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**9<sup>TH</sup> MONITORING MEETING OF THE  
ISTANBUL ANTI-CORRUPTION ACTION PLAN**

**11<sup>TH</sup> ACN STEERING GROUP MEETING**

**AND**

**DONORS COORDINATION MEETING**

5-8 December, 2010  
Room CC1, OECD Conference Centre, 2 rue André-Pascal, 75016 Paris

**DRAFT AGENDA**

This draft Agenda has been developed by the ACN Secretariat. Delegates are invited to adopt it at the beginning of the meeting. For more information about the agenda, please contact Ms. Olga Savran, ACN Manager, [olga.savran@oecd.org](mailto:olga.savran@oecd.org).



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## BACKGROUND

The **Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia** (ACN) was established in 1998 to support its members in their fight against corruption by providing a regional forum for promotion of anti-corruption activities, exchange of information, elaboration of best practices and donor coordination. The ACN targets countries in Central, Eastern, and South Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia; OECD and EU members, international organisations, multilateral development banks, civil society and business associations also participate in its activities. The ACN Secretariat is based at the OECD Anti-Corruption Division. It is guided by the ACN Steering Group and it reports to the OECD Working Group on Bribery. The ACN operates through general meetings and conferences, sub-regional initiatives and thematic projects. More information is provided at the ACN web site [www.oecd.org/corruption/acn](http://www.oecd.org/corruption/acn).

The **Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan** has been the main sub-regional initiative of the ACN since 2003. It brings together Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. Implementation of the Istanbul Action Plan includes: review of legal and institutional framework for fighting corruption and adoption of recommendations; monitoring progress in implementing the recommendations; and providing regular updates. The reviews were completed in 2004-2005. The first round of monitoring was concluded during 2005-2007. The second round was launched in 2008.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

The purpose of the monitoring meeting is to discuss progress made by the Istanbul Action Plan countries in their anti-corruption reform efforts, including the following:

- Assess progress made by Tajikistan and Ukraine, adopt monitoring reports including updated compliance ratings and new recommendations;
- Assess legal and institutional framework for fighting corruption in Uzbekistan, adopt review report including recommendations;
- Discuss progress made by Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

Donor coordination meeting will provide an opportunity for the donors and international organisations to have a frank exchange about their anti-corruption and good governance programmes in the region, about emerging priorities, and the role of the ACN in this context.

The ACN Steering Group meeting will provide an opportunity for all the delegates to discuss progress in the implementation of the ACN Work Programme and future activities.

## ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

All sessions are open to all participants, except donor's coordination meeting (reserved only for donors and international organisations). All delegates are required to register. The meetings will be conducted **in English** with simultaneous **interpretation into Russian** (except bilateral consultations and donors meeting).

The organisers will **cover the costs of** one country delegate from each ACN country, and two country delegates from monitored/reviewed countries, as well as monitoring experts and team leaders. In exceptional cases funding will be provided to other experts, if indicated in the invitation letter. If your costs are covered by the OECD ACN Secretariat, **we will book and finance your flight and provide you with a pre-paid e-ticket**. You will also receive a per diem to cover your hotel and meals. **You need to make your own hotel booking**. The list of recommended hotels can be found [here](#).

## DRAFT AGENDA

**Sunday, 5 December 2010**

<i>Room MB</i> 2292	<b>EXPERTS' CONSULTATIONS</b> <i>(no simultaneous interpretation will be provided at experts' consultations)</i>
11.00	Preparatory meeting of experts involved in the review of Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan (for experts only)
12.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
<i>Room MB</i> 2292	<b>BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS</b> <i>(no simultaneous interpretation will be provided at bilateral consultations)</i>
13.00	Tajikistan (only for delegation of Tajikistan and the monitoring experts)
15.00	Ukraine (only for delegation of Ukraine and the monitoring experts)
17.00	Uzbekistan (only for delegation of Uzbekistan and review experts)

**Monday, 6 December 2010**

<i>Room CCI</i>	<b>9<sup>TH</sup> MONITORING MEETING OF THE ISTANBUL ACTION PLAN</b>
9.30	<i>Chair: Mr. Daniel Thelesklaf, Basel Institute on Governance, Switzerland</i> <b>Adoption of the agenda</b>
<b>MONITORING OF TAJIKISTAN</b>	
10.00	<b>Second round of monitoring of Tajikistan: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the draft report by the monitoring team</li> <li>• Comments of the national delegation</li> <li>• Discussion of outstanding issues</li> </ul>
11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.20	<b>continued</b>
13.00	<i>ACN Group photo and Lunch break</i>
<b>REVIEW OF UZBEKISTAN</b>	
14.30	<b>Review of Uzbekistan: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the draft report by the monitoring team</li> <li>• Comments of the national delegation</li> <li>• Discussion of outstanding issues</li> </ul>
16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>COUNTRY UPDATES</b>	
17.00	<b>Progress report by Armenia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by the national delegation</li> <li>• Comments and questions by experts, discussion</li> </ul>
17.30	<b>Progress report by Azerbaijan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by the national delegation</li> <li>• Comments and questions by experts, discussion</li> </ul>
18.00-22.00	<b>BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS</b> <i>(no simultaneous interpretation will be provided at bilateral consultations)</i>
<i>Room MB</i> 2122	<i>Bi-lateral consultations with Tajikistan</i>
<i>Room MB</i> 3122	<i>Bi-lateral consultations with Uzbekistan</i>

