Company Law Reform in OECD Countries
A Comparative Outlook of Current Trends

PROGRAMME

Stockholm, Sweden
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Organized in co-operation with the Swedish Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communications, the Finnish Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Swedish Corporate Governance Forum
Thursday December 7

08:00 - 09:00  Registration

09:00 - 09:30  Opening Session

Welcome addresses:
Mr. Bo Svensson, Justice of the Swedish Supreme Court and Chairman of the Swedish Company Law Committee, Sweden
Mr. William H. Witherell, Director, Directorate for Financial, Fiscal and Enterprise Affairs, OECD

09:30 - 10:30  Session 1: The Role of Company Law in Modern Economies

Keynote Addresses:
Hon. E. Norman Veasey, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware, US
Professor Klaus J. Hopt, Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Private Law, Hamburg, Germany

10:30 - 11:00  Refreshments

11:00 - 13:00  Session 2: Current Reform Initiatives– Challenges and Opportunities

Introduction: Professor Eddy Wymeersch, University of Ghent, Belgium

Panel Discussion:
Mr. Stilpon Nestor, Head, Corporate Affairs Division, OECD (Moderator)
Mr. Karel van Hulle, Head of Unit, Financial Reporting and Company Law, European Commission
Professor Hideki Kanda, Ministry of Justice, University of Tokyo, Japan
Mr. Jonathan Rickford, Project Director, UK Company Law Review, UK
Prof. Avv. Roberto Ulissi, Director General, Head of Directorate: Banking and Financial System, Legal Affairs, Ministry of Treasury, Budget and Economic Planning, Italy

13:00 - 14:00  Lunch

Address: Mr. Lars Rekke, State Secretary, Swedish Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communications
14:00 - 16:00  *Session 3: The General Shareholders’ Meeting*

**Introduction:** Professor Dr. Theodor Baums, Institute for Banking Law, J.W. Goethe University of Frankfurt am Main, Germany

**Panel Discussion:** Dr. Ulrich Seibert, Ministerial Counsellor, Ministry of Justice, Germany (moderator)  
Mr. Warren Gorlick, Attorney / Financial Policy Advisor, United States Department of Treasury  
Mr. Rolf Skog, Secretary to the Swedish Company Law, Committee Ministry of Justice, Sweden  
Professor Jaap Winter, BIAC, Senior Legal Counsel of Unilever and Erasmus University of Rotterdam, The Netherlands

**16:00 - 16:30 Refreshments**

16:30 - 18:30  *Session 4: The Board of Directors*

**Introduction:** Professor Paul Davies, London School of Economics and the UK Company Law Review, UK

**Panel Discussion:** Ms. Ellen Kiersch, Legislative Counsellor, Ministry of Justice, Netherlands (moderator)  
Dr. Ulrich Seibert, Ministerial Counsellor, Ministry of Justice, Germany  
Mr. Richard Shaw, Director General, Corporations Directorate, Industry Canada, Government of Canada  
Mr. Andrzej Szumanski, Director, Ministry of Justice, Poland

19:00  *Evening Reception*

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Friday December 8

8:30 - 10:00 Session 5: Employee Participation – The Swedish Experience

Presentation: Professor Anders Victorin, University of Stockholm, Sweden

Comments: Mr. Karl-Adam Bonnier, Chairman, Swedish Corporate Governance Forum, Sweden (moderator)
Mr. Per Molin, Former CEO, Avesta-Sheffield, Sweden
Mr. Erland Olauson, Executive Officer, LO, Sweden (TUAC)

10:00 - 10:30 Refreshments

10:30 - 12:30 Session 6: The Capital Structure of the Company

Introduction: Professor Stewart C. Myers, Professor of Finance, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, US

Panel Discussion: Ms. Veronique Ingram, General Manager, Ministry of Treasury, Australia and Chair of the OECD Steering Group on Corporate Governance (moderator)
Mr. Karel van Hulle, Head of Unit, Financial Reporting and Company Law, European Commission
Mr. Philippe Lambrecht, Legal Counsel, Banking and Finance Commission, Belgium
Mr. Rolf Skog, Secretary to the Swedish Company Law Committee Ministry of Justice, Sweden

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch
14:00 - 16:00 Session 7: Corporate Ownership and Control

Introduction: Professor Guido Ferrarini, Department of Private, International and Business Law, “G.L.M. Casaregi”, University of Genova, Italy

Panel Discussion: Mr. Manne Airaksinen, Counsellor of Legislation, Ministry of Justice, Finland (moderator)
Mr. Paulo Câmara, Head, Issuers Department, Portuguese Securities Markets Commission and Assistant Professor (Securities Law), Faculty of Law, Lisbon University, Portugal
Mr. Warren Gorlick, Attorney / Financial Policy Advisor, United States Department of Treasury, US

16:00 - 16:30 Refreshments

16:30 - 17:30 Concluding Session and Final Remarks

Ms. Veronique Ingram, General Manager, Ministry of Treasury, Australia and Chair of the OECD Steering Group on Corporate Governance (moderator)
Mr. Mats Isaksson, Principal Administrator, Corporate Affairs Division, Directorate for Financial, Fiscal and Enterprise Affairs, OECD
Mr. Stilpon Nestor, Head, Corporate Affairs Division, Directorate for Financial, Fiscal and Enterprise Affairs, OECD