



**Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific  
3<sup>rd</sup> Steering Group Meeting  
4-6 March 2003, Jakarta, Indonesia  
Draft Agenda**

### Objectives

The overall objective of the Steering Group meetings is to review steps taken by endorsing countries to implement the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific and to facilitate a policy dialogue and exchange of experience between member countries on successes achieved and problems encountered in this context. In specific, the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Steering Group has the following five objectives and main agenda items:

- Reporting on activities over the past 9 months

The previous meeting of the Steering Group in May 2002 has, in the framework of the adoption of the medium-term strategy, agreed on concrete tasks for the Secretariat over the years 2002-2003. As a first agenda item, the Secretariat will therefore report on its efforts to achieve these, in particular with regard to the enlargement of support to the Action Plan throughout the region, and the support to capacity building in selected areas. In the context of the latter, the Secretariat will give an account on the first Action Plan training seminar which was held in Ghaziabad, India, on 11-13 February 2003, on the topic of "Effective Prosecution of Corruption". Participating countries will be invited to convey their delegates' reactions and evaluation of this event.

- Mid-term progress report on implementation efforts in the framework of the Action Plan

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in May 2002 amongst others reviewed and discussed the priority areas for reform and corresponding project proposals submitted by endorsing countries in the context of their implementation efforts. Most of these projects have been underway since then and preliminary results should already be identifiable. Other projects might have experienced difficulties of various kinds for which possible solutions have to be discussed. The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Steering Group therefore will provide an opportunity for each country to report on progress made in implementing their reform projects. In doing so, endorsing countries will focus on experience and knowledge gained in this process, particular lessons learnt or problems encountered, and relevant and possibly measurable consequences or outputs of these reform efforts.

The meeting will also discuss and review new project proposals that have been submitted since the previous meeting in May 2002, such as the one submitted by Kazakhstan. Issues to be addressed during this discussion include the factors that led the country to select the areas as priority ones and how these fit into the country's overall anti-corruption strategy. Countries that have not selected reform areas or developed implementation projects should be prepared to explain the reasons that have prevented them until now from doing so, and to what extent the group could assist them in identifying areas for reform.

- Discuss and agree on the format of the self-reporting

As outlined in the strategy 2002/03 which was discussed and approved at the last Steering Group meeting in May, the self-reporting process foreseen in the Action Plan's implementation mechanism will consist of two elements. A

first part will focus on the selected priority areas for reform and the corresponding implementation projects. Reporting guidelines will be provided by the Secretariat for this purpose. The second component of the exercise will focus on the national anti-corruption strategies to implement the Action Plan and consist of a self-reporting and general stocktaking exercise on measures and policies undertaken under each of the three pillars of action. The findings of these reports will be presented at the next regional anti-corruption meeting of the ADB/OECD Initiative as background information for discussion. In order to prepare this process, the Secretariat will present for discussion at the Jakarta meeting draft reporting guidelines. The purpose of this discussion will be to agree on form and content of these self-reports and the corresponding guidelines and questionnaires.

- Follow-up activities

A further key objective of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Steering Group meeting will be to define future activities to be organized in the next 12 months by the Secretariat and the Advisory Group in support of endorsing countries' implementation efforts. This includes in particular the next regional anti-corruption meeting of the Initiative for which the Group will be invited to debate the format, location, agenda structure and possible themes for plenary and focus group discussions, as well as other activities such as possible additional training seminars along the lines of the training that took place in India in February 2003 and other possible events in support of endorsing countries' implementation efforts. Concrete proposals in this context are welcome.

- Enlarging support for the Action Plan

Cambodia and the People's Republic of China have been invited by the Group to attend the third Steering Group meeting as observers. As such, they will have an opportunity to present the broad outlines of their governments' anti-corruption strategy, including the most recently undertaken new initiatives as well as any particular successes and possibly failures encountered in this context, and discuss how the Action Plan could possibly contribute to their reform efforts.

Furthermore, members of the Group can use this opportunity to report to their colleagues about any relevant events or developments of which they are aware or in which they are involved, and which they consider to be interesting in the context of the region's fight against corruption.

## Outcomes

Expected outcomes of this meeting include:

- Overview on progress made by endorsing countries in implementing the Action Plan, review and recommendations by the Steering Group to newly submitted projects, and identification of concrete steps to support countries that have not yet commenced implementation of the Action Plan;
- Agreement on reporting guidelines for countries' self-reports; and
- Definition of a work plan for the coming 12 months, especially:
- Preliminary structure and agenda of the Initiative's fourth regional anti-corruption meeting, and agreement on possible dates and location.

## Participants

Participation is on invitation only. Participants include the national Action Plan contact point of each endorsing country, the Secretariat of the ADB/OECD Initiative, members of the Advisory Group and representatives of observer governments (Cambodia and the People's Republic of China).

## Language

The working language of this meeting will be English. An interpreter for translation Russian-English-Russian will be provided by the Secretariat.

