

# ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific



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11th Steering Group Meeting  
Manila, Philippines, 27-28 May 2008

## StG11-1

## Agenda

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### ■ Meeting objectives

The 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting of the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific has the following main objectives:

- 1) to report on and discuss the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific, including recent anti-corruption reform projects that have taken place since the last meeting of the Steering Group in September 2007;
- 2) to conduct a first discussion on the strategic directions and work program of the Initiative for 2009-2011; and
- 3) to report on and discuss reform progress in response to the recommendations that the Group expressed in its first thematic review on "Curbing Corruption in Public Procurement".

For detailed notes on the individual items, please refer to the annotations to the agenda on p. 4.

### ■ Background documents

StG11-1: Draft agenda of the 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting (this document)

StG11-2: Preliminary list of participants of the 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting

StG11-3: Compilation of member countries' reports on steps taken to implement the Action Plan

StG11-4: Preliminary proposals for the Initiative's Strategy and Work Program 2009-2011 and suggestions for a way forward

StG11-5: Outline of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia and the Pacific

StG11-6: Compilation of member countries' reports on reform of procurement policies and practices since the 7<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting (September 2005)

Logistical information for participants of the 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting

For reference: "Curbing Corruption in Public Procurement in Asia and the Pacific". ADB/OECD: 2006.

### ■ New publications

- Mutual Legal Assistance, Extradition and Recovery of Proceeds of Corruption – outcome of the Initiative's 2<sup>nd</sup> thematic review
- Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Technical Seminar: "Managing Conflict of Interest"
- Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> Regional Technical Seminar: "Fighting Bribery in Public Procurement"
- Annual report 2007 of the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific

Tuesday, 27 May 2008

8.30 – 9:00 *Registration of delegates*

**9.00 – 9.45 1 – Opening session**

Opening remarks by the ADB/OECD Initiative Secretariat  
Kathleen M. Moktan, Capacity Development and Governance Division, ADB  
Joachim Pohl, Coordinator, Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific, OECD  
Brief roundtable introduction of delegates, Advisory Group members and observers  
Adoption of the agenda

9.45 – 10.15 *Group photo, coffee and tea break*

**10.15 – 12.30 2 – Implementation of the Action Plan – Overview and stocktaking of anti-corruption measures in member countries: Reforms in the Action Plan's reform areas**

10.15 – 10.30 Report by the Philippines on steps taken to implement the three pillars of the Action Plan followed by roundtable discussion

10.30 – 12.30 Introduction by the Secretariat on the proposed trial reporting format, followed by member countries' reports on recent steps taken to implement the standards in the Action Plan's areas for reform, and plenary discussion

*Pillar 1:*

Reform Area 1 — Integrity in Public Service – recruitment and oversight

Reform Area 2 — Integrity in Public Service – codes of conduct and public management

Reform Area 3 — Accountability and Transparency – accountability of public service

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch*

**14.00 – 15.30 2 – Implementation of the Action Plan – Overview and stocktaking of anti-corruption measures in member countries (cont.)**

Member countries' reports on recent steps taken to implement the standards in the Action Plan's areas for reform, and plenary discussion

*Pillar 2:*

Reform Area 4 — Effective Prevention, Investigation and Prosecution of corruption – legislation and enforcement of criminal law

Reform Area 5 — Corporate Responsibility and Accountability – corporate governance, accounting and auditing and economic sanctions

15.30 – 15.45 *Coffee and tea break*

**15.45 – 17.15 2 – Implementation of the Action Plan – Overview and stocktaking of anti-corruption measures in member countries (cont.)**

Member countries' reports on recent steps taken to implement the standards in the Action Plan's areas for reform, and plenary discussion

*Pillar 3:*

Reform Area 6 — Public Discussion of Corruption – awareness raising

Reform Area 7 — Access to Information – public reporting and disclosure

Reform Area 8 — Public Participation – civil society and business sector involvement

**17.15 – 17.30 3 – Report on anti-corruption measures in observer countries**

Reports by observer countries on recent steps taken in the fight against corruption

