

 Did you know?


### “Corruption is the greatest enemy of progress in our time”

With these words, Sir Eric Pickles opened the [2016 OECD Integrity Forum](#), welcoming over 1000 participants for an intense programme shaping the anti-corruption debate globally. [Read the highlights.](#)

 News


### Is foreign bribery an attractive investment in some countries?

One of the most basic legal principles is that crime should not pay. Yet, in many jurisdictions with weak sanctions, foreign bribery may be an attractive investment. A chapter of the [OECD Business and Finance Outlook](#) released on 9 June 2016 explores incentives and disincentives for foreign bribery.



### Fake Goods Are 2.5% of Global Imports

Imports of counterfeit and pirated goods are worth nearly half a trillion dollars a year, with US, Italian and French brands the hardest hit and many of the proceeds going to organised crime, according to a [new report](#) by the OECD and the EU’s Intellectual Property Office.



### The MNE Guidelines at 40: Implementation still matters

In 2016, the [OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises](#) mark their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the [National Contact Points](#) their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This [article](#) reminds us why efforts to promote and implement the OECD Guidelines to ensure that businesses behave responsibly, wherever they operate, have never been more relevant.



### London Anti-Corruption Summit

Mr. Gurría, OECD Secretary-General, attended on 12 May 2016 the London Summit. He was asked to set the stage at the Leaders’ Breakfast and delivered remarks at the Exposing Corruption and Sport sessions. While in London he signed a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) with the Italian National Anti-Corruption Authority (ANAC) | [Read the OECD Summit brochure “Putting an End to Corruption”.](#)



### Jamaica and Uruguay expand their capacity to fight international tax avoidance and evasion

Jamaica and Uruguay joined [the Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters](#), a freestanding multilateral agreement which provides for all possible forms of administrative co-operation between parties in the assessment and collection of taxes, in particular with a view to combating tax avoidance and evasion.



### The Implementation of the Palestinian Code of Conduct

With a view to strengthening the ethics framework, the Palestinian Authority has undertaken significant progress to implement a Code of Conduct and Ethics for its civil service. This [report](#) analyses the underlining factors of an effective Code of Conduct in the overall framework of the Palestinian Authority’s public governance reform to build open and transparent institutions.

 Save the date

8-9 June 2016, Paris (France)

[4th Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct](#)

14-16 June 2016, Paris (France)

[International Anti-Corruption Practitioner Conference](#)

12-30 September 2016, Ostia (Italy)

[Tax Crime Academy: Managing Financial Investigations](#)

 Publications

[Illicit Trade: Converging Criminal Networks](#)

[Organising Sporting Events: Preventing Corruption and Promoting Responsible Business Conduct](#)

[Towards Efficient Public Procurement in Colombia: Making the Difference](#)

[Fighting the Hidden Tariff: Global Trade without Corruption](#)

[Committing to Effective Whistleblower Protection](#)

[Le contrôle interne et la gestion des risques pour renforcer la gouvernance en Tunisie](#) (only available in French)

[La stratégie de mise en application du code de conduite en Tunisie](#) (only available in French)

[Renforcer l'intégrité du secteur public au Maroc](#) (forthcoming - in French)

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