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As part the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the OECD, **OECD Internal Audit** and the **OECD Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate**, in partnership with the **Institut Français de l'Audit et du Contrôle Internes (IFACI)**, the French Chapter of **The Institute of Internal Auditors (The IIA)**, are pleased to invite you to a Seminar on:

Internal Control and Internal Audit: Ensuring Public Sector Integrity and Accountability

Wednesday, 13 April 2011, 14:00-19:00
OECD Conference Center, Paris, France

Fostering integrity and combating fraud and corruption in the Public Sector is a challenge for Governments and Public Administrations, particularly in times of economic crisis. To succeed, Executives in Public Administrations must be equipped with appropriate, effective and efficient instruments. How can Internal Control and Internal Audit contribute to safeguard integrity, and prevent fraud and corruption?

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The Seminar will offer a **unique opportunity** to share experience, to debate on means to address this challenge, and to identify good practices with **key actors**:

- **The OECD Public Governance Committee** with the mandate of promoting good governance through efficiency, transparency, accountability and integrity of public institutions;
- **The OECD Network on Public Sector Integrity** that contributes to improving public sector governance through safeguarding integrity and preventing corruption in public organizations;
- **Internal Auditors** of Central Government Ministries and Public Administrations from several countries;
- Representatives of **recognized Internal Audit and Internal Control Professional Associations**, such as IFACI and The IIA.

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These discussions will be based on **the OECD survey results** and the resulting **Report** which will be distributed during the Seminar. This Report will comprise an analysis of responses received from approximately **70 central government ministries** of **12 countries** to a detailed Questionnaire focusing on the three following areas:

- How can internal controls be used to mitigate risks within central public administrations?
- How is transparent reporting and follow-up by Internal Audit used to support business processes to minimize risks of fraud and corruption?
- How can countries develop capacity and professionalize internal control and audit to support activities which promote integrity and prevent fraud and corruption?

The Seminar will be organized as follows (see attached draft agenda):

- The first part of the afternoon will be devoted to identifying the challenges faced by Internal Audit through presentation of responses of Ministries participating in the OECD survey;
- Participants will then be invited to **discuss key issues related to the role of Internal Audit** in enhancing integrity and in contributing to mitigation of fraud and corruption risks;
- Lastly, **lessons learnt and ways forward** to improve the role of Internal Control and Internal Audit in preventing, detecting and reporting fraud and corruption will be identified.

The Seminar will end with a cocktail. Further documentation, including the final agenda, will be provided ahead of the meeting.

We very much hope that you will be able to join us for this event, and that we can count on your active participation. To confirm your participation, we invite you to complete the attached Registration Form and to return it to: Anne-Marie.Leroux@oecd.org and Edouard.Chansavang@oecd.org by **Friday 17 March 2011**.

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