

ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific

The Secretariat

8th Steering Group Meeting
Manila, Philippines, 17-19 May 2006

Agenda

■ Meeting objectives

The 8th Steering Group meeting of the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific has the following three main objectives:

- 1) to report on and discuss
 - implementation of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific, including recent anti-corruption reform projects that have taken place since the last meeting of the Steering Group in September 2005, and
 - plans for upcoming reform projects in accordance with the Action Plan;
- 2) to finalize the Steering Group's self-evaluation and mutual review process on implementing the Action Plan's standards for curbing corruption in public procurement; and
- 3) to have a preliminary discussion on the Initiative's strategy and work program 2007-2008 to be adopted at the 9th Steering Group meeting.

For detailed notes on the individual items, please refer to the annotations to the agenda on p. 5.

■ Background documents

- StG08-0506(1): Agenda of the 8th Steering Group meeting
StG08-0506(2): Minutes of the 7th Steering Group meeting (Beijing, People's Republic of China, 26-27 September 2005)
StG08-0506(3): List of participants of the 8th Steering Group meeting
StG08-0506(4): Revised draft overview report on measures to curb corruption in public procurement in Asia and the Pacific
StG08-0506(5): Compilation of replies to the questionnaire on curbing corruption in public procurement
StG08-0506(6): Compilation of endorsing countries' self assessment reports of projects under the Action Plan's second implementation cycle
StG08-0506(7): Compilation of endorsing countries' proposed new priority areas for reform under the Action Plan's third implementation cycle
StG08-0506(8): Discussion Paper by the Secretariat on the strategy and work program 2007-2008
StG08-0506(9): Anti-Corruption Reform Indicator for Asia-Pacific (discussion paper by the Secretariat)
StG08-0506(10): Agenda of the 4th Master Training Seminar on "Denying Safe Haven to Corruption and its Assets: Enhancing Asia-Pacific Cooperation on MLA, Extradition and the Recovery and Return of the Proceeds of Corruption"
StG08-0506(11): Draft Overview Report on Frameworks for Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance in Corruption Matters in 25 Asian and Pacific Countries – Working document as used in the 4th Master Training Seminar
StG08-0506(12): Endorsement statements of Sri Lanka and Macao, China
Publications: "Knowledge – Commitment – Action against Corruption in Asia and the Pacific". Proceedings of the 5th Regional Anti-Corruption Conference, held in Beijing, P.R. China in September 2005.
"Anti-Corruption Policies in Asia and the Pacific: Progress in Legal and Institutional Reform in 25 Countries".



Wednesday, 17 May 2006

9.00 – 10.30	1 – Opening session <i>Opening remarks by the ADB OECD Secretariat:</i> Kathleen M. Maktan, ADB OECD Secretariat, Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific Frédéric Wehrlé, ADB OECD Secretariat, Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific Brief roundtable introduction of delegates, Advisory Group members and observers Endorsing statements of Sri Lanka and Macao, China and to join the Initiative
<i>10.30 – 11.00</i>	<i>Coffee break; group photo</i>
11.00 – 12.30	2 – Implementation of the Action Plan – Overview and stock-taking of anti-corruption measures in member countries: Country roundtable
11.00 – 11.15	Report by Nepal on steps to implement the three pillars of the Action Plan followed by roundtable discussion
11.15 – 11.30	Report by the Philippines on steps to implement the three pillars of the Action Plan followed by roundtable discussion
11.30 – 12.30	Report by endorsing countries of recent steps taken to implement the three pillars of the Action Plan followed by roundtable discussion (presentation by each member country should not exceed 8 minutes)
<i>12.30 – 14.00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 16.00	2 – Implementation of the Action Plan – Overview and stock-taking of anti-corruption measures in member countries: Country roundtable (cont.) Report by endorsing countries of recent steps taken to implement and enforce the three pillars of the Action Plan followed by roundtable discussion (presentation by each member country should not exceed 8 minutes)
<i>16.00 – 16.30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.30 – 17.00	3 – Report on observer countries' anti-corruption initiatives pursuant to the objectives of the Action Plan Reports by observer countries
<i>17.15 – 18.15</i>	<i>Cocktail hosted by Geert van der Linden, Vice President Asian Development Bank Private Dining Room, ADB</i>
<i>19.00</i>	<i>Welcome Dinner hosted by the ADB/OECD Initiative Secretariat Kamia Room, Edsa Shangri-La Hotel</i>

Thursday, 18 May 2006

9.00 – 10.30	4 – Report on anti-corruption initiatives and technical assistance in support of reforms Reports by members of the Advisory Group Recent developments in other international organizations or communities Report by the ADB OECD Secretariat
<i>10.30-10.45</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.45 – 13.00	5 – Self-evaluation and mutual review of the implementation of target reform areas under the 2nd Implementation cycle (2004-2006) and preliminary submission of new reform projects for the 3rd implementation cycle (2007-2008) Presentation of each country's achievements under its selected priority areas for reform and projects under the 2 nd implementation cycle, followed by discussion and conclusion by the Group Brief presentation of each country's selected priority area for reform and project under the 3 rd implementation cycle (2006-2008)
<i>13.00 – 14.30</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30 – 17.00	6 – Thematic review on measures to curb corruption in public procurement – Review and final adoption of individual country reports Discussion of the individual country reports, finalization of the review and adoption <i>[15.45 – 16.00: Coffee break]</i>
17.15 – 18.15	Meeting of the Advisory Group
<i>19.00</i>	<i>Dinner hosted by Ma. Merceditas Navarro-Gutierrez, Ombudsman of the Republic of the Philippines</i> <i>Mactan Room, Edsa Shangri-La Hotel</i>

