



■ 5th Regional Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia-Pacific explores innovative reforms in the fight against corruption

Nearly 200 representatives of government, civil society, and businesses from Asia-Pacific countries, joined by the international donor community and senior anti-corruption experts from OECD countries, assembled in Beijing, China, to demonstrate how they are implementing the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific and discuss pressing regional issues. The Conference featured a range of plenary sessions and technical workshops covering topics – from fighting corruption in humanitarian aid and reconstruction operations to the role of public opinion surveys in shaping anti-corruption reform. Participants addressed ethical issues in the public and corporate sectors and conflict of interest and discussed questions on how to enhance mutual legal assistance to prevent the corrupt from using borders to shield themselves and their profits from investigation and prosecution. The conference was held on 28-30 September in co-operation with the Government of the People's Republic of China. ■■■ [More information on the conference](#)

■ Steering Group reviews Asia-Pacific countries' progress in anti-corruption reform and curbing corruption in public procurement

The Initiative's Steering Group completed the second review exercise of anti-corruption policies at its 7th meeting held on 26-27 September in Beijing. As a result of this exercise, a comprehensive report on the legal and institutional frameworks for fighting corruption in 25 Asian and Pacific countries, to be released in the coming months, describes the progress that the member countries of the Initiative have achieved over the past two years. The Steering Group also completed its self-evaluation and mutual review process on implementing the Action Plan's standards for curbing corruption in public procurement. Brunei Darussalam and Sri Lanka participated in the meeting as observers. The meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Supervision of P.R. China. ■■■ [More information](#)

■ Training seminar on enhancing mutual legal assistance and extradition in the fight against corruption planned for 28-30 March 2006 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

60 prosecutors and investigators from the Initiative's 25 member countries, joined by investigative magistrates and prosecutors from OECD countries will gather in Kuala Lumpur at the end of March to strengthen the members' capacity for international legal cooperation, with special emphasis on the practical aspects of cooperation. This 4th training seminar organized in the framework of the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific, will feature a range of technical workshops covering topics such as practical tips for prosecutors as well as institutional and legislative solutions to overcome difficulties and pitfalls in requesting or granting legal assistance. The Seminar will be hosted by the Government of Malaysia. ■■■ [More information on the training seminar](#)

■ OECD releases report on Australia's implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention

The report on Australia's implementation of the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions (Anti-Bribery Convention), released on 16 January 2005, is a systematic, analytical assessment addressing all the aspects of Australia's anti-corruption system, including policies, laws, regulations, organization, resources and functioning. The report covers preventive, awareness, detection and enforcement measures and contains recommendations aimed at guiding Australia's anti-corruption performance. The report is grounded in a peer review process directed by the OECD Working Group on Bribery which meticulously reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of Convention signatories' implementation of the OECD's anti-bribery instruments into domestic legislation and procedures. ■■■ [Download the report](#)



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