

OECD
STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISE
ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY

16 October 2019 | Paris – France

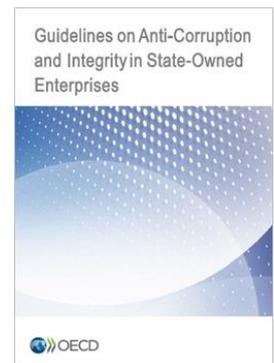
OECD Conference Centre, CC6

DRAFT
AGENDA



What to expect?

On 16 October, the OECD will celebrate the 2019 adoption of the *Recommendation of the Council on [Guidelines on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in State-Owned Enterprises](#)* (ACI Guidelines). Experts will come together to ‘kick off’ the implementation of the ACI Guidelines, gathering good practices at the country and company level that support the implementation of integrity, anti-corruption and compliance measures contained in the new Guidelines. The good practices will concretely feed into an accompanying ‘Implementation Guide’ planned for issuance in 2021. The event will also be an opportunity to explore channels for OECD’s future engagement with SOEs on the subject.



Who will be there?

The event will take place at the OECD, involving the Working Party on State Ownership and Privatisation Practices in collaboration with the Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions and the Working Party of Senior Public Integrity Officials, who together developed the ACI Guidelines. The event will bring together respective state representatives, as well as SOEs and private firms, the Business and Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC), the Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC), business associations and civil society.

Context

State-owned enterprises (SOEs) are a main conduit for states to exercise their roles as economic actors. The benefits of SOE ownership are economic, political and social. So too are the costs of mismanagement or abuse.

SOEs today account for 22% of the world’s largest companies and their role as global competitors is growing as the boundaries of markets increasingly extend beyond geographic borders. SOEs are often concentrated in sectors with strategic importance for the state and society and are increasingly operated like private firms.

The more pronounced presence of SOEs in the global marketplace has been marked by certain high-profile scandals and occasional evidence of a susceptibility of SOEs to corruption. This raises questions about what might make SOEs susceptible to corruption and how policy makers can act to maximise their productivity by raising their integrity.

The **Recommendation of the Council on Guidelines on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in State-Owned Enterprises**, adopted at the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting on 22 May 2019, is the first international instrument to offer the state, in its role as an enterprise owner, support in fighting corruption and promoting integrity in SOEs. The ACI Guidelines can help states to ensure that owners exemplify integrity in their conduct, ownership arrangements are conducive to integrity, SOEs adhere to good practices at the company level and that accountability mechanisms are integral to SOE sectors. The Guidelines complement the goals of the *OECD Guidelines on Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises* (2015).

Draft Programme

09:00 – 09:30	Arrivals and registration
09:30 – 10:00	SOE anti-corruption ‘kick-off’ <i>During this opening session, leaders will introduce the ACI Guidelines, highlighting the important linkages to trust and a level playing field.</i> Opening Remarks: OECD Deputy Secretary-General Jeffrey Schlagenhauf Lars Erik Fredriksson , Chair of the OECD Working Party on State Ownership and Privatisation Practices Lorenzo Salazar , Vice-Chair of the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions Silvia Späth , Co-Chair of the OECD Working Party of Senior Public Integrity Officials
10:00 – 11:00	Leading by example: Integrity in the public sector <i>Experts and participants will share examples on how state owners are holding themselves to high standards of conduct in the exercise of ownership.</i> Moderator: Kimmo Viertola , Director General, Ownership Steering Department, Finland Jean-Pierre Jouyet , French Ambassador to the OECD Kimi Makwetu , Auditor-General, South Africa Silvia Späth , Co-Chair of the OECD Working Party of Senior Public Integrity Officials, and Detective Chief Inspector, Division for Corruption Prevention, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Germany
11:00 – 11:30	Networking break
11:30 – 12:30	Setting up for success: Exercise of state ownership for integrity <i>This session will look at good practices and reforms by the state in fulfilling related responsibilities as an active and informed owner.</i> Moderator: Hans Christiansen , Senior Economist, Corporate Governance and Corporate Finance Division, OECD Ariel Ablin , Senior Deputy Director General, Government Companies Authority, Ministry of Finance, Israel Pilar Garrido , Minister of National Planning and Economic Policy, Costa Rica Lucie Lambert , Deputy General Counsel, UK Government Investments, United Kingdom
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:00	The enterprise: Promotion of integrity and prevention of corruption within SOEs <i>Participants will learn about company-internal governance structures and mechanisms that promote integrity and prevent corruption.</i> Moderator: Richard Frederick , Independent Corporate Governance Consultant Andris Liepins , Deputy Chairman, Supervisory Board, Latvian Railways Anne-Helen Lunde , Chief Compliance Officer and VP of Legal, Equinor Mario Spinelli , General Ombudsman, Petrobras

15:00 – 16:00	Shining a light: accountability and enforcement
<i>Participants will explore how accountability of state owners and of their companies is maintained and what to do if things go wrong.</i>	
Moderator: Lorenzo Salazar , Vice-Chair of the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions, and Deputy Prosecutor General to the Court of Appeal of Naples, Italy	
Emmanuel Farhat , Senior International Affairs Officer, French Anti-Corruption Agency, France	
Polina Zagnitko , Head of the Corporate Affairs Department, Naftogaz Group	
16:00 – 16:30	Networking break
16:30 – 17:30	Addressing high-risk areas: implementing the ACI Guidelines in the extractives sector
<i>This session will take a focused look at how the ACI Guidelines can be implemented in the extractives sector.</i>	
Moderator: Cristina Tébar Less , Acting Head, Centre for Responsible Business Conduct, OECD	
Matilda Ohene , General Manager, Administration, Ghana National Petroleum Corporation	
Frederick Ratliff , Managing Counsel, Shell	
Matthieu Salomon , Senior Governance Officer, Natural Resource Governance Institute	
17:30 – 18:15	From Commitments to Action: Exploring implementation opportunities
<i>This session will call on state owners, SOEs and relevant stakeholders to commit to promoting and implementing the ACI Guidelines in their countries and companies. Participants will discuss how to turn commitments into action through concrete initiatives including the OECD SOE Contact Group and the ‘Compliance Without Borders’ Initiative.</i>	
Mathilde Mesnard , Deputy Director, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD	
18:15 – 18:30	Closing remarks
Gabriela Ramos , OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20	
18:30 – 20:00	Reception, George Marshall Room

Date and venue

16 October 2019
OECD Conference Centre, Room CC6

Join the conversation on Twitter: Follow us at @OECD_BizFin

Contact

Alison McMeekin
Corporate Governance and Corporate Finance Division
OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs
Email: Alison.MCMEEKIN@oecd.org