

ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific

Combating Corruption in the New Millennium

The Secretariat

Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific 4th Steering Group Meeting 1 and 2 December 2003

Hotel Shangri-La, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Room no ECC 1

AGENDA

Objectives

The overall objectives of the Steering Group meetings are to review steps taken by endorsing countries to implement the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific and to facilitate a policy dialogue and exchange of experience between member countries on successes achieved and problems encountered in this context. In specific, the 4th meeting of the Steering Group in Kuala Lumpur will aim to discuss the following items:

- Reporting on activities undertaken by the Secretariat over the past 9 months

Background documents:

- Seminar report on prosecution of corruption, to be distributed to the meeting participants in Kuala Lumpur
- Agenda Kuala Lumpur conference
- consolidated country stocktaking reports

The Steering Group during its meeting in March 2003 in Jakarta has agreed on a number of specific tasks for the Secretariat to be carried out in cooperation with the endorsing countries throughout the year 2003. The Secretariat will report to the Steering Group on its efforts to achieve these over the past nine months. Issues to be addressed in this session will in particular include the follow-up to the Initiative's first master training seminar on prosecution of corruption that was held in India in February 2003 and the preparation of this meeting's review phase. Finally, this session will also serve to prepare the group's input into the Kuala Lumpur conference and answer any open questions that might exist in this regard.

- Review of progress in implementing anti-corruption reform efforts under in the Action Plan's first implementation phase (May 2002-December 2003)

Background documents:

- country project evaluation reports

In accordance with the Action Plan's implementation mechanism and the decision by the Steering Group with regard to the reporting procedures under the Initiative in March 2003, participating countries have provided to Secretariat self-assessment reports on the implementation of their reform projects under the Action Plan. Reform projects have initially been discussed by the group in earlier meetings prior to their implementation. This final discussion and analysis of the projects' outputs should serve to collect lessons learnt and identify good practices as well as difficulties encountered in the implementation phase of these projects in order to possibly enhance efficiency and sustainability of similar future projects undertaken by members of the group. The self-assessment reports are



available to the group, and each delegation will briefly present and outline the key aspects of their projects and reports.

- Roundtable on new anti-corruption projects

Background documents:
- consolidated Action Plan implementation project proposals

The Steering Group will review and discuss new projects that some countries have submitted to the Secretariat since March 2003 and through which they aim to implement key commitments under the Action Plan that are of particular importance to their country's anti-corruption efforts. Issues to be addressed in this discussion include the reasons which led a country to choose its selected priority area(s) and how this fits into the country's overall anti-corruption strategy. Furthermore, the group will discuss the implementation mechanism of each project. The discussion will draw upon expertise of the members of the Steering Group and foster exchange of experience and regional policy dialogue with regards to specific anti-corruption projects. Countries that have not yet designated and submitted their priority reform areas and corresponding implementation projects under the Action Plan are kindly asked in this session to briefly outline the current focus of their country's anti-corruption strategy and possible elements which could be selected from these for the implementation of the Action Plan.

- Roundtable on the legal and institutional framework for fighting corruption in Asia and the Pacific (discussion of draft stocktaking report)

Background documents:
- second draft stocktaking report

Following the decision of the Steering Group in March 2003, the participating countries have prepared a stocktaking report on their countries' legal and institutional frameworks in place to combat corruption. Sixteen countries have submitted such report to the Secretariat so far. On the basis of these reports, the Secretariat has drafted a summary overview of the current anti-corruption framework in Asia and the Pacific. This overview document has in a first draft version been submitted to endorsing countries for their review and comments.

The purpose of this roundtable is to review current anti-corruption trends, legislation and policies in the countries of the region on the basis of the draft stocktaking report developed by the Secretariat. The roundtable on this draft report will be divided into three thematic discussions, corresponding to the report's three chapters and the Action Plan's three pillars. The discussion will be introduced by a brief presentation and a reading of the relevant part of the draft report. Delegates will be invited to express their views on the draft report and have the opportunity to provide additional information and explanations. Such comments should be limited to factual corrections or clarifications and be indexed to specific paragraphs of the report. Subsequent to the reading the Secretariat will, where necessary, revise the report reflecting the Group's discussion. The report will then be submitted to delegates for approval prior to its circulation to the conference audience.

The dissemination of the document should allow to gain a comprehensive and structured appreciation of, and developments, in the region. It should further allow to enhance the understanding of the main challenges which the region is facing, to assess difficulties in implementation of anti-corruption policies, learn from solutions found by neighbouring countries, and identify measures to further improve the efficiency of anti-corruption programmes. The report should also in the future serve as a benchmark for measuring progress and identifying areas in which targeted reform continues to be crucial thus assist endorsing countries in continuing their implementation efforts under the Action Plan and, in particular in selecting the second set of priority areas for reform under the Plan. The Steering Group will be invited to reflect on how this exercise could in the future be expanded or deepened.