## Background documents:

StG03-0303/1: Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Group Meeting

StG03-0303/2: Draft outline for project review guidelines

StG03-0303/3: Draft outline of forth regional anti-corruption conference of the ADB/OECD Initiative

StG03-0303/4: Project proposal submitted by the Republic of Kazakhstan

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Tuesday 04 March 2003 (09h00 – 17h30)

9.00 – 10.00	<p><b>* Opening session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brief introduction by the Secretariat</li> <li>- Welcoming remarks by senior representative of host country</li> <li>- Roundtable: Introduction of meeting participants</li> <li>- Adoption of the minutes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Group Meeting</li> <li>- Objectives of the meeting</li> </ul> <p>Reference document(s): Draft minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Group Meeting (StG03-0303/1)</p>
10.00 – 11.00	<p><b>I. Activities report by the Secretariat</b></p> <p>The Secretariat will report on activities undertaken since May 2002 in response to the Initiative's strategy that has been adopted by the Steering Group in May 2002. In particular, the Secretariat will report on efforts to enlarge the support to the Action Plan throughout the Asian and Pacific region, and on the training seminar on "Effective Prosecution of Corruption", held in Ghaziabad, India, in February 2003. The members of the Steering Group are invited to discuss and react to this report, in particular by conveying their delegates' evaluation of the training seminar in India.</p>
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
	<b>II. Mid-term progress report on implementation efforts in the framework of the Action Plan</b>
11.30– 12.00	<p><b>a) Indonesia's anti-corruption strategy</b></p> <p>To launch the discussion and review of progress made in implementing the Action Plan since the Steering Group's last meeting, the host country Indonesia will present its government's overall anti-corruption strategy as well as major measures recently taken in the fields of anti-bribery and good governance. The presentation will also include a progress report on implementation of Indonesia's project submitted in May 2002 under the Action Plan's Pillar I. The presentation will be followed by a general discussion in the Steering Group.</p>
12.00 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 – 14.45	<p><b>b) Projects submitted under Pillar I</b></p> <p>The following countries will present to the group progress made in implementing their projects submitted in May 2002 under the Action Plan's Pillar I: Korea, Kyrgyz Republic, Malaysia, and the Philippines. Each country's presentation will be followed by a general discussion in the Steering Group.</p>
14.45 – 16.00	<p><b>c) Projects submitted under Pillar II</b></p> <p>The following countries will present to the group progress made in implementing their projects submitted in May 2002 under the Action Plan's Pillar II: Japan, Kyrgyz Republic, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, and Papua New Guinea. Each country's presentation will be followed by a general discussion in the Steering Group.</p>
16.00 – 16.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.15 – 17.30	<p><b>d) Projects submitted under Pillar III</b></p> <p>The following countries will present to the group progress made in implementing their projects submitted in May 2002 under the Action Plan's Pillar III: Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Papua New Guinea. Each country's presentation will be followed by a general discussion in the Steering Group.</p>

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Wednesday 05 March 2003 (09h00 – 19h00)

09.00 – 10.30	<p><b>e) Review of new projects submitted under the Action Plan</b></p> <p>This session aims to discuss newly submitted priority areas for reform and corresponding project proposals. The presenting delegates should in particular expose the factors that led their governments to select the respective areas for reform and how these fit into the countries' overall anti-corruption strategies. Furthermore, they are invited to make known to the Secretariat and the Steering Group if and in what way support is being sought for the implementation of these projects.</p> <p>Countries that have not selected reform areas or developed implementation projects should explain the reasons that have prevented them until now from doing so, and in what way the Group could assist them in moving forward in the implementation of the Action Plan.</p> <p>Reference document(s): Draft project proposals submitted by the Republic of Kazakhstan (StG03-0303/4)</p>
10.30 – 11.00	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
11.00 – 12.30	<p><b>* National anti-corruption efforts in Cambodia and the People's Republic of China</b></p> <p>Cambodia and the People's Republic of China have been invited by the Group to attend the third Steering Group meeting as observers to get better acquainted with the mechanisms and working methods of the Group and to evaluate their possible endorsement of the Action Plan.</p> <p>This session will provide them with an opportunity to present the broad outlines of their governments' anti-corruption strategies, including the most recently undertaken initiatives as well as any particular successes and possibly failures encountered in this context, and discuss how the Action Plan could possibly contribute to their reform efforts. The presentation made by the Royal Government of Cambodia will be followed by an endorsement statement.</p>
12.30 – 14.00	<p><i>Lunch</i></p>
14.00 – 16.00	<p><b>III. Self-reporting</b></p> <p>The Secretariat will present for discussion a draft outline for the self-assessment report to be submitted by endorsing countries at the end of the first implementation cycle, i.e. at the time of the next regional anti-corruption meeting. In particular guidelines for the project reports and a draft questionnaire for the stocktaking exercise on measures undertaken and policies in place under each of the three pillars of action will be presented and discussed.</p>

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Thursday 06 March 2003 (Official part: 09h00 – 12h00)

09.00 – 11.30	<p><b>IV Other initiatives and follow-up activities</b></p> <p>Members of the Steering Group are invited to inform the group about any interesting events or current business of relevance to the Group. Requests for speaking slots in this session should please be submitted to the Secretariat well in advance of the meeting. Speakers currently include: Peter Rooke, TI Australia: Latest developments in the drafting of the UN Convention against Corruption. Henrik Lindroth, UNDP. Sam Cooper, ABA-Asia Law Initiative.</p> <p>The second component of this session aims to define possible activities to be organized in the coming 12 months by the Secretariat and the Advisory Group in support of endorsing countries' implementation efforts. A particular focus will be put on the organization of the next regional anti-corruption conference, proposed to be held in fall 2003. Concrete outcomes of this session should include proposals for the agenda structure, themes for plenary sessions and focus groups, and approximate dates and a possible location.</p> <p>The Group is also invited to propose and discuss other activities such as additional training seminars comparable to the seminar in India in February 2003 and other possible events in support of their countries' implementation efforts.</p>
11.30 – 12.00	<p><b>* Closing roundtable – 12.00 End of official part</b></p>
12.00	<p><i>Departure to the Botanic Gardens of Bogor on invitation of the Government of Indonesia. Lunch will be taken at the Dedaunan (Leafes) Restaurant in the gardens. Returning to Hotel at approximately 7pm. Participation is voluntary.</i></p>

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