Friday, 19 May 2006

9.00 – 12.30	7 – Preparation of the 2007-2008 Strategy and Work Programme: Ensuring continuous and effective reforms under the Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Strengthening of the Initiative’s review of progress mechanisms– Future horizontal thematic reviews– Capacity-building– Extending the partnership in the regional fight against corruption <i>[10.45-11.15: Coffee break]</i>
<i>12.30 – 14.00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 15.30	7 – Preparation of the 2007-2008 Strategy and Work Program (continued): <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Program of work and budget
<i>15.30 – 16.00</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.00 – 16.30	8 – Closing session <p>Summary of the Steering Group discussions and follow-up activities by the Secretariat Closing roundtable/feedback Closing remarks by G. van der Linden, Vice-President, Asian Development Bank Closing remarks by the Secretariat</p>

Notes to the Agenda

Item no.	Annotations	Document	
Item 1	<p><i>Opening remarks by ADB OECD Secretariat, adoption of the agenda as well as of the minutes of the 7th Steering Group meeting held on 26-27 September 2005</i></p>	<p>The Secretariat will briefly introduce the agenda of the meeting and propose that Delegates agree to the adoption of the agenda, as well as to the minutes of the previous Steering Group meeting, held in September 2005 as prepared by the Secretariat.</p> <p>After a brief roundtable introduction of delegates, Advisory group members and observers, the Secretariat will invite Sri Lanka and Macao, China to make their endorsement statements in front of the Group.</p>	<p>StG08-0506(1) StG08-0506(2) StG08-0506(12)</p>
Item 2	<p><i>Oral reports by member countries on steps taken to implement the Action Plan – Tour de table</i></p>	<p>Nepal, initially planned to host the meeting, and the Philippines, being the country where the meeting takes place, will report orally on recent steps taken to implement the Action Plan (15 minutes' presentation each followed by a short question and answer session).</p> <p>The member countries will report orally on recent steps taken to further implement the Action Plan (8 minutes' presentation per country followed by a short question and answer session immediately after each country presentation). As envisaged by the Implementation Plan, the oral reports are self-reporting by member countries on steps taken to implement the Action Plan. Therefore, during the country roundtable, each member country will be invited to report on its government's progress to implement and enforce the policy objectives listed under <i>each</i> pillar of the Action Plan since the September 2005 Steering Group meeting.</p>	<p>Publication on "Anti-Corruption Policies in Asia and the Pacific: Progress in Legal and Institutional Reform in 25 Countries"</p>
Item 3	<p><i>Oral reports by observer countries</i></p>	<p>Non-member countries that have expressed an interest in endorsing the Action Plan and in joining the Steering Group as full members will briefly outline trends in their domestic anti-corruption policy to achieve the goals and standards of the Action Plan.</p>	
Item 4	<p>International organizations and institutions represented in the Advisory Group, as well as other international organizations and institutions attending the Steering Group as observers are invited to report on recent developments in their work in support of member countries' reforms.</p> <p>This item will end with an oral report by the Secretariat on</p>	<p>Proceedings of the 5th Regional Anti-Corruption Conference</p> <p>StG08-0506(10)</p>	

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	activities undertaken since the 7 th Steering Group meeting.	StG08-0506(11)
Item 5	Under the 2nd implementation cycle, countries have selected priority areas for reform and defined related projects to target the identified weaknesses. As the 2nd implementation cycle comes to an end, each country will present the outcome and achievements of the reform projects as well as challenges that arose in the implementation of the reform. The Group will discuss these experiences. Each delegation will then present the country's selected priority area for reform and the related project under the beginning 3rd implementation cycle (2007-2008), followed by a discussion of needs for financial or technical assistance and feedback from donor representatives.	StG08-0506(6) StG08-0506(7)
Item 6	<i>Thematic review on measures to curb corruption in public procurement</i>	Under this item agenda, the Steering Group will discuss a revised draft of the thematic review reflecting the discussions that took place at the September 2005 meeting. The discussion under this item will begin with an oral report by the Secretariat on the changes incorporated in the revised draft.
Item 7	At its 7 th meeting in September 2005, the Steering Group held a preliminary discussion on the Initiative's strategy, work program and budget for 2007-2008 to be agreed by the Group at its 9 th meeting. It was agreed that the Secretariat would prepare a paper to guide the discussion of the 8 th Steering Group meeting on the Initiative's strategy and program of work. Under this important agenda item, delegates will have a preliminary discussion about the role of the Steering Group and the main orientations of its future, about the proposed activities and the funding requirements and arrangements.	StG08-0506(8) StG08-0506(9)