- Program of work 2004 and beyond

Another important objective of the 4th Steering Group meeting will be to define future activities to be organized in 2004 and beyond by the Secretariat and the Advisory Group in support of endorsing countries' implementation efforts and next steps to be taken by the Steering Group members in the framework of implementing the Action Plan. Issues

to be addressed in this session may for instance include the organization of future training seminars along the lines of the seminar that took place in India in February 2003, sub-regional events, future meetings of the Steering Group, and other possible activities in support of endorsing countries' implementation efforts. Concrete proposals in this context are welcome.

Outcomes

Expected outcomes of this meeting include:

- Overview on results achieved by endorsing countries in implementing their Action Plan priority areas for reform and corresponding reform projects;
- Review and recommendations by the Steering Group to newly submitted Action Plan implementation projects, and identification of concrete steps to support countries that have not yet commenced implementation of the Action Plan;
- Agreement on final preliminary stocktaking overview report to be distributed at the Kuala Lumpur anti-corruption conference;
- Agreement on a work plan for 2004 and beyond.

Participants

Participation is on invitation only. Participants include the national Action Plan contact point(s) of each endorsing country, the Secretariat of the ADB/OECD Initiative, members of the Advisory Group and possibly representatives of observer governments.

Language

The working language of this meeting will be English. An interpreter for translation Russian-English-Russian will be provided by the Secretariat.

Background documents:

- StG04-1203/1-rev1: Minutes of the 3rd Steering Group Meeting
- Seminar report on prosecution of corruption, to be distributed to the meeting participants in Kuala Lumpur
- StG04-1203/2: Agenda Kuala Lumpur conference
- StG04-1203/4: Consolidated country stocktaking reports
- StG04-1203/5-rev1: Country project self-assessment reports
- StG04-1203/6-rev1: Action Plan implementation project proposals
- StG04-1203/7-rev1: Second draft stocktaking report

Agenda:

Sunday 30 November 2003

16.00-19h00	Registration of Steering Group delegates Hotel Lobby (Special Registration Desk)
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Monday 1 December 2003 (morning)

9h00-10h00	1. Introduction and opening remarks
9h00-10h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory remarks by the Secretariat - Welcoming remarks by the Anti-Corruption Agency of Malaysia - Adoption of the minutes from the 3rd Steering Group Meeting - Welcoming of new members to the Steering Group - Activities report by the Secretariat - Objectives of the meeting

10h00-12h45	2. Review of progress in implementing anti-corruption reform efforts under the Action Plan
10h00-11h00	<p><i>Session 1: Projects under Pillar I</i></p> <p>Cook Islands: Job Sizing; MFEM, PERCA and PSC Legislation Review Indonesia: Anti-Corruption Strategy of the Office of the Inspector-General in the Ministry of Finance Korea: Whistleblower protection and reward; Integrity Level Evaluation Survey; The Legislation & Implementation of the Code of Conduct for Public Officials. Malaysia: Letter of Undertaking Mongolia: Law on Special Permission for Economic Activity</p>
11h00-11h15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11h15-12h15	<p><i>Session 2: Projects under Pillar II</i></p> <p>Cook Islands: Review of the Money Laundering Prevention Act Japan: Implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention Korea: Managing channels of communication with foreign companies to prevent corruption and bribery Malaysia: Legislative Measures Against Corruption Nepal: Effective Prevention, Investigation and Prosecution Pakistan: Strengthening of Investigative and Prosecutorial Capacities Philippines: Strengthening investigative and prosecutorial capabilities: focus on the office of the Ombudsman deputized prosecutors; Trail advocacy skills development program. PNG: Establishment of a National Anti-Corruption Agency (NACA)</p>
12h15-12h45	<p><i>Session 3: Projects under Pillar III</i></p> <p>Japan: Raising public awareness of the ADB/OECD Initiative Malaysia: National Survey on the perception of the public towards corruption Pakistan: Initiation of Public Awareness Campaigns at different levels</p>
12h45-14h00	<i>Lunch</i>

Monday 1 December 2003 (afternoon)

14h00-17h00	3. Roundtable on the legal and institutional framework for fighting corruption in Asia and the Pacific
14h00-15h00	<i>Session 1: Preventing corruption</i> Introduction Reading and discussion of Chapter 1 of the draft stocktaking report
15h00-16h00	<i>Session 2: Detecting and sanctioning corruption and related offences</i> Introduction Reading and discussion of Chapter 2 of the draft stocktaking report
16h00-16h15	<i>Coffee break</i>
16h15-17h00	<i>Session 3: Active public involvement in the fight against corruption</i> Introduction Reading and discussion of Chapter 3 of the draft stocktaking report
19.00-20.30	<i>Dinner hosted by Anti-Corruption Agency Malaysia</i>

Tuesday 2 December 2003 (morning)

09h00-10h00	4. Discussion of new anti-corruption projects
	Roundtable discussion of newly submitted implementation projects and future anti-corruption strategies
10.00-10h15	<i>Coffee break</i>
10h15-11h45	5. Program of work for 2004
	Discussion of next steps to be taken by the Secretariat and endorsing countries in the course of 2004
11h45	6. Closing session
	Summary of the Steering Group's discussion Adoption of the draft stocktaking report Concluding remarks

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