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.