19.30 *Welcome dinner hosted by H.E. Merceditas Gutierrez, Ombudsman of the Republic of the Philippines*

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**9.00 – 10.30 4 – Report by members of the Advisory Group and observer organizations on measures and assistance in support of reforms; Secretariat activity report and upcoming events of the Initiative**

Reports by members of the Advisory Group

Reports by observer organizations

Activity report by the Secretariat

Upcoming 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting and 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Anti-Corruption Conference

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10.30 – 10.45 *Coffee and tea break*

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**10.45 – 12.30 5 – Future strategic directions of the work of the Initiative: Preparation of the Strategy and Work Program 2009-2011**

Introduction by the Secretariat; assessment of the overall approach and outcome of the Initiative's work in 2007-2008; and plenary discussion on the directions and elements of future work in 2009-2011

- *Review and assessment of approach and outcome of the Initiative's work in 2007-2008*
- *Designing the work program 2009-2011: overall objective and purpose of the Initiative's work program and specific activities*
- **Governance issues:**
  - chairmanship of the Steering Group
  - future funding of the Initiative's work program

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12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch*

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**14.00 – 16.00 6 – Reforms undertaken to further curb corruption in public procurement**

Country roundtable on reforms undertaken since the adoption of the final report of the Initiative's first thematic review on "Curbing Corruption in Public Procurement"

*Chair:* Robert Rothery, Principal Procurement Specialist, ADB

Conclusions and further follow-up

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16.00 – 16.15 *Coffee and tea break*

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**16.15 – 16.45 7 – Closing session**

Summary of the Steering Group discussions and follow-up activities by the Secretariat

Closing roundtable/feedback

Closing remarks by the Secretariat

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## Notes on the Agenda

	<b>Annotations</b>	<b>Document</b>
<p><b>Item 1</b> <i>Opening session</i></p>	<p>After the welcoming remarks, the agenda of the meeting will be presented and proposed to delegates for adoption. A brief roundtable introduction of delegates, Advisory Group members and observers will follow.</p>	<p>StG11-1 StG11-2</p>
<p><b>Item 2</b> <i>Oral reports by member countries on steps taken to implement the Action Plan – Roundtable</i></p>	<p>The Philippines as the co-host of the 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting will provide the group with an overview on its recent efforts and achievements to implement the Action Plan since the last Steering Group meeting of September 2007.</p> <p>Member countries will then report orally on steps taken to implement the Action Plan since the 10<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting (September 2007).</p> <p>To foster exchange of experience, the reports will not be delivered alphabetically as in the past but rather by thematic area: Prior to the meeting, countries will have chosen up to three out of the eight reform areas of the Action Plan (see the countries' selection in the annex to this agenda on p. 6). Countries that have chosen to report on reforms in a given thematic area will be invited to report on these reforms; a plenary discussion of the country experiences and reforms will follow each set of reports under the Action Plan's eight thematic areas. A country report on measures in a given reform area should not exceed 5 minutes.</p>	<p>StG11-3</p>
<p><b>Item 3</b> <i>Oral reports by observer countries</i></p>	<p>Observer countries will report about their anti-corruption policies and, if applicable, their interest in membership in the Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific (5 to 7 minutes' presentation per country followed by a short question and answer session immediately after each country presentation).</p>	
<p><b>Item 4</b> <i>Oral reports by Advisory Group and observer organizations, and activity report by the Secretariat</i></p>	<p>International organizations and institutions represented in the Advisory Group, as well as other international organizations and institutions attending the Steering Group as observers will be invited to report on recent developments in their work in support of member countries' reforms.</p> <p>This item will end with an oral report by the Secretariat on activities undertaken since the 10<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting and an outline of upcoming events of the Initiative in 2008.</p>	<p>StG11-5</p>

