

**OECD**  
**SOE ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY**

16 October 2019 | Paris - France

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**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 2020. 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 and 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 when mismanagement or abuse occurs.

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** 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 Guidelines can help states to ensure that owners exemplify integrity in their conduct, which ownership arrangements are conducive to integrity, that SOEs adhere to good practices at the SOE 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. They were adopted by OECD governments at the annual Ministerial Council Meeting on 22-23 May 2019.

## Draft Programme

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<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>SOE anti-corruption ‘kick-off’</b>
	<i>During this opening session, leaders will introduce the ACI Guidelines, highlighting the important linkages to trust and a level playing field.</i>
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Leading by example: Integrity in the public sector</b>
	<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>
11:00 – 11:30	Networking break
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>Setting up for success: Exercise of state ownership for integrity</b>
	<i>This session will take stock of good practices by the state in fulfilling related responsibilities as an active and informed owner.</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
<b>14:00 – 15:00</b>	<b>Promotion of integrity and prevention of corruption at the enterprise level</b>
	<i>Participants will learn about company-internal governance structures and mechanisms that promote integrity and prevent corruption.</i>
<b>15:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Shining a light: accountability and enforcement</b>
	<i>Participants will explore how accountability of state owners and of their companies is maintained and what to do if things go wrong.</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Networking break
<b>16:30 – 17:30</b>	<b>Addressing high-risk areas: implementing the ACI Guidelines in the extractives sector</b>
	<i>This session will take a focused look at how the ACI Guidelines can be implemented in the extractives sector.</i>
<b>17:30 – 18:00</b>	<b>Two to tango: commitments from the state and from SOEs</b>
	<i>This session will call on state owners and SOEs to commit to promoting and implementing the ACI Guidelines in their countries and companies respectively. Participants will explore opportunities for future engagement with SOEs.</i>
18:00	<b>Group photo and joint-cocktail (TBC)</b>

## Date and venue

16 October 2019  
OECD Headquarters, Room CC6

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