the field, including on state-owned enterprises and responsible business conduct. Participants will share experiences of engaging with businesses to identify and address the most pressing challenges and needs for improving business climate in the region.

Co-Chairs: **Mr. Irakli Urushadze**, Transparency International Georgia
Ms. Eney Quiñones, Chair, the Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan, OECD/ACN

Mr. Nicola Bonucci, Director for Legal Affairs, OECD

Ms. Lisa Rosen, Chief Compliance Officer, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Mr. Algirdas Šemeta, Business Ombudsman, Ukraine

Mr. Tayfun Zaman, Founding Secretary General, Ethics and Reputation Society, Turkey

Mr. Irakli Urushadze, Transparency International Georgia

Discussion

16:00 *Networking break*

16:20 **SESSION 4: ENFORCING CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CORRUPTION**

Streamlining criminal legislation and reforming institutions in line with international standards represent less of a challenge for the region. However, enforcement of criminal responsibility for complex corruption offences remains highly problematic. High level law-enforcement officials will exchange views about the ways to strengthen capacity to better detect, investigate and prosecute corruption crimes. The session will also look into overcoming obstacles to international cooperation in investigating and prosecuting corruption offences, including asset recovery.

Co-Chairs: **Mr. Drago Kos**, Chair, OECD Working Group on Bribery

Mr. Kamran Aliyev, Deputy Prosecutor General of Azerbaijan

Mr. Oliver Stolpe, Chief of Conference Support Section, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, Division of Treaty Affairs, UNODC

Mr. Artem Sytnyk, Director of the National Anti-corruption Bureau, Ukraine

Mr. Nazar Kholodnytskyi, Deputy Prosecutor General, Head of the Specialised Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office, Ukraine

Mr. Žydrūnas Bartkus, First Deputy Director, Special Investigation Service, Lithuania

Discussion

17:20 **CLOSING REMARKS**

Co-Chairs: **Mr. Nicola Bonucci**, Director for Legal Affairs, OECD

Mr. Aleksandre Baramidze, First Deputy Minister of Justice, Georgia

High level representatives from the ACN countries who did not speak during the meeting, together with other participants will be invited for short statements of endorsement of the 2016-2019 Work Programme of the Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia and to reaffirm their commitment to supporting its implementation.

18:00 **Cocktail reception for all participants**

Context

In response to the existing corruption challenges, countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia continued their efforts to prevent and fight corruption. They have developed anti-corruption policies, reformed legislation and institutions, taken measures to prevent corruption in public administration and in private sector, and prosecuted perpetrators of corruption. However, strong enforcement of anti-corruption policies and laws for greater impact remains a persistent challenge in the region. Countries should step up enforcement of anti-corruption policies and laws to increase the impact of anti-corruption measures in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Objectives and participants

Reflecting on the new and emerging international standards and sharing available knowledge on what works in fighting corruption can reinforce the efforts of anti-corruption leaders to maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of reforms.

This high level meeting will convene Ministers, Heads of Anti-Corruption and Law-Enforcement Agencies and other top anti-corruption decision-makers from more than 30 countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Members of the OECD Working Group on Bribery, representatives of international organisations, civil society and business organisations will also participate. The meeting will provide a unique opportunity to take stock of the progress and challenges in fighting corruption in the region and reaffirm shared commitment for stronger enforcement and joint action against corruption.

The high level meeting will draw on the findings in the summary report prepared by the Secretariat of the ACN "*Anti-Corruption Reforms in Eastern Europe and Central Asia: Achievements and Challenges 2013-2015*". It will focus on implementing evidence-based anti-corruption policies, effectively enforcing criminal responsibility for corruption, promoting business integrity and tools for preventing corruption in the public administration. The meeting will aim to endorse the *2016-2019 Work Programme of the OECD Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia* and reaffirm the commitment of the countries to support its implementation through funding and in-kind contributions.

Organisation

The meeting will be conducted in **English** with simultaneous interpretation into **Russian**. Further information about the meeting venue is available on the **OECD Conference Centre website**.

The ACN high level meeting is taking place during the **OECD Integrity Week** (18-22 April). Participants of the ACN meetings are welcome to register for any of the multiple events of Integrity Week at **CleanGovBiz@oecd.org**.

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