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13th Steering Group Meeting
Macao, China, 23-24 March 2009

StG13-1

Draft Agenda

■ Meeting objectives

The objectives of the 13th Steering Group meeting of the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific are:

- 1) to report on and discuss the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific, including recent anti-corruption reforms that have taken place since the 12th Steering Group meeting in November 2008;
- 2) to discuss and adopt the methodology for voluntary country reviews; and
- 3) to assist members complete the Self-assessment Checklist on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

For detailed notes on the individual items, please refer to the notes on the agenda on p. 3.

■ Background documents

StG13-1: Draft agenda of the 13th Steering Group meeting (this document)

StG13-2: Preliminary list of participants of the 13th Steering Group meeting

StG13-3: Compilation of member countries' reports on steps taken to implement the Action Plan

StG13-4: Revised draft methodology for country reviews

Logistical information for participants of the 13th Steering Group meeting and the Regional Seminar on Corruption Prevention in Asia and the Pacific

For information: Draft agenda and draft list of participants of the Regional Seminar on Corruption Prevention in Asia and the Pacific

■ Venue

The Venetian Macao-Resort-Hotel, Macao, China

■ To whom it may concern:

Meeting of the Advisory Group: 18h00 on Sunday, 22 March 2009

Venetian Macao-Resort-Hotel, Milan Room 2101A

Monday, 23 March 2009

8:30 – 9:00 *Registration of delegates*

9:00 – 9:30 1 – Opening session

Welcoming remarks by Dr. Cheong U, Commissioner Against Corruption of Macao, China
Introductory remarks by the Secretariat
Kathleen M. Moktan, Public Management, Governance and Participation Division, ADB
William Loo, Anti-Corruption Division, OECD
Brief roundtable introduction of delegates, Advisory Group members and observers
Adoption of the agenda

9:30 – 10:00 *Group photo, coffee and tea break*

10:00 – 11:45 2 – Implementation of the Action Plan – Reporting and exchanging experience on anti-corruption reform in member countries (Pillar 1)

10:00 – 10:15 Report by Macao, China on steps taken to implement the three pillars of the Action Plan, followed by a roundtable discussion
10:15 – 11:45 Member countries' reports on recent steps taken to implement Action Plan standards and obstacles in implementation, followed by 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

11:45 – 13:15 2 – Implementation of the Action Plan – Reporting and exchanging experience on anti-corruption reform in member countries (Pillar 2) (cont.)

Member countries' reports on recent steps taken to implement Action Plan standards and obstacles in implementation, followed by 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, tax measures, accounting and auditing and economic sanctions

13:15 – 14:30 *Lunch*

14:30 – 16:00 2 – Implementation of the Action Plan – Reporting and exchanging experience on anti-corruption reform in member countries (Pillar 3) (cont.)

Member countries' reports on recent steps taken to implement Action Plan standards and obstacles in implementation, followed by 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

16:00 – 16:15 *Coffee and tea break*

16:15 – 16:45 3 – Report on anti-corruption measures in observer countries

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

19:00 *Welcome dinner hosted by the Commission Against Corruption of Macao Educational Restaurant, Institute for Tourism Studies of Macao*
Participants are asked to assemble at 6.30 pm at West Wing lobby of the Venetian Hotel

Tuesday, 24 March 2009

9:00 – 10:15 4 – Report by members of the Advisory Group and observer organizations on their assistance in support of reforms; Secretariat activity report

Reports by members of the Advisory Group
Reports by observer organizations
Activity report by the Secretariat

10:15 – 10:30 5 – Format of oral and written reports on Action Plan implementation

Introduction by the Secretariat and plenary discussion

10:30 – 10:45 *Coffee and tea break*

10:45 – 12:45 6 – Methodology of voluntary country reviews

Introduction by the Secretariat and plenary discussion

12:45 – 13:00 7 – Closing session

Summary of the Steering Group discussions and follow-up activities by the Secretariat
Closing roundtable/feedback
Closing remarks by the Secretariat

13:00 – 14:15 *Lunch*

Thursday, 26 March 2009

15:15 – 17:30 8 – Workshop on UNCAC Self-Assessment Checklist

Presentation by Mr. Dimitri Vlassis, Chief, Corruption and Economic Crime Section, Treaty and Legal Assistance, Division for Treaty Affairs, UN Office on Drugs and Crime.
Attendance at the session is optional, but all Steering Group members are strongly encouraged to attend.

