

■ **Fighting Corruption in Asia-Pacific: Strategies for Business, Government and Civil Society—**
6th Regional Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia and the Pacific
(Singapore, 26-28 November)

Throughout Asia and the Pacific, there is a growing recognition that corruption adversely impacts equitable and sustainable economic growth. Governments have responded by passing anti-corruption legislation, strengthening codes of conduct for civil servants, and establishing anti-corruption commissions. However, reducing corruption is not the responsibility of government alone. Corruption occurs where the private and public sectors intersect. There is both a demand and supply side to corruption with the supply side often taking the form of bribes. This conference provides an opportunity to address the supply-side, from the perspectives of the public sector, the private sector, and civil society.

The 6th Regional Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia and the Pacific on 26-28 November will provide a unique opportunity for dialogue and exchange among governments, business leaders, and civil society from the region and beyond. Workshops will identify the roles of the public sector, the private sector, and civil society—and discuss successful policies and challenges in addressing the supply-side of bribery. The Government of Singapore hosts the conference.

Interested in attending? Contact the Secretariat asiapacific@oecd.org

■ **Initiative's members review progress and identify future priorities**

Member countries of the Initiative reviewed progress and challenges in anti-corruption reform at the Initiative's 11th Steering Group meeting, held in Manila, Philippines on 27-28 May. Delegations also discussed their priorities for the future work program of the Initiative and reported on measures taken since 2006 to strengthen procurement frameworks against corruption risks. The next meeting of the Steering Group is scheduled for 24-25 November in Singapore.

■ ■ ■ [more information on the meeting and its outcomes](#)

■ **New country-specific database on anti-corruption reform**

Are you looking for comprehensive and up-to-date information on anti-corruption reform efforts and achievements in the Initiative's 28 member countries and jurisdictions? The Initiative's new database at www.oecd.org/corruption/asiapacific/resources provides this information, along with country-specific reports, and access to further related resources. ■ ■ ■ [access the database](#)

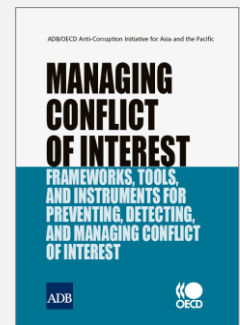
■ **Reform towards international standards: proceedings now available**

The ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific supports its members in implementing international anti-corruption standards. To inform and encourage reform in key areas, it held three regional technical seminars in the second half of 2007 on: *conflict of interest*; *asset recovery and mutual legal assistance*; and *fighting bribery in public procurement*. The proceedings of these three technical seminars are now available to experts and policymakers.

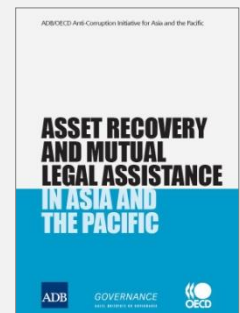
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