**Tuesday, 7 December 2010**

<i>Room CCI</i>	<b>MONITORING OF UKRAINE</b>
9.30	<b>Second Round of Monitoring of Ukraine: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the draft report by the monitoring team</li> <li>• Comments of the national delegation</li> <li>• Discussion and outstanding issues</li> </ul>
11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.20	<b>continued</b>
12.30	<i>Lunch break</i>
<b>REVIEW OF UZBEKISTAN</b>	
14.00	<b>Review of Uzbekistan: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of the outstanding issues</li> <li>• Adoption of the monitoring report</li> </ul>
15.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>COUNTRY UPDATES</b>	
15.30	<b>Progress report by Georgia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by the national delegation</li> <li>• Comments and questions by experts, discussion</li> </ul>
16.00	<b>Progress report by Kazakhstan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by the national delegation</li> <li>• Comments and questions by experts, discussion</li> </ul>
16.30	<b>Progress report by Kyrgyzstan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by the national delegation</li> <li>• Comments and questions by experts, discussion</li> </ul>
18.00-20.00	<b>BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS</b> <i>(no simultaneous interpretation will be provided at bilateral consultations)</i>
<i>Room MB 3122</i>	<i>Bi-lateral consultations with Ukraine</i>

**Wednesday, 8 December 2010**

<i>Room C1</i>	<b>MONITORING OF TAJIKISTAN</b>
9.30	<b>Second round of monitoring of Tajikistan: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of the outstanding issues</li> <li>• Adoption of the monitoring report</li> </ul>
11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>MONITORING OF UKRAINE</b>	
11.20	<b>Second round of monitoring of Ukraine: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of the outstanding issues</li> <li>• Adoption of the monitoring report</li> </ul>
13.00	<i>Lunch break</i>

14.00	<p><b>DONORS COORDINATION MEETING</b>  <i>(no interpretation – only for donors and IOs)</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. David Mikosz, U.S. Department of State</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round of presentations by donors and international organisations</li> <li>• Discussion of priorities in the region</li> <li>• Role of the ACN</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACN STEERING GROUP MEETING</b></p>	
15.00	<p><i>Chairs: Mr. Patrick Moulette, Head of Anti-Corruption Division, OECD and Mr. Horatiu Baias, National Anti-Corruption Directorate, Romania</i></p> <p><b>ACN Work Programme – main results and next steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lessons learned from the second round of monitoring to date</li> <li>• Report from the Bucharest seminar on investigation and prosecution</li> <li>• Update about the ACN project in Ukraine and about the GUAM project</li> <li>• Proposal about Corruption in Public Education</li> <li>• ACN work programme: update for 2010 and plans for 2011</li> <li>• Presentation by GRECO</li> <li>• Feedback from donors consultation</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul> <p><b>Other business</b></p>
17.00	<p><i>Cocktail in the Atrium</i></p>

## ANNOTATIONS

### **BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS**

The bilateral consultations are only open for delegations of examined countries and expert teams. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss outstanding issues, which can be resolved on a bi-lateral basis.

### **MONITORING AND REVIEW PLENARY**

The discussion and endorsement of monitoring and review reports will consist of two readings open to all the delegates.

At the *first reading*, the national delegation will deliver welcoming remarks (up to 5 minutes). The monitoring team will present their assessment following the three pillars of the reports: anti-corruption policy; criminalisation of corruption; and prevention of corruption (up to 10 min per pillar). The national delegations will have an opportunity to respond to the assessments presented by the monitoring team (up to 15 min). All participants will be invited to ask additional questions and to discuss the assessments. The Chair will summarise the outstanding issues, which will be dealt with during bilateral consultations.

The *second reading* will start with clarifications from the monitoring team and the national delegations regarding solutions proposed to the outstanding issues. Then the floor will be open for general discussion. The meeting will be invited to endorse the reports. Upon the endorsement, the reports will become public.

### **COUNTRY UPDATES**

According to the methodology of the second round of monitoring under the Istanbul Action Plan, countries, which are not subject to the monitoring at each particular meeting, should provide their updates on progress made to achieve the recommendations.

The report should include two to three main highlights of anti-corruption efforts undertaken by the country since its last progress update, and a summary on one or two most important corruption cases, which are currently under investigation, prosecution or adjudication.

Each national delegation will be invited to make a presentation of the country update (up to 10 minutes). Experts, who participated in the monitoring of these countries, will be invited to prepare their comments and questions for discussion. Following the comments and questions by experts, the Chair will invite all delegates for discussion.

Written country updates will be made public after the meeting.

### **ACN STEERING GROUP**

This meeting is open to all participants, including ACN and Istanbul Action Plan country delegates, national coordinators, monitoring experts, international partners and donors, as well as civil society organisations.

### **DONORS COORDINATION MEETING**

Open only to donor and international organisations.