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Colombia joins the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention

In Paris for the [signing ceremony](#), Colombia's Minister of Justice Ruth Stella Correa underlined Colombia's determination to fight corruption and the importance of strengthening international efforts to stamp out bribery and create a level playing field for fair competition. See a list of [all Parties to the Convention](#).



Making sure that bribes don't pay

The OECD Anti-Bribery Convention commits the world's leading exporting countries to prohibit bribery, thereby aiming to turn off the spigot on the supply-side of global corruption. Marking the Convention's 15th anniversary, the [OECD and Transparency International](#) call on countries to step up enforcement of their anti-bribery laws.



Mutual legal assistance in the fight against cross-border crime

The bribery of foreign public officials is by definition a cross-border crime and mutual legal assistance between countries is crucial for the successful investigation, prosecution and sanctioning in cases of foreign bribery. This [typology report](#), one of a [series](#), addresses challenges and solutions relating to mutual legal assistance.



Terrorism risk financing and insurance markets

Rising political instability and civil unrest in many parts of the world make terrorism a very real and constantly evolving threat. Government and industry experts met at the [2nd International Meeting on Terrorism Risk Insurance](#) to review the evolution of the terrorism threat and the adequacy of current insurance solutions.



Encouraging long-term investment by institutional investors

Financing long-term investment, particularly in infrastructure, is becoming an increasing challenge. New reports on [investment in infrastructure by large pension funds](#) and [the effects of solvency regulations and accounting standards](#) contribute to a [multi-year project](#) to facilitate long-term investment by institutional investors.



Dispute settlement in international investment agreements

The 55 countries participating in the OECD-hosted [freedom of investment process](#) have been assessing the dispute settlement provisions applicable to investor-state disputes under investment treaties. This new [working paper](#) surveys the dispute settlement mechanisms of 1,660 treaties.



Financial consumer protection and education in Asia

Held in Hong Kong, this [Asian seminar](#) focused on emerging frameworks for financial consumer protection and education; disclosure and transparency in banking and securities; financial dispute resolution schemes; the responsible business conduct of financial service providers; and, the effectiveness of investor education.

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