Call for papers - 2017 OECD Global Anti-Corruption & Integrity Forum

The 2017 edition of the OECD Global Anti-Corruption & Integrity Forum will focus on integrity for inclusive growth. Integrity can significantly boost inclusive growth and sustainable development, by assuring fair and efficient resource allocation, stimulating competition and investment, and fostering innovation. Curbing bribery of public officials and promoting responsible business conduct is important to create a level playing field for companies and to create equitable market conditions and an investment climate that provides fertile ground for business development, competition and innovation. For the public interest to prevail in policy making, accountability and integrity in revenue collection, public finance management and service delivery are crucial and encourage equality and prosperity of societies.

Within this debate, one factor affecting inclusive growth remains particularly unexplored: corruption and the capture of public policies by special interest groups. There is increasing evidence that voters feel disillusioned about political integrity and the intertwinement of elite networks across sectors in society. Indeed, less visible but equally or more harmful than corruption scandals is the influence of narrow interests on public decision making for their own profit. Lobbyists walk a thin line between sharing information, agenda setting and undue influence. Special interest groups inform, influence and sometimes tweak laws, policies and regulations through formal advisory boards and informal networks. Rules for the financing of political parties and electoral campaigns can be stretched and bent, which contributes to the erosion of the already alarming low trust levels in government and public institutions. Similarly, leaks on offshore tax evasion or former public officials taking up lucrative posts and board memberships in banks and multinationals have dented the reputation of elected politicians, established firms and respected countries.

Present your paper at the 2017 OECD Global Anti-Corruption & Integrity Forum

The OECD invites proposals that feature high quality conceptual papers, as well as qualitative and quantitative empirical research papers focused on topics related to integrity, inclusive growth and policy capture. Innovative topics, methodologies and insights are especially encouraged. Proposals from individuals at all stages of their careers are welcome, including graduate students.

Selected papers will be published on the OECD Cleangovbiz website and authors of the selected papers will have the opportunity to present their paper at the 2017 forum in form of a poster presentation. This Forum provides an excellent opportunity to meet with internationally renowned political and business leaders, policy makers, anti-corruption experts and practitioners, civil society representatives and academics. All costs related to the production of the posters will be borne by the OECD. For the authors of the 10 best submissions, travel costs to Paris will be reimbursed. [See 2016 papers and posters]

Guidelines for submissions

Email your proposals by 31 December 2016 with your complete contact information (including institutional affiliation) and an abstract outlining the key findings and methodology of your paper (max. 500 words) to: integrityforum@oecd.org.
The organisers will acknowledge receipt and notify the submitter of each paper of its decision by 13 January 2017.

Final papers should be max. 20 pages long, double-spaced including references. The final document as well as an outline of the poster should be sent electronically by 1 March 2017.

Possible thematic areas for papers

- Integrity and inclusive growth
- Anti-corruption, economic development and innovation
- Policy capture, lobbying, political party financing
- Integrity, elections and democratic governance
- Political economy studies of influence, power and integrity
- Behavioural economics related to integrity and anti-corruption
- Sectoral and country case studies on integrity and inclusive growth

Examples of Posters from the 2016 OECD Global Anti-Corruption & Integrity Forum