	<b>Annotations</b>	<b>Document</b>
<p><b>Item 5</b> <i>Strategy and Work Program 2009-2011</i></p>	<p>The Strategy and Work Program that determined the Initiative's support towards anti-corruption reform in Asia-Pacific in 2007-2008 will expire at the end of 2008, and the Strategy and Work Program for the coming years needs to be prepared for adoption at the 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting at the end of 2008.</p> <p>This session will review the overall approach and outcome of the Initiative's work in 2007-2008, will analyze benefits and shortcomings of the approach as well as of the activities and formats of support. Based on this assessment, the Group will discuss the future directions of the Initiative, its approach and the formats of future work and priority areas for the period 2009-2011.</p>	<p>StG11-4</p>
<p><b>Item 6</b> <i>Reforms undertaken to further curb corruption in public procurement</i></p>	<p>At their 8<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting in May 2006, the then 25 member economies of the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative adopted the report on their first thematic review that addresses progress and challenges in "Curbing Corruption in Public Procurement". In the course of the thematic review, members of the Initiative and experts agreed on region-wide and country-specific measures that would guide a way to strengthen frameworks for public procurement further against corruption risks, and decided to review progress two years later.</p> <p>The 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting provides an opportunity for delegations to report orally on the measures that their countries have undertaken since the adoption of the report in 2006 in response to the country-specific recommendations adopted at the time.</p>	<p>StG11-6 Report on <i>Curbing Corruption in Public Procurement in Asia and the Pacific</i></p>

The meeting will take place in the Auditorium Zone C in the ADB Headquarters in Manila.

To whom it may concern:

**Meetings of the Advisory Group:** Monday, 26 May 2008, 18.00: Preparatory meeting (room 4654 East, ADB headquarters)  
Wednesday, 28 May 2008, 16:45: Debriefing (Auditorium C)

## Annex: Reports in Reform Areas under the Action Plan

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- **Reform Area 1** — Integrity in public service: Hiring of competent public officials, adequate remuneration of public officials, oversight over discretionary decisions, and rotation of officials (Pillar 1, Integrity in Public Service)  
Reports by: Cook Islands; Kyrgyz Republic; Malaysia; Palau; Philippines; Singapore; Sri Lanka
- **Reform Area 2** — Codes of conduct for public officials that regulate conflict of interest, ensure proper use of public funds and promote integrity (Pillar 1, Integrity in Public Service)  
Reports by: Hong Kong, China; India; Korea; Kyrgyz Republic; Macao, China; Mongolia; Philippines; Vietnam
- **Reform Area 3** — Effective legal frameworks, management practices and auditing procedures to ensure accountability of public service (Pillar 1, Accountability and Transparency)  
Reports by: Cook Islands; India; Korea; Philippines; Samoa; Thailand
- **Reform Area 4** — Comprehensive anti-bribery and anti-money laundering legislation with effective sanctions, effective institutional frameworks and resources to investigate and prosecute these offenses, and effective mechanisms for transnational cooperation in the prosecution of corruption (Pillar 2, Effective Prevention, Investigation and Prosecution)  
Reports by: Australia; P.R. China; Fiji Islands; India; Indonesia; Japan; Korea; Malaysia; Pakistan; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Thailand
- **Reform Area 5** — Promotion of corporate governance, denial of tax deductibility of bribes, accounting and auditing standards and related enforcement mechanisms, and economic sanctions in response to corrupt business conduct (Pillar 2, Corporate Responsibility and Accountability)  
Reports by: Bhutan; Hong Kong, China
- **Reform Area 6** — Public awareness campaigns, support of non-governmental organizations involved in the fight against corruption (Pillar 3, Public Discussion of Corruption)  
Reports by: Bangladesh; Bhutan; Cambodia; Kyrgyz Republic; Macao, China; Malaysia; Mongolia; Pakistan; Samoa; Singapore; Sri Lanka; Thailand
- **Reform Area 7** — Access to information and public reporting and disclosure mechanisms (Pillar 3, Access to Information)  
Reports by: Bangladesh; P.R. China; Cook Islands
- **Reform Area 8** — Cooperative relationships with civil society, business organizations; protection of whistleblowers and involvement of civil society in monitoring public sector anti-corruption programs (Pillar 3, Public Participation)  
Reports by: Bangladesh; Hong Kong, China; Mongolia; Sri Lanka; Vietnam