17:15 – 17:30 9 – Presentation on International Anti-Corruption Academy

Presentation by Mr. Dimitri Vlassis, Chief, Corruption and Economic Crime Section, Treaty and Legal Assistance, Division for Treaty Affairs, UN Office on Drugs and Crime

Notes on the Agenda

	Annotations	Document
Item 1 <i>Opening session</i>	The welcoming and introductory remarks by the host and the Secretariat will be followed by a brief roundtable introduction of delegates, Advisory Group members and observers. The agenda of the meeting will then be proposed to delegates for adoption.	StG13-1 StG13-2
Item 2 <i>Oral reports by member countries on steps taken to implement the Action Plan – Roundtable</i>	<p>Macao, China as the host of the 13th 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 in November 2008.</p> <p>Member countries will then report on steps taken to implement the Action Plan since the 12th Steering Group meeting in November 2008. The reports should focus on (1) recent steps taken, and (2) obstacles in implementing the standards in the Action Plan.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting, Members will have provided a written report on all their recent reforms. During this session, members will orally report on reform measures in certain thematic areas (see annex to the Agenda). Each report should not exceed 4 minutes; slide presentations are thus discouraged.</p> <p>After all the reports under each thematic area, a plenary discussion will follow, focusing on common challenges and horizontal issues for the purpose of finding portable best practices.</p>	StG13-3
Item 3 <i>Oral reports by observer countries</i>	Observer countries will report on their anti-corruption reforms and, if applicable, their interest in joining the Initiative. Each country will make a presentation not exceeding 7 minutes. A short question and answer session will then follow.	
Item 4 <i>Oral reports by Advisory Group and observer organizations, and activity report by the Secretariat</i>	<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 measures taken to support member countries' reforms.</p> <p>This item will end with an oral report by the Secretariat on activities undertaken since the 12th Steering Group meeting.</p>	
Item 5 <i>Format of country reports on Action Plan implementation</i>	The Secretariat will propose some changes to the format of the members' oral and written reports on steps taken to implement the Action Plan, such as the length and content of the compilation of country reports (Background Document StG 13-3).	
Item 6 <i>Methodology of voluntary country reviews</i>	In 2006, the Initiative's member countries decided to carry out voluntary country reviews as an additional mechanism to support legal and institutional reform. At the 12 th Steering Group meeting, the Steering Group considered a draft methodology for such reviews and requested the Secretariat to refine the methodology. During this session, the Steering Group will discuss the revised methodology and consider its adoption.	StG13-4

<p>Item 8 <i>Self-assessment Checklist on the implementation of UNCAC</i></p>	<p>This presentation will cover the purpose of the Self-Assessment Checklist, and the need for a high rate of responses from the Asia-Pacific Region. It will also identify areas where countries have had difficulties in providing responses and provide tips on how to provide effective responses. All Steering Group members are <u>strongly encouraged to attend</u> this session. Countries that already completed the Checklist will be encouraged to share their experiences. Information will also be provided on the new software for completing the Checklist.</p>	
<p>Item 9 <i>Presentation on International Anti-Corruption Academy</i></p>	<p>The International Anti-Corruption Academy is being established with the support of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and INTERPOL to educate and train a broad range of practitioners, including police, other criminal justice professionals, government officials and others to fight corruption. It will also work with other multi-lateral organizations. The presentation will describe the services provided by the Academy, how it will facilitate UNCAC implementation, and how it could help the Asia-Pacific Region with the challenges it faces in combating corruption.</p>	

Annex: Reports on Reform Areas under the Action Plan

- **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: tbc
- **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: Nepal
- **Reform Area 3** — Effective legal frameworks; management practices and auditing procedures to ensure accountability of public service (Pillar 1, Accountability and Transparency)
Reports by: P.R. China; Mongolia
- **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: P.R. China; Japan; Sri Lanka
- **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: Hong Kong, China; Singapore
- **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; P.R. China; Mongolia; Nepal; Singapore
- **Reform Area 7** — Access to information; public reporting; and disclosure mechanisms (Pillar 3, Access to Information)
Reports by: Bangladesh
- **Reform Area 8** — Cooperative relationships with civil society and business organizations; protection of whistleblowers; and involvement of civil society in monitoring public sector anti-corruption programs (Pillar 3, Public Participation)
Reports by: Bangladesh; Mongolia; Nepal; Singapore